



Financial Assistance Program

July 2026 - June 2027

A young girl with blonde hair in a ponytail, wearing a pink shirt and a white climbing helmet, is climbing a rock wall. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. The rock wall is brown and has several black climbing holds. A purple rope is visible in the background.

Fun For
Everyone!

Call (760) 347-3484 or MyRecreationDistrict.com

We Help To Keep The Fun Going!

YOUR DESERT RECREATION FOUNDATION (DRF)

Works closely with the communities that we serve to reduce program and activity fees for residents who cannot afford to participate. Our goal is for no child or adult to be left out of the recreational, sports and out-of-school activities we offer because of limited income.

THANKS TO THE DESERT RECREATION FOUNDATION

Through the Foundation's ongoing fundraising efforts and donations, the DRF Financial Assistance Program has been made possible through their dedication and support throughout the years. Desert Recreation

District appreciates DRF's ongoing commitment which enables us to offer qualifying individuals and families financial assistance to cover part of our recreation fees.



QUALIFICATION IS BASED ON 200% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINE.

Refer to the chart on the following page to see if you qualify.

Desert Recreation Foundation strives to work with the community to eliminate fees as a barrier to participation in recreation programs. This policy will allow District residents that meet qualifications an opportunity to receive subsidized programming, improving access to recreation.



Income Qualification Guidelines

Family Size	Household Income
1	\$31,920
2	\$43,280
3	\$54,640
4	\$66,000
5	\$77,360
6	\$88,720
7	\$100,080
8	\$111,440

What do I need to apply?

You may pick up a map at DRD headquarters in Indio to see where we offer programs and activities.

Income Verification – Document Type (select all that apply)

NOTE: CalFresh or MediCal cards will not suffice, official letters of approval **ONLY**.

- Picture ID
- Copy of current Federal tax return
- CalWORKs (TANF: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) – Letter of Approval
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) – Letter of Approval
- CalFresh(SNAP: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) – Letter of Approval
- Medi-Cal – Letter of Approval
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)



How do I apply?

Apply online by scanning the **QR Code** or visiting **MyRecreationDistrict.com/financial-assistance**.

Applications are also available at the **Desert Recreation District Administrative Office**. Submit your completed application and required verification documents by mail, fax, or in person to:
Desert Recreation District, 45-305 Oasis Street, Indio, CA 92201
or **FAX:** (760) 347-4660

*Allow 10 business days for processing.
You will be notified by mail or e-mail about eligibility.*

Get The Facts and Apply!

ABOUT THE DRD FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Financial assistance is available from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, provided funds are available. The award amount is \$250, and funds are non-transferable.

Financial assistance can be used for most DRD programs, but is not offered for drop-in class fees, one-on-one or low-enrollment programs, trips and certain other specialty programs. All registrations made using financial assistance are non-refundable and non-transferable.



Following application review and approval, all verification paperwork will immediately be shredded.

Funding may not be used until you receive notice of your award.

Recipients must use at least 50% of their funds within the first four (4) months. If 50% of funds are not spent within the first four (4) months, the unspent balance will be rescinded and returned to the program.

Residents must utilize a minimum of 75% of their total Financial Assistance allocation during the award period to remain eligible to apply for assistance in the following fiscal year.

Assistance funds are provided through the Desert Recreation Foundation and awards will not exceed the funds made available by the Foundation.

If you would like to contribute to our Financial Assistance Program and help others participate in our programs, please visit DesertRecreationFoundation.org or call (760) 347-3484.



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