



## 2018 Reds Community Fund Field Renovation Grant Application



Reds Community Fund presents the 2018 *Field Renovation Grant*. Since 2006, the Reds Community Fund has invested more than 4.5 million dollars building and primarily renovating neighborhood ball fields throughout Reds Country. Many of these projects represent collaborations with local municipalities and recreation departments. However, each year, the Reds Community Fund provides an opportunity to apply for a one-time field renovation grant to support their home field.

### **The Reds Community Fund will evaluate your request based on the following key criteria!**

- Does it create new or innovative ways of expanding and improving youth baseball or softball programs?
- Does it improve the quality and increase the number of youth participating in baseball and softball programs?
- Will it address opportunities for underserved youth?
- Does it receive community support?
- Does it reach a critical mass of youth in your community?
- Is it intended for projects throughout Reds Country?

*In order to be considered for assistance you must provide photographs, site maps and/or additional narratives to highlight relevant information regarding your project needs. Project must include a minimum of one existing baseball field. Please note, incomplete applications will not be considered.*

### **We will also evaluate each applicant's ability to demonstrate:**

- Strong partnerships with other organizations, agencies, local business community and individuals with community support and leadership
- Thorough planning of the proposed project
- Commitment to increase youth participation in baseball and softball and to be inclusive in all areas of its program
- Ability to maintain and protect the community project via operational self-sufficiency as well as its ability to maintain community facilities and fields on an on-going basis
- Willingness and ability to provide complete and accurate information during the application and review process

### **Grant Application Process – Timeline**

- All applications **must** be received by January 15, 2018 in order to be considered. Applications may be mailed to 2026 E. Seymour Ave, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237 **OR** emailed to [communitymakeover@reds.com](mailto:communitymakeover@reds.com) attention Gabrielle Pape
- The receipt of the application will be confirmed via E-mail; please provide a reliable E-mail address that is checked regularly.
- All applicants will receive written confirmation of the status of their application by February 15, 2018.



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**Project Information:**

**Field Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If there is not a specific mailing address, please provide nearest cross streets or landmarks.**

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**What civic leadership is involved in this project?**

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**Please summarize the purpose of this request. *(Include what will be done, where, for whom and when.)***

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**Does this project space include at least one baseball field? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No**

**Is there additional community projects that would complement the field for a “community makeover?” If so, please explain.**

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**Applicant Information:**

**Name of Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of years the organization has operated:** \_\_\_\_\_

**League Affiliation:** (i.e. Knothole District #1) \_\_\_\_\_

**League Supervisor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title or position with organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Secondary Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred communication:** (i.e. cell phone; email) \_\_\_\_\_

**Secondary Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title or position held within organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Secondary Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred communication:** (i.e. cell phone; email) \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Please provide a minimum of two references if not listed above\*\*\***



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**Community Support:**

**Who currently maintains and is responsible for all community areas?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Who will maintain the area in the future? (Check all that apply)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Coaches/League Officials**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Local municipality or city**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Hired maintenance personnel**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Don't know**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Volunteers**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Other** \_\_\_\_\_

**How does your organization generate revenue?**

**(Check all that apply)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Participant dues and fees**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Fundraising**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Concession Sales**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Sponsorship/Donations**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Other** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount of the annual maintenance budget:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of fields currently used by and maintained by the applicant organization.**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Provide information to demonstrate your organization's ability to properly maintain the proposed area after completion of the proposed project.**

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### Improvements Needed:

The Reds Community Fund and its partners provide assistance through fencing and backstop replacements, field grading and leveling, outfield and infield restoration/seeding, as well as infield dirt and drying agents.

Please indicate the type of assistance requested:

\_\_\_\_\_ Backstop and fencing

\_\_\_\_\_ Infield/Outfield grading and leveling to improve play or assist with drainage

\_\_\_\_\_ Infield/Outfield sod or seeding

\_\_\_\_\_ Infield dirt

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

What type of equity do you have to contribute to field(s)/community improvements?

(Check all that apply)

\_\_\_\_\_ Matching funds: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer labor \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Donated supplies or vendor support

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Brief Field(s) Description:

\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Fields: \_\_\_\_\_

Field #1 Dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_ (Baselines) \_\_\_\_\_ (Foul lines)

Current Infield: Grass \_\_\_\_\_ Skinned (Dirt)

Overall Field(s) Condition:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



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Field #2 Dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_ (Baselines) \_\_\_\_\_ (Foul lines)

Current Infield: \_\_\_\_\_ Grass \_\_\_\_\_ Skinned (Dirt)

Overall Field Condition:

\_\_\_\_\_ Unplayable \_\_\_\_\_ Poor \_\_\_\_\_ Needs Work \_\_\_\_\_ Good \_\_\_\_\_ Great

Overall Field(s) Condition:

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The proposed field(s) will be used for:

\_\_\_\_\_ youth baseball and/or \_\_\_\_\_ youth softball

-OR-

Adult leagues or teams (19 and over) will use the proposed field(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of days per week: \_\_\_\_\_ During these months: \_\_\_\_\_

The proposed field(s) will be used for sports or activities other than youth baseball and softball.

Sports and activities: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of days per week: \_\_\_\_\_

During these months: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete a 500 word essay on why your community would benefit from this makeover:



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Organization Participation History	Total Number of Children	Percentage of Girls	Percentage of Minorities
Last Year			
Current Year			
<b>Projected Upon Completion of Proposed Project:</b>		_____ %	_____ %
<b>Age Range</b>			
<b>Player Participation Fee (or range)</b>	\$ _____		
<b>How old is community area?</b>			
<b>List the primary cities or counties served by this project or program</b>	1. 2. 3.		

**REQUIRED SUPPORT MATERIALS FOR ALL APPLICATIONS**

- Name(s), professional affiliation and daytime phone numbers of all members of the applicant organization's Board of Directors.
- Name and contact information for the person responsible for project oversight, the use of grant funds and grant reporting responsibilities (if different than the application contact person.)
- Please provide a written explanation of your annual maintenance plan.
- Please provide written cost estimates from vendors, retailers, etc. for requested renovations desired.
- Current color photos (2-3 each) of the proposed areas and field(s) for renovation and/or construction site.

**Grant application deadline: January 15, 2018.** Submissions will be reviewed in January with responses communicated to each applicant during the week on February 15, 2018. Applicants may be contacted to participate in conference calls and/or site visits in order to gather additional details about potential projects. Please mail all completed applications to Reds Community Fund, Attention Gabrielle Pape, 2026 E. Seymour Ave, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237 **OR** emailed to [communitymakeover@reds.com](mailto:communitymakeover@reds.com)