

May 24, 2018

Lori Bell
625 Center Street
Oregon City, OR 97045

Via: lbell@orccity.org

Subject: Community Enhancement Program Metro Grant Application

Dear Ms. Bell:

On behalf of Oregon City Youth Sports (OCYS), attached please find our application for requested funding through Community Enhancement Metro Grant Program. We respectfully submit this application to seek assistance in improving the experience OCYS provides to the youth of our community.

OCYS is a non-profit youth sports program serving the greater Oregon City area. OCYS serves well over 600 Oregon City youth by organizing and operating the youth baseball and softball program. With an all-volunteer staff of dedicated board of directors, coaches, organizers and community members, the OCYS youth baseball and softball program creates a fun, family-centric experience teaching youth the importance of doing your best, being a good teammate, and sportsmanship—win or lose.

Our biggest challenge lies within the ability to provide ample fields to accommodate our teams, specifically during wet weather conditions when they are not allowed to practice because their fields are muddy and unsafe. With the size of our organization, we have a comprehensive and tight window in which to schedule teams on fields for practice and games. When faced with adverse weather—which we all know is no stranger to the Pacific Northwest—the youth and their volunteer coaches must alter their schedules to find rare, suitable covered options for play. In many cases, teams are faced with cancelling practices and games all together, deeply affecting the joy, camaraderie and personal growth our sport provides.

Therefore, OCYS is respectfully submitting this grant application seeking assistance in placing artificial turf infields on the existing fields to allow for play regardless of the weather conditions. Such field improvements will greatly improve the overall experience for the youth and their families by creating more playing time. Similarly, these desired field improvements will allow our youth program to secure and host a greater number of league and independent youth baseball and softball tournaments. Such tournaments will bring outside visitors to Oregon City, likely creating more revenue opportunities for local businesses.

Thank you very much for your consideration of our grant application. Please feel free to contact me directly with any further questions or comments concerning our request. I can be reached at 480-226-3008 or by email at joistad@wilsonconst.com.

Sincerely,



Jon Oistad
Vice-President for Baseball, OCYS



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Enhancement Grant Program Application

Before filling out this form, please read the Enhancement Grant Program Information for complete submittal instructions and to be sure that your proposal qualifies for funding. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. Liability insurance coverage may be required. Limit answers to the space provided.

Title of Project Youth Baseball/Softball Artificial Turf Fields

Organization OCYS - Oregon City Youth Sports

Is this a Non-Profit Organization? Yes No

Non-Profit Federal tax exempt ID Number 93-0912648

Address P.O. Box 878

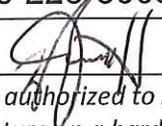
City, State, Zip Oregon City, OR 97045

Project Coordinator Jon Oistad Phone 480-226-3008

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Chairperson of Governing Board (If Applicable) Jon Oistad

Phone 480-226-3008

Signature 

(The person authorized to represent the organization must sign the application with a digital signature or actual signature on a hard copy.)

*****Complete the budget sheet on page 7 first.**

Amount totals from that sheet will auto fill into this table

Grant Amount Requested:	\$	50,000.00
+ Matching Funds (Cash):	\$	1,363.00
+ In-Kind Matching Funds (See question #15):	\$	23,440.00
= Total Cost of Project:	\$	74,803.00

Proposal Information

1. Is this your first grant application to the Enhancement Grant Committee?

Yes No

2. Have you received an Enhancement Grant in the last 3 years? (Include past Metro Enhancement Grants)

Yes No

If yes, please describe the projects/programs for which you received funding.

OCYS received funding in 2017 to install digital scoreboard at Wesley Lynn Park.

3. If you received an Enhancement Grant last year, what is the status of the project?

The installation of the digital scoreboard at Wesley Lynn Park is complete. This improvement was hailed as a successful addition to the youth baseball/softball program. Thank you for the ability to complete this project.

4. Will this grant-funding request be used for the first phase of a project, with possible grant requests for future phases?

Yes No

If yes, please explain.

5. Briefly describe the project for which you are requesting funds.

OCYS is requesting funds to place 130' x 130' artificial turf infields on two baseball fields at the Wesley Lynn Park in Oregon City.

6. Describe why this project was selected and the community need(s) to which it will respond.

The project was selected because of the need to increase the practice and play time for the youth in the baseball and softball programs. So often, weather plays a large role in the amount of practice time for those in our program. Practices primarily, and at times games, are often canceled due to poor, wet and muddy field conditions therefore, the youth miss out on valuable field time on which to grow their skills, exercise, be outside, and learn to love sport. The installation of the artificial turf infields will allow for practice and play time to increase.

Furthermore, the newly turfed fields, in combination with the digital scoreboard that were previously installed at the park will allow for an increase in providing a more, sports complex type of venue. Such venues are influencers in securing and hosting baseball related state, county, and private tournaments. By hosting such tournaments, this project could aid in bringing outside revenue to the city's restaurants and lodging providers.

7a. Identify and describe how this proposal meets one or more of the goals for funding within the enhancement area boundaries (check those below that apply and describe by item number below).

- 1. Result in an improvement to the appearance or environmental quality of the area/neighborhood.
- 2. Result in the reduction in the amount or toxicity of waste, or increase reuse and recycling opportunities.
- 3. Result in rehabilitation, upgrading or direct increase in the real or personal property owned or operated by a nonprofit organization having 501(c)(3) status under the Internal Revenue Code.
- 4. Result in the preservation or enhancement of wildlife, riparian zones, wetlands, forest lands and marine areas, and/or improve the public awareness and the opportunities to enjoy them.
- 5. Result in improvement to, or an increase in, recreational areas and programs.
- 6. Result in improvement in the safety of the area.
- 7. Result in projects that benefit youth, seniors, low-income persons or underserved populations.
- 8. Result in significant improvement in the cleanliness of the City.
- 9. Result in increased employment or economic opportunities for City residents.
- 10. Result in increased attractiveness or market value residential, commercial or industrial areas.

7b. List by item number from 7a and describe how the project meets the each goal.

1 - Artificial turf fields will increase the appearance of the public park and allow youth baseball/softball to be played regardless of weather.

5 - Artificial turf will improve the youth baseball and softball program by allowing increased practice times and greater options for the youth to get out and play regardless of weather and field conditions.

6 - Artificial turf will increase the safety of youth sports by providing a safe, level field surface allowing ground balls to be played without the bad bounces of rocks, wet holes and uneven field conditions that often occur during and after wet weather events. Furthermore, a level field surface will lessen the impact of trying to get the practices and games played in less than ideal conditions which could cause the youth to slip, trip, or fall when the field degrades during the practice or game.

7. This artificial turf placement program is to benefit the youth by providing them a place to play that is less weather dependent.

8. Project Period: April 2019
(Number of months in duration)
Beginning Date: April 2019 (weather depending and turf availability)
Ending Date: No less than 1 month after initiation

9. What is the geographic area of Oregon City where the project will take place?

This project will take place at Oregon City's Wesley Lynn Park located at 12901 Frontier Parkway, Oregon City.

10. How will the community benefit by your project? What is the estimated number of people affected and anticipated outcome(s)?

This program will have a positive impact on a great number of youth involved in our program. The 2018 OCYS youth baseball and softball program has 661 active youth participants plus the involvement of over 100 volunteers and the families of all of those involved. While not all of these participants will benefit from this program simply because of scheduling and space limitations, we estimate that upon a revolving team by team use, this program could add increased playing time to conservatively, 30-40% of the active participants.

In addition to servicing the youth baseball/softball program, the installation of artificial turf will benefit all visitors to the Wesley Lynn Park by providing them a dry place to play.

11. What community resources will be used as support for this project (i.e. community, city-owned property, city departments, transportation services or other civic groups)?

There should be no community resources used in this project. It will, however, require the support of the Oregon City Parks Department.

12. Briefly describe prior experience managing similar projects, including any past enhancement projects.

OCYS has previously been through the grant program on last years scoreboard project. We understand the requirements in providing the required documentation through the project and at closeout.

We will depend upon the experience of our Board and volunteers to aid in the completion of this project. We currently have a wide variety of experienced volunteers from turf installation, landscape companies, construction companies, and various project managers all versed in completing projects of this magnitude.

13. List anticipated project milestones and dates (e.g. groundbreaking, significant facility improvements, large gatherings of volunteers, public meetings, conferences, special activities and events).

Should the request for funds be granted our first order of business is to look to secure the artificial turf required. The availability and timing of the delivery of this turf will dictate the project critical path. It is our intent to begin this installation prior to the beginning of the 2019 youth sport season. OCYS will continue its volunteer organization efforts at its monthly Board meetings. The public is invited and welcome at all Board meetings. Beyond that,

14. An exit report will be required once the project is complete, per a signed Enhancement agreement. Describe the measurements you will use to assess the program/project effectiveness. In other words, how will the effectiveness of the program/project be tracked and evaluated (i.e. number of people served; improvements and/or beautification; number of volunteers attracted; amount of area cleaned or rehabilitated, etc.)? Be sure to describe project goals, changes and noticeable benefits that will come about as a result.

The measurement of project effectiveness shall come from the tracking of youth participants in the OCYS program and the increase therein, the electronic tracking of field scheduling for practices and games, and the number of tournaments that OCYS hosts. The goals are for a 5-10% increase in program registration, a 100% utilization of the fields for practices and games on weekday evenings and a 50% utilization for weekends, and securing 2 tournaments the first year the fields are ready for play.

15. List sources of support for in-kind matching support (e.g. volunteer hours and donations). In order to estimate the value of donated volunteer time refer to the Enhancement Grant Program Information sheet for current value.

Item	Source of Support	Estimated Value (\$)
Volunteer Hours - Hauling / Excavation / Installation	Existing Board Members / Coaches / Youth / Families	\$14,690.00
Volunteer Equipment - Hauling / Excavation / Installation	Existing Board Members / Coaches / Youth / Families	\$7,750.00
Material Donations	Existing Board Members / Coaches / Youth / Families	\$1,000.00

16. List all grants applied for in support of this project and commitments confirmed to date.

None

17. What is the percentage of Enhancement will be used for personnel services or administrative costs? 0.00 %

18. Will the administrator be a paid position? Yes No

19. Proposed Budget—on the following page please complete the proposed budget. Modify line items as needed to reflect proposed expenses.

- Column A: Show grant monies needed for the program/project.
- Column B: Show cash matching funds.
- Column C: Show donations or in-kind volunteer labor (from question 15).
- Column D: Totals for each category.

***These figures will be transferred to the table on the first page of this application.

Proposed Budget

Suggested List (not inclusive)	(A) Grant Dollars Requested	(B) Matching Funds (Cash)	(C) In-Kind Matching Support	(D) Total
Personnel Services (salaries, administration)	0	0	0	0
Project Administration costs (clerical, advertising, graphics, printing, postage)	0	\$100.00	0	\$100.00
Materials	\$45,630.00	0	\$1,000.00	\$46,630.00
Equipment/Supplies	0	0	\$7,750.00	\$7,750.00
Construction Costs	\$4,370.00	\$1,263.00	\$14,690.00	\$20,323.00
Event Costs	0	0	0	0
Transportation Costs	0	0	0	0
Insurance Costs (if needed)	0	0	0	0
Additional Costs (List)	0	0	0	0
Totals	\$50,000.00	\$1,363.00	\$23,440.00	\$74,803.00