

Friends of Oakland Parks & Recreation-Oakland, California
Curt Flood Sports Complex

The NFL Foundation Grassroots Program has awarded The Friends of Oakland Parks & Recreation a \$200,000 field surface grant to assist in the installation of a synthetic sports surface at the Curt Flood Sports Complex.

The Friends of Oakland Parks and Recreation was incorporated in 1981 as a not for profit organization dedicated to bridging the gap between city funding and the public's need for safe, accessible, quality, clean parks and recreation centers. Their mission is to improve the quality of life for all Oakland citizens by generating funding through public-private partnerships. Over the past 30-plus years, the organization has supported the renovation and retrofit of over 60 playgrounds and ball fields throughout Oakland.

Curt Flood field is located in the Fruitvale area of Oakland, and serves 800 students monthly for football and other sports activities. Due to this heavy use, the natural grass field has deteriorated. Driven by a local community focus group, the Curt Flood Sports Complex Project has rallied the support of local schools, current and former NFL players, youth sports leagues and elected officials to revitalize the 30 year old facility into a state of the art complex.

The NFL Grassroots Program grant will be used to help offset the cost of a new irrigation system and synthetic playing surface. This will be a major part of the new sports complex that will also include new concession stands, bleachers, renovated bathrooms, new lighting systems and scoreboards.

The Grassroots Program grant will be matched with funds raised by The Friends of Oakland Park.

Achievement First – New Haven, Connecticut
Amistad High School

Achievement First has been awarded a \$200,000 grant from the NFL Foundation Grassroots Program to help finance the installation a synthetic turf football field at Amistad High School.

Achievement First is a network of non-profit, high-performing, college-preparatory, K-12 public charter schools, currently operating 25 schools in Bridgeport, Hartford and New Haven, Connecticut, Brooklyn, New York, and Providence, Rhode Island, serving more than 8,100 students. The mission of Achievement First is to deliver on the promise of equal educational opportunity for all of America's children.

Achievement First will install a new synthetic field surface at Amistad High, it's flagship high school. The field will be part of a brand new campus being built for Amistad High, on a six acre site in New Haven. The new field will be used to enhance the school's existing physical education offerings and help the school launch its first football program.

The Grassroots Program grant will be matched with a grant from the State of Connecticut.

Metro North Community Development Corporation, Inc.-Jacksonville, Florida
Ray Greene Park

Metro North Community Development Corporation, Inc. has been awarded a \$100,000 grant from the NFL Foundation Grassroots Program to help renovate Ray Greene Park.

Metro North is a leader in the development of affordable housing, working in collaboration with the City of Jacksonville to build stronger neighborhoods throughout Jacksonville.

Metro North will partner with Mentors of Tomorrow Athletic Association (MOTAA) to renovate Ray Greene Park. Mentors of Tomorrow is a non-profit organization established in 2008 whose mission is to teach, promote and provide safe athletic programs to Jacksonville's community and surrounding areas. Metro North will manage the renovation of Ray Greene Park. The NFL Grassroots Program grant will be used to help finance a new grass football field. Currently there is no dedicated field for football at Ray Greene. Upgrades to the field will also include bleachers, goal posts, lighting and fencing. Mentors of Tomorrow will provide the programming for the field which include youth football and cheerleading programs consisting of over 360 members. All of the coaches are "Heads Up" Certified through USA Football.

The City of Jacksonville will match the Grassroots Program grant. The Jacksonville Jaguars support this project.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta-Atlanta, GA
Warren Boys & Girls Club

Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta has been awarded a \$200,000 field surface grant from the NFL Foundation Grassroots Program to help install a synthetic playing field at the Warren Boys & Girls Club.

For 75 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta (BGCMA) has provided programs and services to kids who need them the most, helping them live healthy lifestyles, excel in school and give back to their communities. BGCMA serves approximately 3,800 youth each day and 13,000 youth each year in 10 Metro Atlanta counties through 27 Club locations. The Warren Club is the largest, most accessible site in the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta system, located in a low income community in southeast Atlanta serving 300 Club members per day.

BGCMA will upgrade the current grass field at the Warren Boys & Girls Club with a synthetic multi-sport playing surface. The new field will allow the Warren Club to expand its existing flag football program and offer additional sports and recreation programming. The site is also an Atlanta Falcons Fit Zone site, and will collaborate with the Falcons and local schools to offer sports and community events. Approximately 1100 youth participate in the Warren Club sports and recreation programs.

The NFL Foundation Grassroots Program grant will be matched by the Boys & Girls Club of Metro Atlanta. The Atlanta Falcons support this project.

Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives-Chicago, IL
Pullman Park Recreation Center

Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives has been awarded a \$200,000 grant from the NFL Foundation Grassroots Program to help finance the installation a synthetic turf football field at the Pullman Park Recreation Center.

Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives, Inc. (CNI) is a not-for-profit organization with a mission of improving the quality of life in low and moderate income neighborhoods in the Chicago area through community and economic development.

Pullman Park Recreation Center will be a 138,000 square foot athletic facility located on the south side of Chicago. The Center will include a full-sized multi-purpose synthetic turf field. The Center will be programmed by the Roseland Youth Center (RYC), a not for profit organization focused on providing a broad array of athletic options for youth in the Pullman and Roseland communities. Approximately 3,200 local students and an additional 500 youth involved in athletic programs through RYC.

The State of Illinois will match the Grassroots Program grant. The Chicago Bears support this project.

Indianapolis Parks Foundation-Indianapolis, Indiana
Central Greens Field

The NFL Foundation Grassroots Program has awarded the Indianapolis Parks Foundation a \$200,000 field surface grant to assist in the installation of a synthetic sports surface at Central Greens Field.

The mission of the Indianapolis Park Foundation (IPF) is to enhance the recreational, educational, and cultural life of the Indianapolis community by encouraging and soliciting support for the city's park system.

IPF will partner with the City of Indianapolis to construct an athletic field on a six acre plot of land adjacent to Christel House Academy Charter School, a new school opening in August 2014. The new field, named Central Greens Field, will feature a multi-sports synthetic playing surface and a running track. Central Greens Field will be used by Christel House for physical education and competitive football during school hours and by local youth football leagues at other times. In total the field will serve approximately 1000 young people per year.

The City of Indianapolis will match the Grassroots Program grant.

Covington Catholic High School-Park Hills, Kentucky
Wooten Football Field

Covington Catholic High School has been awarded a \$200,000 grant from the NFL Foundation Grassroots Program to help replace the synthetic playing surface at Wooten Football Field.

Covington Catholic High School (CCH) has been in existence for 88 years, having graduated over 8,000 alumni. Covington is committed to creating an environment of educational excellence and service to the community. Wooten Field is on the campus of CCH and is the home of its 143 member youth football program and 500 members of the student body over all.

CCH will replace the existing turf surface with a new synthetic playing surface. Replacing the playing surface will make the field safe not only for the CCH student body but for local youth football teams from the larger community that use the field.

Covington will match the Grassroots Program grant. The Cincinnati Bengals are in support of the project.

Algiers Charter School Association-New Orleans, LA
Fox Playground

The NFL Foundation Grassroots Program has awarded the Algiers Charter School Association a \$100,000 field surface grant to help refurbish the football field at Fox Playground.

Algiers Charter School Association (ACSA) is the largest charter school management organization in Louisiana, currently serving over 4,000 children and young adults from age 3 to 21 across four elementary/middle and two high schools. Founded in 2005 by a nonprofit board comprised of members from the Orleans Parish School Board and residents of the Algiers community, ACSA provided the first educational options for families returning to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

ACSA will partner with The City of New Orleans to refurbish Fox Playground. Fox Playground is a multi-sport facility located adjacent to Landry-Walker High School, ACSA's flagship school. The new field will feature improved irrigation and drainage systems, sod, and lighting. Fox Playground will be used by the Landry-Walker football team, the 1,100 member student body of the Landry-Walker High School and the general public.

ACSA will match the funds of the Grassroots grant to complete the project. The New Orleans Saints support this project.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools- Charlotte, North Carolina
West Charlotte High School

The NFL Foundation Grassroots Program has awarded Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools a \$200,000 field surface grant to assist in the installation of a synthetic sports surface at West Charlotte High School.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) was established in 1882 with the mission to maximize academic achievement by every student in every school. It is the nation's 17th largest school district, comprised of 160 schools serving 145,000 students. West Charlotte High School is located in University Park, one of the most economically fragile neighborhoods in Charlotte.

The football field at West Charlotte High currently hosts one of the most successful football programs in Charlotte. The new synthetic field surface will allow West Charlotte High to open the field to other key stakeholders in the community. The centerpiece of these partnerships is a Joint Use Agreement with the Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation Department, which currently operates the West Charlotte Recreation Center adjacent to the school's campus. MCP&R will serve as the agent for scheduling external community usage.

The CMS Board of Education will match the Grassroots Program grant. The Carolina Panthers support this project.

Burten, Bell, Carr Development, Inc.-Cleveland, Ohio
Dwayne Browder Football Field

Burten, Bell, Carr Development, Inc has been awarded a \$200,000 grant from the NFL Foundation Grassroots Program to help finance the installation a synthetic turf football field at Dwayne Browder Football Field.

Burten, Bell, Carr Development, Inc. (BBC) is a non-profit community development corporation founded in 1990 that serves the Central and Kinsman neighborhoods of Cleveland, Ohio. Their mission is to empower citizens and revitalize blighted and underserved communities.

Dwayne Browder Field is located in Cleveland's Central neighborhood, located in one of the poorest cities in the country. Dwayne Browner Football Field will be converted from a natural grass field to a synthetic sports playing surface. Currently Dwayne Browder is the home field for a local youth football team in the 26 team Cleveland Muni-League. It is also used by East Technical High School's football team. Changing the surface from grass to synthetic turf will make the field more sustainable and allow for additional community groups to utilize Dwayne Browder.

The City of Cleveland will match the Grassroots Program grant. The Cleveland Browns support this project.

ASPIRA, Inc of Pennsylvania- Philadelphia, PA
Olney Charter High School

The NFL Foundation Grassroots Program has awarded ASPIRA, Inc of Pennsylvania a \$50,000 field support grant to help upgrade the football field at Olney Charter High School.

ASPIRA of Pennsylvania (ASPIRA of PA) is a nonprofit community-based organization whose mission is to empower the Latino community through advocacy and the education and leadership development of its youth. ASPIRA of PA was awarded management of Olney Charter High School by the local district.

ASPIRA will repair and upgrade the field at Olney Charter High School to make it safe and playable. The grant will be used to help renovate the field house, install new bleachers and lighting, improve the lighting and the security fencing. ASPIRA will provide the match funding for the project.

Kiski Area High School-Vandergrift, PA
Kiski Area High School Football Field

Kiski Area High School has been awarded a \$200,000 grant from the NFL Foundation Grassroots Program to help finance the installation of a synthetic turf surface on their current football field.

The Kiski Area School District, located in northeast metropolitan Pittsburgh in Westmoreland and Armstrong Counties, was founded in 1958. The district serves 3800 students in four K-4 schools, one intermediate school and one high school. All of the schools are in low income communities.

The current field at Kiski High School is an overused grass field that is experiencing extreme wear and tear. Installing a synthetic playing surface will allow the field to be used by all the students in grades 7-12 (1800 students) for physical education, all levels of football, and help expand recreation partnerships with local community groups.

Kiski Area School District will match the Grassroots grant. The Pittsburgh Steelers are in support of the project.

The Salvation Army DFW Metroplex Command-Dallas, Texas
North Texas Youth Education Town

The Salvation Army DFW Metroplex Command has been awarded a \$200,000 field surface grant from the NFL Foundation Grassroots Program to help finance the construction of a synthetic surface football field at North Texas Youth Education Town.

In 2014, The Salvation Army marked its 125th year of service in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area. The 22 Salvation Army centers across DFW address more than 70 areas of social concern and served more than 100,000 citizens in 2013. Salvation Army community centers give children educational support in the form of homework assistance, access to computer labs, and training in music, art and athletics.

In 2011, the Dallas Cowboys, North Texas Super Bowl XLV Host Committee and NFL Foundation selected The Salvation Army to operate the region's first Youth Education Town (YET) in Arlington, Texas. The YET opened in 2013 with the mission to help meet participants' physical, social, psychological and spiritual well-being. Programs are designed to be accessible and affordable for families living in poverty and to help children succeed in school and beyond.

The new field at North Texas YET will be used by the YET's youth football programs, supplemental programs like NFL Play 60 and NFL Punt, Pass & Kick. The YET will also provide supervised, non-structured recreation programs for its members.

The Salvation Army will match the NFL Foundation Grassroots Program grant.

KIPP Houston-Houston, TX
KIPP Southeast

KIPP Houston Public Schools has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the NFL Foundation Grassroots Program to help finance the construction of a grass surface football field at KIPP's Southeast Campus.

KIPP (Knowledge Is Power Program) was created in response to the scarcity of world-class, high performing educational choices available to low-income and minority students. KIPP's mission is to develop in underserved students, the academic skills, intellectual habits, and qualities of character needed to succeed.

KIPP will use the award to build a football field on its Southeast Campus. The field will be used for school athletic competitions, physical education and by local youth football leagues, serving over 2000 young people.

The Project has the support of the Houston Texans and is affiliated with US Football and Heads-UP.

Arlington School District-Arlington, Washington
John C. Larson Stadium

The NFL Foundation Grassroots Program has awarded the Arlington School District a \$200,000 field surface grant to install a synthetic playing surface at John C. Larson Stadium at Arlington High School.

Arlington School District is located approximately 40 miles north of Seattle Washington. The District was established in 1923 and currently has nine schools serving 5400 students in grades preschool through 12.

John C. Larson Stadium is located at Arlington High School, a 256,000 square foot compressive 4A high school that opened in 2003. The grass field will be replaced with synthetic turf. With the new field, usage at John C. Larson is expected to increase by 100 percent. The Arlington Youth Football League would be one of the main beneficiaries of the new field along with other local community groups.

Arlington School District will match the Grassroots Program grant. The Seattle Seahawks support this project.

Howard-Suamico School District-Green Bay, WI
Bay Port High School

The NFL Foundation Grassroots Program has awarded the Howard-Suamico (Wisconsin) School District a \$200,000 grant to help install a new synthetic sports surface at Bay Port High School.

Howard-Suamico School District is located in the northeastern Wisconsin Villages of Howard and Suamico—eight miles northwest of the Green Bay Packers’ iconic Lambeau Field. The District is widely regarded as an exemplary system and Bay Port High School has been recognized by both *Newsweek* and *The Washington Post* as one of the best high schools in the nation.

The new field at Bay Port High School will be called “Pirate Pride Field”. The new field will feature a synthetic sports turf that will better accommodate the large number of sports activities played on the field as well as the harsh Wisconsin winters. The new Pirate Pride Field will be used by the 12 high schools that comprise the local football conference and five community sports organizations.

The Howard-Suamico School District will provide matching funds for the grant. This project has the support of the Green Bay Packers.