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Deadline is approaching for Employee Clubs to apply for annual subsidies

- Subsidy is \$300 for FY 10; application deadline is August 31
- Download form and guidelines for Employee Clubs at [Forms Online>Employee](#)

(July 30, 2009) Want to start an employee club?

Eligible for funding in the amount of \$300 in 2009 fiscal year, Metro employee clubs are defined groups of employees who get together for social, recreational or professional purposes. Under the guidelines, clubs, such as Toastmasters @ Metro and the African American Employees Association, hold meetings and plan activities or events.

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 Friday, Aug. 31.



Metro Cycling Club hosts weekly bike to lunch rides, safety and maintenance support, weekend outings and cycling events. One of the most active of the Metro clubs, the Cycling Club created a 'bike bus' ride from Pasadena to promote Bike to Work Day, pictured here at the Metro Gold Line Mission Station. Want to try it out? Send an e-mail to club officer [Cory Zelmer](#).

"This employee program provides a supportive environment for a wide range of employee interests and activities," said Danielle Boutier,

director of Communication Services.

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.

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. -- *From staff reports*