



May 14, 2019

City of Oregon City Community Enhancement Grants  
Review Committee Members  
Oregon City, OR 97045

RE: Oregon City Youth Sports Artificial Turf Installation

Committee Members:

I am writing in support of grant funding for Oregon City Youth Sports (OCYS). Our staff have had the pleasure of working with this program for many years now. The amount of children that are served in our community by this program is phenomenal. Sports programs provide the opportunity for kids to learn many life skills that help them grow into valuable citizens.

Youth sports is a great place to learn how to set goals and determine how to achieve them. Players learn that setting goals gives you a target to reach for and adds motivation while on the journey to achieving them. One goal that this organization approached our Department with is Artificial Turf for the athletic field at Wesley Lynn Park. The Parks Department currently is unable to fulfill their full monetary need; therefore, we are supporting their ask for a Metro Enhancement Grant. We have partnered on several successful projects in the past and hope that the committee can see the value of this project.

Funding given to OCYS will greatly benefit the playability and enhance our Parks and our community. Artificial Turf will allow this sports field to be functional with year-round activity on safe and resilient surfaces. Alleviating the often required need to adjust games times and days due to mud during the wet spring months. Increased activity helps reduce childhood obesity and promotes well-being. Synthetic turf will eliminate the need to drag this field, significantly decreasing maintenance costs.

I greatly support the funding of this program and the backing it provides to our youth and our community.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Waverly  
Parks Operations Manager