

This is Andrea Bergquist, president of Longview Babe Ruth. Last winter we were awarded a matching funds grant to improve the LBR facilities. The current grant included replacing and adding concrete to the public portions of the Roy Morse baseball park. However, our original plan has changed, as some of the concrete paths were recently damaged when the people associated with the timber carnival at the Go 4th event borrowed our bleachers. Since we are currently dealing with the insurance for that event, we would like to pursue other needs instead.

In addition, our current collaborative relationship with The Cowlitz Black Bears and the Lower Columbia Baseball Club has resulted in some further adjustments to our proposed grant projects. We planned to demolish our four bullpen pitching mounds and replace them with concrete barriers that would better sustain the mound over the years. However, in speaking with CBB and LCBC coaches, we decided that demolishing the current mounts and replacing them with portable mounds would be a better, low maintenance option, as portable mounds only require a flat surface and can be stored in our batting cage during the off season.

In place of these concrete projects we have listed several other projects that we would like to pursue immediately. Our goal is to make as many improvements to the park as possible that will benefit a variety of people, including players, coaches, other community leagues, spectators, etc.

We are requesting reallocation of the grant funds that were initially awarded to meet the immediate needs of the Longview Babe Ruth organization and all those who share in the local youth baseball experience.

Below is a list of projects and purchases and their approximate costs. These costs do not include the donation of man hours that will be required for installation of some of these items. These are just the retail costs of the items. We realize that the total cost of these items is much greater than the \$5200 amount that we were previously awarded or the \$10,400 amount that both LBR and the parks grant covered. We also know that not all of these projects/purchases will be made immediately. We just wanted to ask permission to be flexible knowing that we need to prioritize our spending.

Please consider allowing us to reallocate the grant funds in order to tackle projects that we see as benefitting a greater number of people, as much of our original plan has been put on hold due to recent events that were out of our control.

Thank you so much for your consideration!

Andrea Bergquist

Longview Babe Ruth President

**High Priority Projects (in order of Priority)*

*Protective Fence Guard	\$1300
*Replace Sprinkler Heads on B1 & B2 Fields	Quote Pending
*Portable Pitching Mound x2	\$2600
*Complete B1 Clubhouse	\$3500
Batting Cage Lane Netting	\$1300
Field Tarps for B1 & B2 Fields	\$5000
Batting Cage Turf (3000 square feet)	\$10,800
Grass Sweeper for Tractor	\$300
Field Chalker	\$350
L-Screen x2	\$400
Set of Bases x2	\$600
Push Lawn Mower	\$300
Weed Trimmer	\$200
Total	\$26,650 + Sprinklers