



OREGON CITY YOUTH SPORTS

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

Re: Oregon City Community Enhancement Grant 2019-2020

May 13, 2019

As the President of Oregon City Youth Sports (OCYS), I am asking for your consideration for the Oregon City Community Enhancement Grant for the 2019-2020 year for our youth baseball and softball program. OCYS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (tax ID 93-0912648) that provides opportunities for children ages 5 – 14 to play baseball and softball on community teams. This year, OCYS supports 46 baseball and softball teams comprised of 548 players who reside mostly in the Beavercreek, Oregon City, and Redland areas. We serve the largest number of youth baseball/softball players in the state of Oregon.

We keep our registration costs affordable to provide opportunities for all youth in the area to play baseball and softball. We also offer needs-based scholarships, so kids aren't turned away if they can't afford the registration fees. Because of this, we don't have huge cash reserves for field improvements. Our registration fees are used to cover operating costs.

We are asking for a Community Enhancement Grant to install artificial turf on the fields at Wesley Lynn Park. For the 2019-2020 year, we will be doing phase one and installing turf on one field. We will install turf on the other field in a future phase.

Artificial Turf will be beneficial to our organization and to the City of Oregon City and the residents. In Oregon, we are often limited in the amount of time we can practice on fields due to the wet weather. Artificial turf on our fields will allow the youth in Oregon City more opportunities to be outside and stay active during the spring, summer and fall seasons. Artificial turf also requires less maintenance which will result in less time and money spent on the fields. By saving money on fields, OCYS will be able to continue to provide a quality baseball and softball program for our youth at an affordable price. In addition, artificial turf is safer for the kids in the community by providing a softer, more level field for playing baseball and softball.

We hope that you will support our organization and the youth of Oregon City by funding our project. Thank-you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

George Lee

President of Oregon City Youth Sports (Baseball & Softball)