



FIELD OF DREAMS INITIAL APPLICATION

Field Of Dreams is Jays Care Foundation’s signature infrastructure granting program. We partner with a wide variety of organizations and grassroots groups to help build, revitalize, expand, and enhance safe play spaces for children and youth across Canada.

Applicants are required to complete the following letter of inquiry (LOI) application as the first phase of the application process. If the LOI is deemed successful, your organization will be invited to submit a full proposal application. For more information on the granting process, timelines, and eligibility requirements, please see the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) section at the end of this form.

To be considered, this application must be submitted to fieldofdreams@bluejays.com by:
5:00 PM ET on Friday, October 29th

CONTACT INFORMATION			
Organization Name:			
Organization Mailing Address:			
Website:			
Non-Profit/Registered Charity Number:			
<u>Primary Organization Contact</u>			
Name and title:		Phone:	
Email Address:			
<u>Secondary Organization Contact</u>			
Name and title:		Phone:	
Email Address:			



ORGANIZATION INFORMATION	
Mission Statement and Organizational Goals:	
Brief summary of your organization's history (100-word limit):	
Description of the current programs and activities (200-word limit):	



Description of COVID-19 Safety Protocols: <i>Please list any protocols your organization has implemented to ensure player and/or spectator safety in response to COVID-19</i> <i>Ex. Extended dugouts to allow for social distancing</i>	

PROJECT DETAILS	
Project Name/Title:	
Please provide the full address of the project location:	
Is the project located on City property? (Y/N)	
Have you received initial approval from the property owner for your project? <i>If so, please attach the proper documentation to your application submission.</i> <i>If not, please explain why.</i> *Note: Project <u>must</u> have requisite permits by November 30 th , 2021 to be considered for funding.	
Please provide a detailed description of the project, including the following: 1. Project Completion Date	



<p>2. Specific work to be done and intended results. <i>Ex. Widen dugouts to allow access for wheelchairs</i></p>	
<p>Please clearly explain what you hope to address (issue/needs) with the success of this project (200-word limit): <i>Ex. Correct drainage issues to minimize lost playing time due to flooding</i></p>	

FUNDING DETAILS	
<p>What is the total cost of the project?</p>	
<p>How much funding are you requesting from Jays Care Foundation? Please specify an exact value. <i>Ex. \$10,000</i></p>	
<p>Please provide a detailed breakdown of how JCF funds will be used.</p>	



Have you applied for any other funding for this project? If YES, please indicate the amount(s) requested from each organization and status of the funding.	Organization	Amount Requested	Amount Secured	Status (funded, rejected, pending)
	<i>Ex. Trillium Foundation</i>	<i>\$50,000</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>Decision pending – Nov. 30th, 2021</i>

IMPACT & REACH	
Who currently utilizes the space? Who will benefit from the completion of the project?	
Please describe the neighbourhood(s) being served, and address the following: 1. Is the space/field in a priority neighbourhood with minimal alternatives? 2. How will the community benefit? <i>Please provide as much demographic, and socio-economic</i>	



<i>information about the community, if possible.</i>		
Current number of children and youth your organization serves annually <i>through organized programming</i> (by age).	Age Range	Number
	Under 5	
	5 – 13	
	14 – 18	
	19+	
If you receive funding from Jays Care, will you be able to serve more children & youth? If so, please describe the proposed impact in detail. <i>Ex. With lighting at the baseball diamond, 50 additional 10-12 year-olds will be able to practice 4 hours per week</i>		

ADDITIONAL DETAILS	
How would Jays Care Foundation’s support be acknowledged? (100-word limit) <i>Ex. Permanent signage, social media posts, tournaments, etc.</i>	
Additional information to support your application (100-word limit).	



<p>How did you hear about the Field Of Dreams grant program?</p> <p><i>Ex. Promotions during Blue Jays broadcast, social media, Jays Care webpage, etc.</i></p>	
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DOCUMENTS	
<p>Please provide a snapshot of your organization’s current financial position (ex. Audited financial statements or most recent financial statements, operating budget, etc.)</p>	<p>ATTACH TO EMAIL SUBMISSION</p>
<p>Please provide 3-4 pictures of the current space and/or a short video. This is your opportunity to help us envision the community and understand why this project is necessary. Please note the video is optional but will be considered a strong asset.</p>	<p>ATTACH TO EMAIL SUBMISSION</p>

SUBMISSION GUIDE:

Before you send in your application, please ensure you have included the following requirements in your email:

- Completed all questions on the Initial Application (above)
- Property Permit (If not available, ensure proper explanation in PROJECT DETAILS section)
- Financial Snapshot (ex. Audited financial statements or most recent financial statements, operating budget, etc.)
- Pictures/Video (3-4 pictures of the current space and/or a short video)
 - Do not send photos with fields covered in snow
 - Do not take photos through chain links
 - Photos must be in colour and in-focus



Field Of Dreams Frequently Asked Questions

1. How long is the application process?

The process takes approximately six months. Initial applications are made available in mid-September and are due the last Friday in October. In mid-December, all applicants are notified of preliminary decisions and select applicants are invited to submit a full proposal by the last Friday in January.

After review, the Grants Committee makes recommendations to the Board of Directors who vote to approve funding in late March. All applicants are notified of final decisions shortly thereafter. Awards are announced publicly in early April.

2. My project is not a baseball diamond, can I still apply for Field Of Dreams funding?

Yes! In addition to baseball and softball diamonds, we fund capital improvements to other athletic facilities such as gyms and multi-sport courts

3. My organization does not have audited financial statements, what should I do?

We realize that not all organizations that are eligible for Field Of Dreams funding will have audited financial statements. If you do not, please provide your organization's most recent budget or bank statement.

4. Does Field Of Dreams fund the purchase of sports equipment?

No, funding may be used only for capital expenses. Please see below for a complete list of eligible and ineligible expenses.

5. My application is too large to send via email, what should I do?

If your files are too large for your email server, we recommend using [Wetransfer](#), a free file-sharing service.

If submitting your application through email or other internet solutions is not a possibility due to inadequate internet access, you can request an offline application process by getting in touch with us (fieldofdreams@bluejays.com) at least two weeks before the application deadline.

6. I'm interested in submitting my application orally. What accommodations do you provide?

We recognize the significance of oral transmission of stories, histories, lessons and other knowledge to sustain identities for Indigenous communities. Please get in touch with us (fieldofdreams@bluejays.com) at least two weeks before the application deadline to request an oral submission process.



7. I don't yet have all the necessary permits for my project; can I still apply?

Yes, you may apply if you're in the process of securing any required permits. Should your proposal be selected to move to the second round, all permits need to be in place by the time full proposals are due at the end of November.

8. Does Field Of Dreams fund the construction of new batting cages?

No, we do not fund the construction of new batting cages. Where existing batting cages pose a significant safety hazard, Field Of Dreams funding may be used to make necessary repairs.

9. What can Field Of Dreams funding be used for?

We focus on projects that improve the safety or enable increased use of a space by children and youth, with priority placed on those facing barriers. Consequently, we do not fund the purchase or construction of scoreboards, washrooms, or large-scale grandstands. Please find a full list of eligible and ineligible expenses below:

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES:

- Covered dugouts
- Child-friendly spaces
- Accessibility improvements and upgrades
- Supplies, transportation and labour required to build or refurbish spaces
- Bleachers that do not exceed these restrictions:
 - 4-5 rows of seats **and** to a max of 27'L X 30"H X 81"D (height may vary).

INELIGIBLE EXPENSES:

- Maintenance fees for the space
- The purchase of land
- Scoreboards
- Large-scale bleachers and grandstands
- Playgrounds
- Washrooms
- Sports equipment
- Batting cages* (See Question 8 for exceptions)