



Longview Parks and Recreation Department
Neighborhood Park Grant Application

Application deadline: June 13, 2016

DATE	7/3/18	PARK NAME	Roy Morse Park
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(Applicants are encouraged to attach additional pages including schematic drawings, site location drawings, maps, pictures, and photographs.)

See attached

(On a separate sheet of paper please explain how this project responds to the eight rating criteria listed in the application process. Addressing the eight criteria will enable the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to evaluate the importance of the project against others that request funding. *Failure to address the criteria will result in an incomplete application and request denial.*)

- ☒ **Need:** Does the community have a need for this project? (Consider whether there are similar or complementary facilities in the area/community)
- ☒ **Community Impact:** Who will benefit from the project? Provide approximate number, range, and diversity of those likely to be served by or benefit from the project? Do they represent a significant underserved population?
- ☒ **Access:** Upon completion, what will the availability of the project be to the public during the year?
- ☒ **Financial Responsibility:** What is the potential life span of the project? What will the maintenance and replacement requirements of the project be, both immediate and long-term?
- ☒ **Cost Benefit:** Do the benefits outweigh the cost of the project? (Benefits include economic impact and community development, additional opportunities for play in the community, and reduction in youth related social problems.)
- ☒ **Compliance:** Does the project comply with the City of Longview's historic preservation plan, park and recreation comprehensive plan, and other city policy initiatives?
- ☒ **Readiness to Proceed:** How soon after the grant is approved can the project begin? (Discuss how quickly the applicant can complete the project by demonstrating availability of the required financial match; permits being secured; and availability of needed labor.)
- ☒ **Funding:** What are the applicant's potential sources of funding? (Please list all cash and in-kind goods and services) Are they already secured? Does the applicant identify partnership arrangements and what value does the partnership(s) bring to the project?

Parks & Recreation
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Field/Cage Improvement Project

Longview Babe Ruth Baseball at Roy Morse Park
P.O. Box 52, Longview, WA 98632

Project Description: With help from the Neighborhood Park Grant, Longview Babe Ruth plans to purchase equipment required to upgrade our facilities, including both field and the batting cage. In the batting cage we plan to purchase a much needed net for the third lane in the cage. Currently we only have two nets, making the third lane a hazard to others in the cage during pitching and or tee practice. In addition, we would like to make a safer, more usable space for players/spectators in the cage. To do this we plan to remove the set three row bleachers from the cage and replace it with three single player benches that will fit up against the wall out of the way of the batting/pitching lanes.

Another part of the project will include the purchase of two portable turf mounds, one for each field. By purchasing turf mounds we will eliminate the need for continual maintenance of the current, dirt mounds that are in desperate need of being rebuilt, which will cost money and volunteer power, which we are extremely short on.

These portable mounds will also be extremely useful as we restructure our program to attract more youth, by pegging the baselines to include shorter base paths, at what is called the pony league distance. Having the ability to convert our standard sized fields to pony league sized-fields as often as we need, we can provide a transitional division of our program. This division will attract more incoming thirteen year-old players who would typically drop-out of youth baseball, as they are currently required to make the huge jump from youth baseball fields to standard fields that are used by teens and adults alike.

Another purchase that we would like to make using the Neighborhood Parks Grant is that of two more portable pitching mounds that will be used in the two remaining bullpens. Our 2017 grant helped us purchase two portable bullpen mounds, one per field. These were a great addition to our fields, and we would like to provide another mound for each field to accommodate all teams and players needing to warm up before and during practices and games.

Project Relationship to Grant Rating and Instruction Criteria

Need: The community has a need for baseball park improvements, as there are no comparable fields in Longview that can provide our local youth organized and inclusive opportunities to play baseball.

Community Impact: In addition to providing a benefit for the youth (approximately 100 teenagers) involved in Longview Babe Ruth Baseball it will also benefit their families, other community members, and out-of-town teams and families who will frequent Roy Morse Park to attend practices and games. With improved facilities we hope to attract more youth for our program and community sponsors.

Access: Once completed, we hope to combine the improved facilities with our new league structure to make youth baseball available year-round, as we incorporate a fall ball program and winter work-outs in our batting cage.

Financial Responsibility: The potential lifespan of the project is ten or more years. The improvements that we make with this grant will eventually need to be replaced. However, the savings we will create with these purchases will allow us to focus less on monthly maintenance and more on developing scholarships and building our program to attract more local youth.

Cost Benefit: The benefits definitely outweigh the cost of the project. Our goal is to continue building a youth sports program that it is accessible for all youth in our area regardless of skill level and economic background. By attracting more diverse youth from all areas of Cowlitz County and beyond, we anticipate a decrease in youth related social problems. Also, we know that improved facilities will attract others from out of town, which will help put more money into our local economy and prevent local youth from leaving the area for other programs.

Compliance: Yes, the project complies with Longview's Historic Preservation Plan.

Readiness to Proceed: The project can be completed as soon as the grant is approved. Longview Babe Ruth has raised and saved the appropriate funds to front the cost of the project and cover the 50% match.

Funding: Again, Longview Babe Ruth has raised and saved the money required to complete this project through fundraising, sponsorships, and responsible spending. We anticipate that by completing this project, we will be able to attract more youth, families, volunteers, sponsors, and spectators to our program and to one of our beautiful Longview Parks.