

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 September and due on October 31st. In mid-December, all applicants are notified of preliminary decisions and select applicants are invited to submit a full proposal by January 31st. After review, our board votes to approve funding in late March and 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 operating budget and bank statement in lieu.

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.

6.) 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 January.

7.) 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.

SECOND ROUND

8.) What should be included in letters of support?

There are no requirements, per se. A brief description of the nature of the relationship with the organization providing the letter, number of years you've worked together and, if applicable, the amount of funding they may be contributing to the project would suffice.

9.) My organization does not have a T3010 A, what should I do?

In the "Missing Information Explanation" document, provide a brief description as to why you do not have this form (i.e. My organization is not a registered charity and therefore does not file a T3010A. We are an X,Y,Z type of entity)

10.) Does my organization need to have a child protection policy in place by the time I submit my application?

No, you do not need to have a policy in place when submitting your full proposal. Should your organization be awarded a grant, you will, however, need to complete online training and draft a written policy to receive the second installment of funding.

11.) The application requests recent photos without snow, but we've had snow on the ground for weeks. What should we do?

If you're not able to provide up-to-date, snow-free pictures, we'll accept older photos that clearly show the space and depict any issues you seek to address with Field Of Dreams funding (ie photos showing infield flooding, dilapidated fencing, outdated bleachers, etc.). Please provide the approximate date of each photo. If no other pictures are available, snow photos may be submitted.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES:

- Covered dug outs
- Child-friendly spaces
- Accessibility improvements and upgrades
- The supplies, transportation and labour required to build or refurbish spaces
- Equipment that is safe and has a long-life span
- 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 if it's 5 rows). This seats about 72 and holds approx. 500lbs.

INELIGIBLE EXPENSES:

- Maintenance fees for the space
- The purchase of land
- Scoreboards
- Large-scale bleachers and grandstands
- Playgrounds
- Washrooms
- Sports equipment
- Batting cages*

