

Frequently Asked Questions

Q1. Regarding the full-time employee requirement- Does that employee have to be paid employee?

Answer: The employees would have to be paid staff.

Q2. What if a **volunteer non-profit organization** wants to partner with a local Parks and Recreation Department?

Answer: The non-profit partner needs to demonstrate that there is at least one full-time paid staff member, since the non-profit organization will be functioning as the fiscal agent. An MOU will need to be included that outlines the specific roles and responsibilities of the non-profit and the Parks & Recreation Department related to the field project.

Q3. Can you explain the low- and moderate-income requirement?

Answer: You can check with your local school district and look at the percentage of youth who qualify for free and reduced lunches. (minimal 30 % will be considered)

Q4. What is considered in the NFL area for qualifications?

Answer: Applicants considered must be located within the target markets listed in the RFP Target Markets.

Q5. If a school is a public school and not a 501c3., do they need to go through a fiscal sponsor? Can they provide alternative documentation? For example, NCES. Documentation.

Answer: Yes. Most school districts are already designated as tax exempt so the tax-exempt State or City document should be included in the proposal submission.

Q6. Can the in-kind donations be applied to the \$250 match for synthetic fields, \$150 k. Match or do in kind donations need to go beyond the dollar-for-dollar 250k?

Answer: We are saying minimally, you must present that you have at least \$250,000, \$100,000 or \$50,000 depending on the proposal you put forward- whether it is in kind or cash, you must have the equivalent match for the amount for which you are applying. But those proposals that will be considered a priority should demonstrate that they have the funding for the entire project in place. (minus the amount requested from the NFL Grassroots Program)

Q7. Can the match funds be unrestricted operating donations, or do they need to be directed at the field athletic equipment?

Answer: Specifically, it must be directed toward the actual field refurbishment/construction (not athletic equipment).

Frequently Asked Questions Cont.

Q8. If my non-profit was awarded a grant from this program NFL, 5 years ago. But for another branch location can we still apply if it is for another location?

Answer: We will review and consider it. So long as the requests is not for the location previously funded.

Q9. Can turf be used to service multiple sports if football is one of them?

Answer: Yes, we understand that, often, these fields are the only fields in the community and used for multiple activities. The proposal should, however, demonstrate that youth football is scheduled for use on the field.

Q10. If awarded, what does the Grant reporting process look like?

Answer: If awarded, you will be required to submit monthly project updates regarding the progress of the project until it is completed. Specific precedents to disbursements will be outlined in the actual grant agreement if awarded and will identify the specific required documentation needed to be submitted before funds are released.

Q11. Can the proposal include the access or the ability to have bleachers, scoreboards, lockable concessions, things?

Answer: It depends on the specific amount requested. Are you applying for the field surface or amenities, scoreboards to bleachers? Funding levels as outlined in the RFP are \$250,000 for synthetic turf, \$100,000 for grass/natural turf and \$50,000 for field amenities such as bleachers, scoreboards, fencing, lighting, etc. Applications will only be considered for one level of funding.