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Metro Will Fund Groups Applying to Start Employee Clubs

- Subsidy is \$300 this fiscal year; application deadline is Dec. 31
- Download procedure, form for Employee Clubs at [Forms Online>Communications](#)

(Nov. 20, 2007) Do you like to knit, discuss books, star gaze, collect transit memorabilia, restore old cars, photograph nature? Want to start an employee club?

Metro Employee Activities plans to provide funding for 10 employee clubs this fiscal year and is encouraging groups of employees with similar interests to get together and organize clubs.

The application deadline to start an employee club is Monday, Dec. 31.

“Our employees have a vast number of interests and talents,” says Danielle Boutier, director of Communication Services, “and we want to help bring them together to have fun and develop their skills and interests.”

Approved clubs will be eligible for annual subsidies – currently \$300 per fiscal year – from Employee Activities. To qualify clubs must submit organizational rules or bylaws, a list of officers, a meeting schedule and justification for the use of funds.

Open to all

Clubs that set qualifications or screen for membership must explain the process. Clubs must be open to all employees regardless of race, color or creed, political or religious affiliation.

If more than 10 groups apply for funding this fiscal year, Boutier says, a drawing will be conducted to select those that will be funded. The number of clubs to be funded each year will depend on funds available in the Employee Activities budget.

To remain eligible for funding, a club must use at least 70 percent of its funding each year. Receipts and documentation of how a club uses its funding may be required.

Funds may be spent for speakers or to attend conferences, club clothing items or supplies, parties or events, or other appropriate activities. Funds may not be spent on alcohol or other items or activities that violate Metro policies.