

2016-2017 Parks Board Request for Funding

User Group / Organization Information

Name of User Group / Organization:	Red Lodge Youth Soccer League, Inc (RLYS)
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Funding Request

Amount of funding requested	\$2500
Matching funds or in-kind services provided by group / organization	\$1000, management of the project, and donated sampling equipment and expertise, if necessary.

Statement of Need / Project Description

<p><i>Statement of Need (discuss the challenge you are looking to overcome with this project)</i></p>	<p>RLYS wants to partner with the City of Red Lodge to build and maintain a soccer field on city-owned land, preferably at “upper” Coal Miner’s Park. This request follows extensive consideration of soccer field development with the City in 2010, and its priority as part of the City’s Master Plan developed in 2015. Upper Coal Miners park was previously a coal slack covered by a solid waste landfill.</p> <p>RLYS is a non-profit organization, 100 percent volunteer-run, serving year round needs hosting programs twice a year and skills camps in the summer for Red Lodge area youth. Red Lodge does not have a soccer field, so practices and games have been at makeshift non-soccer fields (Doug Brown, Palisades, Coal Miners Park Baseball fields, Lions Park, privately-owned hayfields, and other open spaces). Other programs and primary users take precedence over us for scheduling. These fields were not created for soccer play, so some may have uneven surfaces and potential safety hazards. Hauling goals and other heavy equipment from storage to various borrowed fields via trailers and trucks has been difficult over the years. Soccer is a popular and growing sport enjoyed not just by players, but by our community that supports them. Playing on and hosting games on a field designed for soccer would allow soccer players and their followers to identify with a special place they can call their own.</p> <p>RLYS wants to conduct a geotechnical report of Upper Coal Miners Park before the City commits this area for a soccer field and RLYS begins the design and build portion of the project.</p>
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<p><i>Project Description (How are you seeking to resolve the above challenge? Who will implement and manage the project? How will the money be used? Please note that the Board may request a separate budget if the project is complex.</i></p>	<p>Our first step in this major capital project is to confirm that the selected field location is safe and suitable for use. The \$2500 City funds plus \$1000 RLYS funds will be used to conduct a professional geotechnical review focusing on soil stability, settlement, and drainage. We will ask for a projection of what is likely to happen if the former solid waste landfill or coal slack is disturbed to build the soccer field. We will request a recommendation on field surface alternatives.</p> <p>This review will use former studies and reports conducted on or near the site, data already collected and analyzed on or near the site, correspondence or prior consultation with Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MTDEQ) and other relevant information. We may or may not require additional on-site sampling and analysis.</p> <p>Upper Coal Miner’s Park – the elevated mound north of the High School, south of Miners Memorial Park, and east of the parking area at the Coal Miner’s baseball complex - was part of a 1984-1985 60-acre project to re-grade the coal waste materials at the North Red Lodge Dump and re-contour the Airport Dump site. The project was designed by the L.C Hanson Company as a subset of the larger 1983 Kiewit and Sons Mining and Engineering Project that studied several coal waste sites in the Red Lodge vicinity. The contractor was Swan and Sons Construction of Anaconda, MT.</p> <p>The engineering project was completed concurrent with creation of what is now called the Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary. Baseball fields were constructed on the lower level. The new Red Lodge High School was constructed on the south end of this area and opened to students in 2009.</p> <p>The results of the geotechnical review will indicate a go-ahead on design and any additional work necessary to develop the site. Soccer would be the predominant use of the field, but dovetail with disc golf use, mountain bike use, and walking trail use all currently located adjacent to the staked-out field location.</p> <p>RLYS would be responsible to recommend a professional with City Parks Board concurrence. RLYS will interface with the contractor and MTDEQ.</p>
<p><i>Benefit (who and how many will benefit from this project?)</i></p>	<p>The field building project will begin this year with expected completion date in late 2019 or early 2020. The geotechnical stage is expected to take three months from the date funding is awarded.</p> <p>A geotechnical report is a tool to communicate site conditions and design and construction recommendations to the site design and construction personnel. Without a geotechnical report, architects and engineers will have to make assumptions about design criteria. This could prove costly if unexpected adverse conditions are encountered during the building phase.</p> <p>200 area youth ages 4-19 who participate in RLYS programs annually and their families will be the direct beneficiaries. The business community will benefit when out of town teams and their families come to Red Lodge to play our teams.</p> <p>This project provides a shot in the arm to the initiative to make Coal Miners</p>

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<p><u>Project Sustainability</u> (<i>What is the short/long term maintenance plan for this project?</i>)</p>	<p>Once a geotechnical review is completed and results indicate Upper Coal Miners Park is suitable for a soccer field, we request the City of Red Lodge to formally commit the location to long term soccer field use (99 years).</p> <p>When the location is committed, RLYS will work with the City to develop a multi-year (2-4 years) design and build plan and we will conduct a capital campaign for funding the capital project.</p> <p>When the field is completed, it will belong to the City of Red Lodge. At that time, RLYS will enter into an Operations and Maintenance MOU with the City of Red Lodge.</p>

Please submit completed form to Red Lodge City Planner, PO Box 9, Red Lodge MT 59098 or jcaniglia@cityofredlodge.com

Funding Requests should be submitted by August 12, 2016. Funds may be requested at a later date if there is still money in the budget for funding requests.