



**TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION
MAY 20, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ruppert called the meeting of Monday, May 20, 2019, to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Town Hall, located at 16705 East Avenue of the Fountains, Fountain Hills, Arizona.

2. ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairman Ron Ruppert, Vice-Chairperson Amy Arnold, Commissioners Don Doty, Jerry Gorrell, Sharron Grzybowski, Sharon Morgan, Natalie Varela and Youth Commissioner Hayden Arnold.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Daniel Fecteau.

STAFF PRESENT: Community Services Director Rachael Goodwin, Executive Assistant Jamie Salentine.

(Items were discussed out of order, but for purposes of clarity will remain as listed on the agenda.)

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Jim Judge, a Fountain Hills resident, spoke on item #8 regarding the Community Center's layout. He commented that the Activity Center (formally the Senior Center) has been the gathering area for seniors since the Community Center opened where staff and volunteers assist visitors, has a large informational area of pamphlets/flyers for specific activities/events, and provides a collection/distribution area for donated wheelchairs, walkers, etc. He added that the Activity Center has a lending library and provides the services needed in the area they currently occupy. He expressed the opinion that the Community Center has plenty of other rooms as well as the Town Hall to provide additional activities. He pointed out that the Community Center has 1,400 members. He stated that the notice of the Activity Center move to a different location was not given timely and requested for better communication. He noted that he and other members of the Community Center had a meeting with Town Manager Grady Miller and requested for the process to slow down and requested that CSAC recommend the same.

In response to a question posed by Commissioner Doty, Mr. Judge responded that they requested for the process to slow down in order to discuss the move, due to the fact that there is not enough room in the offices they are moving into.

4. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE MARCH 28, 2019 and April 22, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Varela moved to approve the March 28, 2019 and April 22, 2019 meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Grzybowski; passed unanimously by those present (8-0).

5. UPDATE ON MEETING WITH COMMUNITY SERVICES STAFF AND MARICOPA COUNTY ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL

Community Services Director Rachael Goodwin stated that item #6 was also discussed at the meeting where Town Manager Grady Miller, Parks Supervisor Kevin Snipes, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MSCO) Enforcement Officer, and Maricopa County Animal Care and Control (MCACC) Field Enforcement Officer attended. She pointed out that MCACC is unaware of the dog issues in the Town since they do not receive the calls. She commented that staff and MCSO are handling the issues and not MCACC. She added that MCACC has offered to work with staff on

a public awareness campaign and are reaching out to the public, visiting Desert Vista Park and other parks within the Town. She noted that the Animal Control Ordinance will need to be updated in order for MCACC to become more involved.

6. UPDATE ON DESERT VISTA DOG PARK RULES

Community Services Director Rachel Goodwin stated that staff and Maricopa County Animal Care and Control (MCACC) worked on the dog park rules which included updating the wording.

Ms. Goodwin explained that an animal incident is complaint driven and that the complaints and calls are going to MCACC by staff asking how to handle versus the complaints coming directly from the residents in order to start an incident log. She added that the community needs to be aware to contact MCACC directly.

Discussion ensued relative to dog issues versus citizen issues with dogs and addressing the rules versus making their own.

In response to a question posed by Commissioner Gorrell, Ms. Goodwin replied that a final draft of the Desert Vista Dog Park Rules will be provided to the Commission. She clarified that the rules do not require Council approval.

In response to questions from Commissioner Grzybowski, Ms. Goodwin reported that MCACC only handles animal issues. She pointed out that the Town Ordinance states that MCACC only has jurisdiction outside of the dog park and is one of the reasons to update the ordinance. She added that MCACC has one Field Enforcement Officer for the entire East Valley and the best way to contact for questions is via email. She suggested to log onto the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) website and search on dog parks in the daily forum section.

Commissioner Doty clarified that MCACC is animal related and that Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) is people related and rarely do the two entities cross paths.

Ms. Goodwin suggested that the workgroup convene and provide next steps with a possible recommendation to Council at the next meeting.

Commissioner Varela suggested that the workgroup meet with current people at the dog park regarding possible issues and/or suggestions.

7. UPDATE FROM WORK GROUP ON THE RESEARCH FOR GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Commissioner Doty stated that there are about a dozen potential grants for capital improvements of which seven applications are due currently or later this year. He noted that funding ranges from \$5,000 to \$250,000 and listed some of the grants such as National Parks Association, US Soccer Foundation, and AZ Sports and Tourism. **(See Attachment 1)**

Commissioner Doty commented that the grant application for the sidewalk between the Library and the Community Garden through the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation is in process with possible approval. He noted they will keep looking for additional grants, however, this is all they found so far.

Community Services Director Rachel Goodwin thanked the Commissioners for their efforts in gathering the grant information. She confirmed that the AZ Sports and Tourism Authority grant application is on the May 20, 2019 Council agenda and the Diamondbacks grant application is in process.

In response to a question posed by Commissioner Doty, Ms. Goodwin reported that Executive Assistant Jamie Salentine will be the primary contact on grants coming up for submittal.

8. UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CENTER LAYOUT FOR ADDITIONAL PROGRAM ROOMS AND OFFICE RELOCATIONS

Community Services Director Rachael Goodwin thanked Mr. Judge for attending and providing his comments. She commented on the 1,400 members and that more space for classes/meetings/events are needed due to the Community Center being at capacity. She mentioned that she has been approached to bring in Silver Slippers which will require additional space. She pointed out that the Community Center is the hub for senior activities and whereas the Activity Center room provides resources and the lending library, offices are not being occupied and the room would provide for additional programs. She added that the amenities provided in the room will not disappear and will be relocated to the lobby area up front at the Community Center. She explained that the office personnel are part-time employees and do not occupy the office all at once. She asked Mr. Judge to meet with her to review the items in more detail. She emphasized that the goal is to enhance the senior programs and other activities.

In response to a question posed by Commissioner Doty, Ms. Goodwin reported that a meeting date to discuss in detail will need to be determined, however, will be able to meet timely.

In response to a question from Commissioner Morgan, Ms. Goodwin responded that some relocations of staff has occurred, however, agreed that improved communication is needed.

Commissioner Varela commented that she has met with senior personnel and highlighted that by not re-organizing the Activity Center room for different classes/meetings will save staff/volunteers time and pointed out that even if you are not a senior you can attend senior activities.

Ms. Goodwin stated that staff is looking into expanding classes to early evening to reach more people since not everyone can attend during the day.

Commissioner Gorrell reviewed the history of the Community Center and that the Town is in the same situation they were a decade ago and needs to address the demand for the future.

Mr. Judge suggested additional spaces to be used in Town for meetings such as the Council Chambers, the art room, and the large conference rooms at the Community Center.

9. UPDATE ON COMMISSION TOURS OF THE TOWN'S AMENITIES AND SCHEDULING OF TOURS

Chairman Ruppert reported that he had scheduled tours for May 25, 2019, however, will reschedule for September since the date fell on Memorial weekend. He highlighted the areas to be toured include Fountain Park and the operations and the micro plant for the Sanitary District.

10. UPDATE ON VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH TOWN EVENTS

Commissioner Grzybowski emphasized on the need for volunteers for July 5, 2019 for clean-up around Fountain Park and for Back to School Bash on August 16, 2019.

11. UPDATE ON SPECIAL EVENTS

Chairman Ruppert stated that the rededication of Golden Eagle Park was well received and thanked everyone for their hard work and efforts.

Community Services Director Rachel Goodwin reported that the upcoming special events are:

- Fourth at the Fountain, July 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

- Back to School Bash, August 16, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Ms. Goodwin mentioned that the annual Turkey Trot is in process.

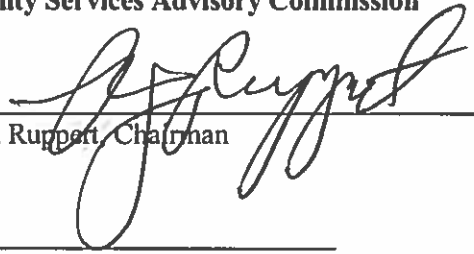
12. CONSIDERATION OF ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Doty moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Morgan; passed unanimously by those present (8-0).

The Community Services Advisory Commission adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Community Services Advisory Commission

By:



Ron Ruppert, Chairman

Reviewed by:



Rachael Goodwin, Community Services Director

Prepared by:



Jamie Salentine, Executive Assistant

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Community Services Advisory Commission Regular Meeting held on May 20, 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

By:



Jamie Salentine, Executive Assistant

Attachments - 1

Grant Opportunities

Project	Funding Agency	Web site	Amount Avail	App Due	Award date	Project Requirements	Consideration factors
1	Baseball Fields	Baseball Tomorrow Funds (BTW) Grants https://www.mlb.com/baseball-tomorrow-fund	\$40,000 average grant	7/1/19 quarterly			Youth Baseball
2	Soccer Field	US Soccer Foundation Safe Place to Play https://ussoccerfoundation.org/grants/safe-places-to-play-grant-application-process/#Eligibility1 http://www.rmuscoc.com/soccer-gra nt/	Irrigation - \$15,000 Lighting - \$25,000 Sports court 30% material	9/3/19 open 9/27/19 LOI 10/14/19 App			Create safe place to play
3	Baseball Field - maintenance, supplies, equipment, services	Baseball Tomorrow Major League Field Diamond Backs https://www.mlb.com/baseballtomorrow-fund/field-maintenance-clinics	\$10,000	5/16/2019		Baseball Youth Program	
4	Restore GE park - greenways, openspaces, (reimbursement)	Keep America Beautiful Community restoration & Resilience Fund info@kab.org	Not Stated	Rolling Bssis	2020	Damage due to natural environmental disasters	
5	Basketball Courts	AZ Spourts & Tourism Authority Youth & Amature Sports	up to \$250,000 will fund 2/3 of program	Spring 2019	2020	Youth & Amature sports service a wide varity of sporting and physical activity	
5-A	Apply if the \$250,000 grant is not successful	Authority Youth & Amature Sports - Quick program AZSTA grants	up to \$5,000 will fund 2/3 of program	3/1/2019	2020	Promote Youth & Amature Sports & Recreation	Need, sustainability, benefit to school & community
6	Four peaks park connecting trails	ASPT - - AZ State Parks and Trails https://azstateparks.com/grants/	< \$30,000 noncompetitive < \$80,000 Competitive	1-Jan-19 1-Mar-19	2020	Trail development	trail development, trail maintenance, pedestrian uses (hiking, running, ADA-accessibility improvements- trails, signs, education),
7	Safety & environmental education	Az state parks azstateparks.com/funding-opportunities	Total funds all projects \$2,000,000			trail related educational materials, in print, electronic, video, audio, interactive	
8	Four peaks park connecting trails or Basket ball courts	Az state parks Land & Water Conservation Funds azstateparks.com/funding-opportunities	Total funds all projects \$200,000	10-Oct 18 2/1/2019	2019	ADA upgrades, acquisition park lands, baseball & socker fieldsbike parks,playground equipment	
8-A	Existing Trail maintenance (not for new trails)	Az state parks	\$30,000	3/1/2019	7/11/1905	routine maintenance on existing trails	Shovel ready, complete in less than 1 year
9	Play Ground	Lets Play Kaboom Kaboom.org	\$20,000, 5 awards	Any time w/ video and app	UNK	need of a playground	need, Low income, special need kids, disaster impact = selection advantage

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10	Sidewalk between the library and the Community Garden	Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	requesting approx \$25,000	town 3/25/19 FMYN 4/4/19	2019	education, public safety, health, environment, economic & community development	This Grant application is in progress and will be submitted by Senior Services Inc (SSI)
11	Various	AZ Community Foundation	ilweb.co	\$25k to \$100k +	4/26/19 year round	Fall 19	supports youth, sports, education	501c3, government agency ??
12	Improve/new construction of tennis facilities	USTA Tennis Assoc	USTA.com	\$5,000 to \$100,000 max match 50% total cost			funds used for resurfacing, lighting, new construction	Financial need
13	Recycling programs	Can'd Aid Foundation	candaid.org/crush-it-crusade-grants	\$5,000 for signage, education, recycling tents, bins & training	on going			
Project		Funding Agency	Web site	Amount Avail	App Due	Award date	Project Requirements	Consideration factors

CSAC -- 1 May 19 overview of potential grants for Community service parks and recreation.

The following grant programs reflect both past and current opportunities to apply for funding. Those that are past the application response due date will likely repeat annually and may be considered in the future.

The grants that were researched were for parks and recreation projects that support our current objectives and plans.

1) Baseball Tomorrow Fund (BTW) Grants

MLB-MLBPA Youth Development Foundation
ATTN: Baseball Tomorrow Fund
245 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10167
btf@mlb.com

The Baseball Tomorrow Fund will make awards to nonprofit organizations, **municipalities**, and other tax-exempt organizations involved in the operation of youth baseball and/or softball programs and facilities. Funds may be used to finance a new program, expand or improve an existing program, undertake a new collaborative effort, or obtain facilities or equipment necessary for youth baseball or softball programs. The average award amount is \$40,000. Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis. The **application deadline is July 1**. [Learn more and apply.](#)

we are not currently accepting applications at this time, **please check back in May.**

<https://www.mlb.com/baseball-tomorrow-fund>

2) Safe Places to Play Grants

The U.S. Soccer Foundation has announced upcoming grant cycles for the Safe Places to Play Grant program to support soccer field-building initiatives nationwide. Funds are available for field space that will be used for a soccer a majority of the time. Funds may support irrigation, lighting, AstroTurf, and

modular athletic flooring material costs. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, city governments, schools, churches, and other nonprofit entities. The 2019 Letter of Interest (LOI) deadlines are May 24 and September 27. [Learn more and apply.](#)

- **2019 Fall Grant Cycle**
 - LOI open - September 3, 2019
 - LOI due - September 27, 2019
 - Application deadline - October 4, 2019

As part of your LOI submission, you must obtain and submit an official project quote from the appropriate U.S. Soccer Foundation Corporate Partner(s) relating to your project. Before submitting your LOI, please contact the appropriate partner(s) for your project from the list below. Your request to the appropriate partner(s) should contain specifics of your project such as field measurements, including square footage, timeline, and your organization's financial capacity and plans for covering the project's cost beyond the assistance of the Foundation's grant funding. Please allow a minimum of 7-10 business days for each corporate partner to return a completed project quote to you. *Organizations contacting a corporate partner less than 7-10 business days prior to an LOI deadline may not be accepted for that particular grant cycle.*

- **Lighting:** Musco Lighting (Visit <http://www.musco.com/soccergrant/> and complete the form)
- **Irrigation:** Hunter Industries (Lynda Wightman: lynda.wightman@hunterindustries.com)
- **Modular Athletic Flooring:** Sport Court® (Lauren Gillian: lgillian@sportcourt.com)

Eligibility Requirements

- **Land Ownership** – application must own or hold a 10+ year lease on the field space
- **50% Funded** – at the time of application, 50% of project funding must be in hand
- **Project Timeline** – project should have clear timeline, with plan to complete project within 1 year of potential grant award
- **Non-Profit Status** – applicants must be a non-profit entity (nonprofit organization, government, school, church)
- **Soccer-Specific Play Space** – field space must be majority-use soccer

Funding Support and Grant Use

- Maximum support by category (Amounts may vary depending on availability of funds and established funding agreements with the Foundation's preferred vendors):
 - Irrigation = \$15,000, which could cover 100% of irrigation material costs (excludes installation)
 - Lighting = \$25,000 for single field projects; \$50,000 for multi-field projects
 - Sport Court = Up to 33% of PowerGame™ material cost
 - All Safe Places to Play grants function as product credit towards the grant project
 - Adjustments to scope of project must be approved by the Foundation
- <https://ussoccerfoundation.org/grants/safe-places-to-play-grant-application-process/#Eligibility1>

3) Field Maintenance Education Program

This program provides the opportunity for MLB groundskeepers to share tips and techniques with other professional sports turf managers, coaches, parents and volunteers who are involved in the maintenance of youth baseball and softball fields. In conjunction with the clinics, the **Baseball Tomorrow Fund awards a \$10,000 grant to a local organization** selected by the participating Club. The grant funds are used for the purchase of field maintenance supplies, equipment or services. [Learn more and apply.](#)

In 2012, BTF launched the BTF/MLB Field Maintenance Education Program. This program provides the opportunity for MLB groundskeepers to share tips and techniques with other professional sports turf managers, coaches, parents and volunteers who are involved in the maintenance of youth baseball and softball fields.

If you would like to be added to the invitation list for Baseball Tomorrow Fund Field Maintenance Clinics in your area, please **click here to submit a request** unless otherwise noted below.

2019 Schedule

Host	Date
Arizona Diamondbacks	5/16/2019

MLB-MLBPA Youth Development Foundation
ATTN: Baseball Tomorrow Fund
245 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10167
btf@mlb.com

<https://www.mlb.com/baseballtomorrow-fund/field-maintenance-clinics>

4) Keep America Beautiful Community Restoration and Resiliency Fund

Keep America Beautiful Community Restoration and Resiliency Fund benefits Keep America Beautiful Affiliates that serve communities directly affected by natural and environmental disasters. The fund provides immediate and long-term support for initial and ongoing cleanup efforts and helps rebuild vital public spaces: parks, greenways, community gateways, Main Street/downtown areas, open spaces and more. Applications accepted on a rolling basis. Learn more and apply.

Funds will help improve resiliency physically — as green infrastructure — and socially — to build community.

Through this fund, Keep America Beautiful will provide financial aid, technical support, in-kind donations and other resources to affiliates whose residents living with the aftermath of widespread devastation for months and years to come.

The fund will also offer affiliate communities financial means, technical support and resources to renovate and rebuild public spaces after natural disasters or other unanticipated events or before they occur to improve physical resilience.

If a Keep America Beautiful State Affiliate organization is applying for pass-through grant funding to support their local affiliates, Keep America Beautiful requires that the sub-recipients are certified affiliates of Keep America Beautiful in good standing.

Projects could include plans to improve recycling infrastructure and/or services community-wide.

Generous funding has been provided by individual donors, sponsors and partners -- Lowe's, Keurig Dr Pepper, Santa Fe Natural Tobacco, Dickinson's, Rauxa and MillerCoors -- and the list continues to grow. Questions? Contact Grace Keegan

5) ARIZONA SPORTS AND TOURISM AUTHORITY – Youth and Amateur Sports Biennial Grant application (The grant application should be posted by end of April every two years)

AZSTA, operates within Maricopa County, Arizona. AZSTA will hold workshops in various locations to ensure maximum notifications of funding availability.

A \$250,000 maximum guideline has been established for grant applications in Authority matching funds. Any grant application requesting more than \$250,000 from AZSTA will not be accepted.

BIENNIAL GRANT GOALS & OBJECTIVES

1. To identify, solicit, develop and allocate funding for youth and amateur sports proposals in Maricopa County which will service a wide variety of sporting and physical activity experiences throughout the County.
2. To provide technical assistance, demographic and facility information and outreach to youth and amateur sports participants and their communities about opportunities and activities of AZSTA.
3. To participate in and encourage partnerships which benefit youth and amateur sports and physical activity.
4. To ensure that funds provided by AZSTA are distributed in a responsible and effective manner and to ensure compliance with the Authority's enabling legislation.

CORE REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLYING FOR A BIENNIAL GRANT

1. Applicants must be a Maricopa County agency, municipality, school district or any other incorporated public entity, (including any combination of the forgoing) or a 501(c) (3) or 501 (c) (4) non-profit organization, which has been in operation for no less than one calendar year (documentation evidencing this must be provided). For-profit organizations are not eligible.
2. Proposed projects must be within Maricopa County.
3. **Organizations and/or projects that have previously received funding from the Authority may re-apply for funds, but may not be as highly considered as new organizations and/or new projects.**

4. Funding may be considered for youth and amateur sports related activities such as: facility/field construction, renovations, lighting and equipment and select program operations.
 - a. Funding for programs may be considered and must clearly identify the benefit to the local community, sustainability and demonstration of financial needs.
 - b. Funding for indirect costs such as overhead and administrative expenses (e.g. salaries, utilities, rent, etc.), loans or endowments, conferences, individuals, tournaments, travel, capital campaigns, funding to sustain an organization or program or any other category that the Authority, in its sole discretion, considers to not be related to the goals and objectives of the grant will not be funded.

FY 2018 GRANT TIMELINE (time line for 2019 yet to be posted, last stated to post application start in SPRING)

Grant Assistance Workshops and Information at www.az-sta.com	Workshops will be scheduled in April 2017 – location(s), dates and times will be posted at www.az-sta.com
Grant Applications – Availability	Grant applications will be made available the week of April 10, 2017 at www.az-sta.com
Deadline for submitting applications: 1. At the time the application is submitted, a minimum of 50% of Applicant's Contribution must be documented in Section IV of the application as well as by third party funding commitment letters (if applicable). 2. Applicants must summarize plans for raising additional funds at the time of submittal. 3. In-kind donations should be itemized and calculated accurately in Section III of Grant Application.	Documents must be received electronically and in the AZSTA office by Friday, May 26, 2017– 5:00 p.m.
Evaluation and Review Period including project site visits from AZSTA staff	June – July 2017

Notification of Grant Award

July – August 2017

6) Arizona State Parks and Trails

Funding Opportunities

Motorized and Non-Motorized Trail Projects

Cycle opens October 10, 2018

- Available Funds: Approximately \$2 million will be available to award selected projects.
- Eligible Applicants: Include non-profits, governmental entities: cities, towns, counties, tribal governments, state and federal agencies.
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- Eligible Projects: Funding can be used for projects such as trail development, trail maintenance, pedestrian uses (hiking, running, ADA-accessibility improvements-trails, signs, education), bicycling, equestrian, off-road motorcycling, all-terrain vehicle riding, four-wheel driving, or using other off-road motorized vehicles.
- Grants Due: March 1, 2019

7) Safety and Environmental Education (SEE)

Available throughout the year.

SEE was developed to promote safety and environmental protection.

- Development and operation of trail safety education programs/ trail-related environmental education programs.
- Motorized and non-motorized projects
- Production of trail related educational materials, whether on information displays, in print, electronic, video, audio, interactive computer displays, brochures and pamphlets.
- Interpretive panels and costs related to trail interpretation.
- Provide public with easy access to better and updated information on the accessibility of recreation trails and facilities.
- \$10,000 maximum request.

8) Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

Cycle opens October 10, 2018

- Available Funds: \$200,000
- Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants include governmental entities (cities, towns, counties, tribal governments, state and federal agencies). Non-profits and clubs are not eligible for the LWCF.
- Eligible Projects: Funding can be used for outdoor recreation facilities; ADA/accessibility upgrades; acquisition of park lands; baseball & soccer fields, bike parks, pools, playground equipment.
- Grants Due: February 1, 2019

Open Grant Cycles

Documents for the 2018/19 Grant Cycle

- Grant Timeline PDF

Motorized and Non-Motorized Programs

- Grants Manual PDF
- "How-to" guide for completing a grant application (with screenshots). PDF
- Map and photo examples PDF

Land and Water Conservation Fund

- Grants Manual PDF

9) Let's Play Initiative

Dr. Pepper Snapple Group has made a three-year, \$15 million commitment, as part of KaBOOM!'s Let's Play Initiative, to help construct and improve playground areas. Municipalities and non-profit organizations with a playground or outdoor recreational space that is **currently unsafe for children can apply for construction grants**. The Initiative also offers Let's Play Completion Grants, which can be used toward the completion or improvement of an existing playground. This grant program has an ongoing deadline. In addition, there are also opportunities for communities to partner with school districts to apply for Joint Use Grants to open school recreation facilities to the public during non-school hours.

Outdoor Recreational Grant Program

The National Park Service (NPS) sponsors the Outdoor Recreational Grant program through the Land & Water Conservation Fund. Grants are used to acquire land and plan and develop recreational areas such as playgrounds, tennis courts, outdoor swimming pools, hiking trails, picnic areas, campgrounds, and boat-launching ramps. Funds are also used to build restrooms, water systems, and other support facilities for the general public. States, cities, counties, and park districts are eligible to apply for these grants, and over the course of NPS's history, more than \$5 billion has been awarded for preservation and recreation grants. Funds are allocated as matching with state grants.

Thank you for requesting a free consultation with a Grant Helper. **assistance, contact Tammi Hughes at tgh@thegranthelpers.com. TheGrantHelpers.com Blog**

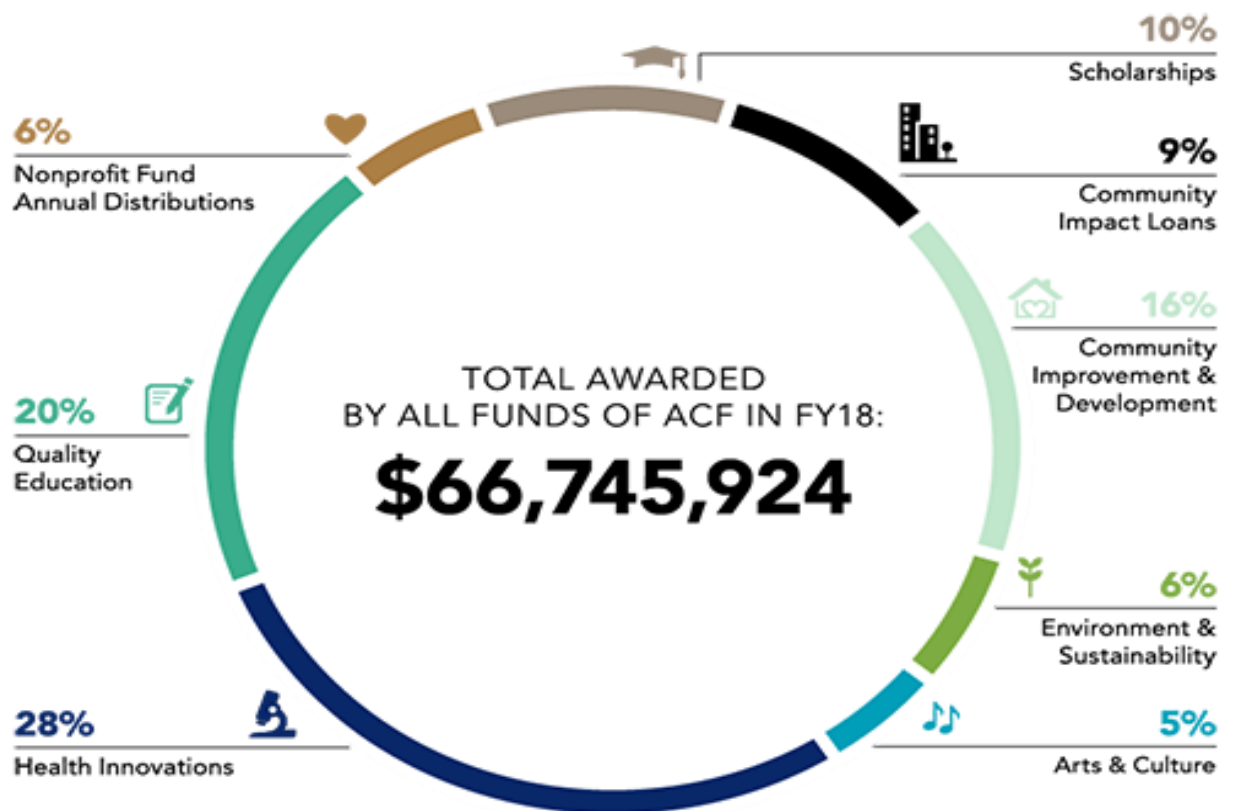
10) Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation

Grant application submitted April 2019.to the FMYN for \$25,000 to install 350 ft of sidewalk

between the library and the community garden.

11) Funding from the Arizona Community Foundation and

Affiliates is awarded year-round to a wide range of community organizations, educational institutions, and government agencies through competitive grant cycles as well as discretionary and advised grantmaking.



Building a stronger community through grantmaking

There are three types of grants to award funds to the community: competitive, discretionary, and advised.

Competitive grant applications are submitted online through the [online grants portal](#) during "grant cycles." To be eligible, applying organizations must first create a user account and link the account to their nonprofit organization.

Grant cycles are announced via e-mail, through partner organization communications, on ACF's Facebook and Twitter pages and through local media. Staff members conduct free

workshops statewide in advance of grant cycles to assist prospective applicants in preparing their proposals. Workshops are listed on the [Events page](#).

Unique competitive grant opportunities are available annually in each of our six Affiliate regions: Cochise, Flagstaff, Gila Valley, Sedona, Yavapai County, and Yuma.

Workshops are offered in each community to answer questions and assist applicants with their grant proposals.

Overhead Policy

It is the policy of the Arizona Community Foundation not to pay government or university overhead costs or indirect fees of more than 6% of any of its grant awards.

Learn more

The Arizona Community Foundation performs the due diligence to ensure recommended grantees are qualified, viable organizations in good standing, and then issues checks from that particular fund. The Philanthropic Services Committee, comprised of ACF Board members and community leaders, approves or ratifies all grants. You can learn more:

- Sign in or sign up at the ACF [online grants center](#).

The Arizona Community Foundation awards grants through several competitive application processes each year, most of them online.

Last year, more than 7,700 grant applications were received and processed at ACF. Visit our online grants center to view grant opportunities.

Who May Apply

Grants are made to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, schools, faith-based organizations, Tribal entities and **occasionally to government agencies**. Grants are made statewide.

Find out more about how to sign in, update your profile, select an organization, update your organization, and start an application.

12) USTA FACILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Welcome to the USTA Facility Assistance program. Whether you're just starting out and dreaming of building a state-of-the-art, multi-court tennis facility, you're interested in 36' or 60' tennis, or you just want to figure out how to repair the cracked courts at the local park down the street, you're in the right place – the USTA is here to help!

How can we help make your tennis facility dream come true? The USTA Facility Assistance program can offer you and your community assistance with technical and financial, and business development resources. In addition, communities are appointed project consultants from the USTA National staff, who deliver personalized support and service to help take your project from dream to reality.

To be considered for project funding, communities must:

Start the process by completing the USTA Facility Assistance Form

Be actively engaged with the USTA Facility Assistance program (working with USTA-appointed project consultant, etc.). Any project completed prior to engaging the USTA is NOT eligible for funding.

Meet specified industry standards for project as determined by the USTA Facility Assistance program's technical team.

Demonstrate financial need and matching (up to 50 percent) of project funds.

Please read below to gain a better understanding of the technical and financial components of the USTA Facility Assistance Program:

Business Development

The USTA can assist in negotiations with government agencies and private developers. The USTA can also provide guidance in regards to initial programming, operational planning, and staffing.

Category I

Basic facility improvements, including fixed court amenities (i.e., backboards, fencing, windscreens, etc.). USTA National contribution: Up to 50 percent of total

project cost (\$5,000 maximum).

Category II

Resurfacing of existing 36', 60' and 78' courts. Converting an existing 78' court to stand-alone 36' courts. Lighting costs.

USTA National Contribution: Up to 50 percent of total project cost (\$30,000 maximum).

- 2 - 3 courts = \$10,000 maximum
- 4 - 11 courts = \$20,000 maximum
- 12+ courts = \$30,000 maximum

Category III

New construction or existing facility reconstruction of 36', 60' and 78' courts.

USTA National Contribution: Up to 50 percent of total project cost (\$100,000 maximum).

- 2 - 3 courts = \$30,000 maximum
- 4 - 11 courts = \$50,000 maximum
- 12+ courts = \$100,000 maximum

Line Grants

Painting permanent 36' and 60' tennis lines on existing courts, paved areas, blacktops, playgrounds or gymnasiums. [Click here to learn more about our 36' & 60' Court Resources.](#)

USTA National contribution: Up to 100 percent of total project cost (\$400 per court and \$5,000 maximum).

Awards

Each year, the USTA recognizes facilities throughout the country to encourage increasingly high standards for construction and/or renovation. [Click here to learn more about the USTA Outstanding Facility Award.](#)

13 Recycling Programs

Does your community or local organization need help kick starting a recycling program? Apply for a Crush it Crusade recycling grant today! We'll getcha sorted with recycling tents/bins (you let us know how many you need), training on sustainable waste management and we'll toss enough funds your way to help get the program rolling. Got questions? Email info@candaaid.org.

OTHER Grants

Below are other grants offered with limited info available. A number of these are listed by "The Grant Helpers" a private consulting company that charges a fee \$\$ for access to their information. Many of these are restricted to non-profits, small towns and needy underserved towns.

- [Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation](#)

The Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation has works to improve the communities and schools they serve. The foundation supports **nonprofit organizations** and public institutions that support public education and community improvement and has grant funds available for playground projects (\$5,000-\$25,000). After more than 70 years of developing extraordinary partnerships, we have revised our grant process to proactively **identify projects by invitation only, leveraging those partnerships.**

- [Miracle's Grants for America's Children](#)

Up to \$5 million in grant money is available to schools and parks around the country who want to purchase new playground equipment through Miracle's Grants for America's Children program. Miracle, a playground manufacturer for over 80 years, awards grants for purchase of equipment based on an assessment of the current playground equipment proposal, size of project, and amount of grant funding available.

- [KaBOOM!](#)

Dr. Pepper Snapple & KaBOOM! offer **\$15,000 grants to qualifying U.S.-based organizations to be used toward the purchase of playground equipment that will be built using the KaBOOM!**

community-build model. These partners also offer \$750 grants to communities who want to make their playgrounds cleaner, safer, and more inviting. In addition, KaBOOM! And Dr. Pepper Snapple offer joint-use grants for communities who partner with schools to open recreation facilities to the public during non-school hours. These grants are solely for the expansion or creation of joint use agreements. There is a rolling deadline for this set of grants.

- [Shade Structure Grant Program](#)

The American Academy of Dermatology's Shade Structure Grant Program awards grants to public schools and **non-profit organizations** for installing permanent shade structures for outdoor locations that are not protected from the sun, such as playgrounds. Each grant is valued at up to \$8,000, which includes the structure and installation.

- [Lego Children's Fund](#)

Lego aims to **help local and national non-profit** organizations committed to helping children develop their creativity and learning skills through constructive play. and it awards quarterly grants with special interest paid to collaborative efforts and in providing matching funds to leverage new dollars into the receiving organization. Typical awards are between \$500-\$5,000.

- [Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development \(OSLAD\) Program](#)

The OSLDA Program is a state-financed grant program that provides funding **assistance to local government agencies** for acquisition and/or development of land for public parks and open space. Written applications must be submitted to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

- [United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Community Facility Grants](#)

This grant program assists in the development of essential community facilities, primarily **in rural communities with a population under 20,000**. Funds from this program can be used to construct, enlarge, or improve community facilities for health care, public safety, and community and public services. Funds can also provide for the purchase of equipment required for a facility's operation. Public entities such as municipalities, counties, non-profit corporations, and tribal governments are eligible to apply.

- [National Park Service Land & Water Conservation Fund](#)

States and **local governments are eligible to apply for matching grants** to fund public outdoor recreation and areas and facilities. O'Fallon, Illinois used a \$750,000 LWCF grant to acquire land for a variety of playing fields for baseball, softball, soccer, football, and more.

- [Let's Play Initiative](#)

Dr. Pepper Snapple Group has made a three-year, \$15 million commitment, as part of KaBOOM!'s Let's Play Initiative, to help construct and improve playground areas. Municipalities and non-profit organizations with a playground or outdoor recreational space that **is currently unsafe for children can**

apply for construction grants. The Initiative also offers Let's Play Completion Grants, which can be used toward the completion or improvement of an existing playground. This grant program has an ongoing deadline. In addition, there are also opportunities for communities to partner with school districts to apply for Joint Use Grants to open school recreation facilities to the public during non-school hours.

- KidsGardening.org

The National Gardening Association has sponsored this grant for four years, aiming to support community organizations with **child-centered garden programs**. Priority is given to programs that have these components: educational focus or curricular/program, integration to reinforce academics, life skills, instruction, (e.g. nutrition, growing one's own food, learning to be responsible) developing environmental stewardship, and encouraging students to make positive choices for themselves and the planet. **As the title implies, grants are available to states in the Midwest: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.**

- [Tony Hawk Foundation Skatepark Grants](#)

The focus of this program is to facilitate and encourage the design, development, construction, and operation of new skatepark facilities, primarily located **in low-income communities** in the United States.

- [Community Facilities Grant Program](#)

The Community Facilities Grant program is funded by the [Department of Agriculture \(USDA\)](#). This program provides grants to **communities with fewer than 20,000 residents** to construct and renovate facilities used for public service, health care, recreation, community service and public safety. Funds are also used to purchase equipment that is needed to operate the facilities. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, municipalities, towns, districts and tribal government agencies. Areas with the lowest population and income levels receive higher grant considerations. Up to 75 percent of the project costs are covered by the grant. The amount of funding is dependent on the median income and population of the applicant entity.

- [Outdoor Recreational Grant Program](#)

The [National Park Service \(NPS\)](#) sponsors the Outdoor Recreational Grant program through the Land & Water Conservation Fund. Grants are used to acquire land and plan and develop recreational areas such as playgrounds, tennis courts, outdoor swimming pools, hiking trails, picnic areas, campgrounds, and boat-launching ramps. Funds are also used to build restrooms, water systems, and other support facilities for the general public. **States, cities, counties, and park districts are eligible to apply** for these grants, and over the course of NPS's history, more than \$5 billion has been awarded for preservation and recreation grants. Funds are allocated as matching with state grants.

- [Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program](#)

The [Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#) sponsors the state-administered Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Grants from this program are used to acquire

real estate property for public use, demolish blighted structures, and construct and renovate public service facilities, recreational facilities, and public and private buildings. Funds are also used to support economic development activities including assisting micro-enterprises. Grants are administered by **states to cities and counties with fewer than 50,000 and 200,000 residents respectively**. Up to 3 percent of the grant can be allocated to cover technical assistance and administrative expense.



The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) periodically posts information about grant and fundraising opportunities that are available for park and recreation agencies and affiliated friends groups and 501(c)(3) nonprofits.

Other Grant Opportunities

Safe Places to Play Grants (see Matrix #2)

The U.S. Soccer Foundation has announced upcoming grant cycles for the Safe Places to Play Grant program to support soccer field-building initiatives nationwide. Funds are available for field space that will be used for a soccer a majority of the time. Funds may support irrigation, lighting, AstroTurf, and modular athletic flooring material costs. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, city governments, schools, churches, and other nonprofit entities. The 2019 Letter of Interest (LOI) deadlines are May 24 and September 27. [Learn more and apply.](#)

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Sports Award Program

RWJF's Inspiring Healthier Communities through Sports Award program recognizes sports teams, athletes, and community-based organizations that use sports to catalyze and sustain changes that make communities healthier places to live, learn, work, and play. Awards of \$10,000 will be made to up to three programs that use sports to address the root causes that influence health and health equity. Organizations that are an influential leader and model for improving community health through sports are eligible to apply. Applications are due May 29. [Learn more and apply.](#)

Tony Hawk Foundation Skatepark Grants

The Tony Hawk Foundation is accepting applications through the Skatepark Grant program to promote high-quality, public skateparks in **low-income areas throughout the United States**. Grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000 are available to support the design, development, and construction of quality new skateparks on public property that will be available for free. Eligible applicants are 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations and state and local agencies, including public school systems and public projects. The application deadline is June 13. [Learn more and apply.](#)

Baseball Tomorrow Fund (BTW) Grants (see Matrix #1)

The Baseball Tomorrow Fund will make **awards to nonprofit organizations, municipalities**, and other tax-exempt organizations involved in the operation of youth baseball and/or softball programs and facilities. Funds may be used to finance a new program, expand or improve an existing program, undertake a new collaborative effort, or obtain facilities or equipment necessary for youth baseball or softball programs. **The average award amount is \$40,000.** Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis. The application deadline is July 1. [Learn more and apply.](#)

Looking Out Foundation Grants

The Looking Out Foundation seeks to amplify the impact of music by empowering those without a voice and generate awareness about issues and injustices in our communities. The Foundation provides grants averaging \$1,000 to \$5,000 to **support disadvantaged youth, public health, women, the environment, the arts, the hungry, and the homeless**. Eligible applicants are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and government agencies. Applications are due August 1. [Learn more and apply.](#)

Baseball Tomorrow Fund/Major League (see Matrix#3)

Baseball Field Maintenance Education Program

This program provides the opportunity for MLB groundskeepers to share tips and techniques with other professional sports turf managers, coaches, parents and volunteers who are involved in the maintenance of youth baseball and softball fields. In conjunction with the clinics, the Baseball Tomorrow Fund awards a \$10,000 grant to a local organization selected by the participating Club. The grant funds are used for the purchase of field maintenance supplies, equipment or services. [Learn more and apply.](#)

CAN'd Aid Crush It Crusade Grants (see Matrix #13)

The CAN'd Aid Foundation is accepting applications from communities, local organizations, and local government entities to help support recycling programs. The Foundation awards small grants to fund program expenses including signage and education, and also provides in-kind recycling tents and bins and training on sustainable waste management. [The typical award amount is \\$5,000. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. Learn more and apply.](#)

Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program – Rural Communities

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) provides [grants](#), [low-interest direct loans](#), and/or combinations of the two to develop essential community facilities in rural areas, including public facilities, community support services, and local food systems such as community gardens and food hubs. Public entities, nonprofit organizations, and tribal entities in rural communities are eligible to apply. Applications accepted on a rolling basis. [Learn more and apply.](#)

Keep America Beautiful's Community (see Matrix #4) Restoration and Resiliency Fund

Keep America Beautiful's Community Restoration and Resiliency Fund benefits Keep America Beautiful Affiliates that serve communities directly affected by natural and environmental disasters. The fund provides immediate and long-term support for initial and ongoing cleanup efforts and helps rebuild vital public spaces: parks, greenways, community gateways, Main Street/downtown areas, open spaces and more. Applications accepted on a rolling basis. [Learn more and apply.](#)

United States Tennis Association (USTA) Facility Assistance Program (see Matrix # 12)

The USTA offers technical and financial support to improve tennis facilities across the country. In addition, selected communities will be appointed project consultants from the USTA National staff who will deliver personalized support and service. Applications for assistance are accepted on a rolling basis. [Learn more and apply.](#)