



# *Natick Community Services*

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**To:** Melissa Malone, Town Administrator  
**Cc:** Jemma Lambert, Community Services Director  
**From:** Karen Partanen, Recreation & Parks Director  
**Re:** 2019 BAA Financial Request  
**Date:** April 2, 2019

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In cooperation with the Recreation and Parks Commission, we request \$21,536 from the BAA fund for the following Teen Center enhancements.

- \$13,874 – Commercial grade arcade basketball and pinball games
- \$4,130 – Lawn, individual, multi player and video games for the Natick teenagers to enjoy. (ping pong, corn hole, giant connect 4, video consoles/controllers and other gaming equipment)
- \$920 – Chromebooks to be used for homework and research.
- \$2,612 – Furniture for the teenagers to relax and hangout with their friends after school (couch, beanbags, tables and bookshelf)

The Mission of the Teen Center is to provide Natick Middle and High School students a safe, monitored space after school; to provide free or low cost programs in a variety of topics and interests; and a chance to explore new and exciting opportunities within the community.

Since its opening in 2017, the teen center enrollment has spiked from an average of 5 teenagers a day to approximately 25 a day and up to 40 on early release days. Enhancing the space they congregate and giving them more choices of entertainment will entice them to ask their friends to join them and will keep them coming back day after day.

Thank you for your consideration and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to be in touch.