



# RECOMMENDATION

Recommended:

Not Recommended:

Project Title:

Applicant Organization:

Amount Requested:

Brief Project Description (limit to space provided, below)

The rapid growth in the Tri-Lakes area has led to a serious lack of outdoor facilities. The Palmer Lake Parks Commission, working with the community, identified both a need and an ideal location for the solution. Palmer Lake's Centennial Park has a large portion of public property that is currently unused and unusable - it is bare dirt. A community survey and discussions with local youth athletic clubs identified a multi-use field as the greatest community need that would fit the available space. GOCO community impact funds would allow the town to address this need.

## Recommendation Feedback

Comments suggest a need for a more diverse funding strategy and caution against relying heavily on a single or limited sources of funding. The application could be strengthened by exploring and involving more funders to support the project.

While youth and sports club input was significant, there is a perception that engagement might be narrow. Expanding the engagement to include a wider section of the community and other recreational interests could make the project more compelling.

The reliance on volunteer groups for maintenance and the inclusion of maintenance costs in the budget were seen as potential issues. Clarifying the long-term sustainability plan for the field and exploring more robust maintenance solutions could address these concerns.

Some comments questioned the necessity of the field based on the current availability of sports facilities within a drivable distance and the decision to use artificial turf, which has a limited lifespan and specific maintenance requirements.

Remove maintenance from budget, too difficult to report for closing the grant. GOCO cannot fund contingency.