

# GREATER MERCED



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City of Merced  
Parks and Recreation Department  
690 W. 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
Merced, CA 95340

Subject: Wahneta Hall Trust Fund

To Whom it May Concern:

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Merced appreciates your invitation to submit the following request and information to the Wahneta Hall Trust Fund:

1. Amount Requested: \$2,105
2. Purpose of request: To operate and maintain the mini train at Kiddieland in Applegate Park during the 2018 season. Additional repairs and renovation are currently being completed this year and additional funding is needed.
3. Reason for Consideration: Operation of the mini train system in Applegate Park is a community service to the children's and parents of the City and County of Merced, as well as visitors to the community. Even with all-volunteer staffing by Kiwanis members, high school Key Club members, and Merced Police Explorers, the cost of operation exceeds the revenue. The mini train has been a popular feature of the park for over 50 years and has created many memorable experiences for thousands of children and their parents.

4. Qualifications for Consideration: Under the terms of the Wahneta Hall Trust, the income for the endowment fund is to be used to maintain the mini train and to off-set the costs recently incurred by the Club to repaint the train cars to make minor repairs to the caboose. The Kiwanis Club of Greater Merced greatly appreciates the special recognition of this important community asset by the founding benefactors of the fund.
5. Financial Statement for 2017: (Please see attached, Exhibit 1).
6. Current Season: The Kiwanis Club of Greater Merced plans to operate the 2018 season from the weekend of March 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 through the weekend of October 26, 2018.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, at (209) 808-3269

Sincerely,

Alicia De Los Santos

President