



February 23, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written in support of KOOTASCA Community Action's application for the IRRRB Culture and Tourism grant. The City of Grand Rapids looks forward to partnering with KOOTASCA in the development of a fully accessible playground at the former Murphy elementary school location.

The location and the accessibility of the playground will reach a population of underserved children and families. Currently, a community playground does not exist within several city blocks of the former Murphy school and the accessibility of our community's existing playgrounds is limited.

To support KOOTASCA in their efforts the City of Grand Rapids is ready to commit \$5,000 to the project and assist with in-kind services. We strongly support KOOTASCA Community Action's plans for a fully accessible playground and hope that you will look favorably upon their application.

Regards,

Tom Pagel
City Administrator