



GRASSROOTS
Field Grant Program in partnership with LISC

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The NFL Foundation Grassroots Program

The NFL Foundation Grassroots Program is a partnership of the National Football League (NFL) Foundation, which provides funding for the Program, and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), which provides technical assistance and manages the Program. The goal of the Program is to provide nonprofit, neighborhood-based organizations with financial and technical assistance to improve the quality, safety, and accessibility of local football fields.

WHAT WE'RE OFFERING

The NFL Foundation Grassroots Program provides grants of up to \$250,000 for capital improvement projects and will require 1:1 match funding. Strong preference will be given to those proposals that (1) seek to upgrade existing facilities that are in poor condition or otherwise underutilized; (2) demonstrate active use of the fields; (3) attract matching funding that exceeds the minimum required match of 1:1. (4) involve local partnerships with nonprofit community partners (e.g., USA Football, Parks and Recreation Departments, YMCA branches, etc.) to promote youth sports safety and community programming on the fields; (5) provide for continuing maintenance and field safety; and (6) involve youth football programs that are currently registered and compliant with USA Football's Football Development Model education program.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Non-profit community-based organizations leading renovation projects are eligible to apply. This includes schools and local parks and recreation departments that are collaborating with local non-profits. Universities and college campuses are not eligible for this initiative.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested organizations should carefully review the [Request for Proposals](#) which outlines eligibility and selection criteria. **The application deadline is March 30, 2026.** We invite prospective applicants to join the informational webinar on January 14, 2026 (see below).

INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR

LISC will host an informational webinar about the RFP on January 14, 2026, at 1 p.m. Eastern. Register for the webinar at the following link: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#). A recording of the webinar will be available on the [LISC website](#) after January 14th.

TIMELINE

The grantmaking process will run from **December to June 2026**. Key dates include:

- RFP Launch: December 15, 2026
- RFP Informational Webinar: January 14, 2026
- Proposal Submission Deadline: March 30, 2026
- Proposal Review Process: April 2026 to May 2026
- Anticipated Award Notifications and Announcements: End of June 2026

QUESTIONS?

Potential applicants may direct questions to Sportsandyouthdevelopment@lisc.org