

Tempe Elementary School District No. 3- Tempe, AZ

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Escalante Park

The NFL Foundation Grassroots Program has awarded Tempe Elementary School District No. 3 a \$100,000 field surface grant to help install a natural turf football field at Escalante Park.

Flora Threw Elementary School is collaborating with the City of Tempe to install a natural turf field at Escalante Park. Flora Threw Elementary School is a Title I school that serves approximately 650 kindergarten through fifth grade students, predominately from low income families. Flora Threw Elementary School's mission is to provide "a welcoming community, celebrating diversity and instilling responsibility where every child succeeds."

Escalante Park is located adjacent to Flora Threw Elementary School. Escalante Park is a 10-acre neighborhood park with a baseball diamond, basketball courts, picnic area, a playground, and a community garden. Currently, the park does not have a football field; all of the football fields in northern Tempe are at high schools. Installation of a football field will allow for the City of Tempe Recreation Division to offer their flag football program at the facility and enable children from grades K-8 to get involved with the sport. The installation of a football field is part of a larger park improvement plan that includes several other safety and usability improvements at the park.

The City of Tempe is providing match funding for the NFL Foundation Grassroots Program grant.

## East Bay Asian Youth Center- Oakland, CA

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### Elmhurst Middle Campus

The NFL Foundation Grassroots Program has awarded East Bay Asian Youth Center a \$200,000 field surface grant to help install a synthetic turf surface at Elmhurst Campus.

The East Bay Asian Youth Center (EBAYC) is dedicated to supporting young people and encouraging safe, smart, and socially responsible activities. The center is located in the San Antonio neighborhood district in Oakland and serves over 2,000 children, youth, and young adults in Oakland's San Antonio, Eastlake, and Chinatown neighborhoods.

The Elmhurst Middle Campus is composed of two middle schools: Elmhurst Community Prep and Alliance Academy. Elmhurst Community Prep serves approximately 375 students and Alliance Academy 360 students. Both schools have largely economically disadvantaged, diverse student populations.

The NFL Grassroots grant will assist with the installation of a 40,000 square-foot artificial turf at Elmhurst Middle Campus. The new field will replace a hazardous, often unusable play yard. The new field will be utilized by students at Alliance Academy, Elmhurst Community Prep, and the Oakland Dynamites (a citywide youth football league). EBAYC is partnering with Oakland Unified School District, the Unity Council, and the Oakland Schoolyard Initiative to complete this project.

Oakland Unified School District is providing match funding for this project.

## High Point Academy (HPA) - Aurora, CO

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### High Point Academy Field

High Point Academy has been awarded a \$200,000 field surface grant by the NFL Foundation Grassroots Program to help install a synthetic turf surface at High Point Academy Field.

High Point Academy serves students in preschool through eighth grade in the greater Denver and Aurora area. The Academy's mission is to "provide a strong foundation of academic excellence in partnership with family and community in which each individual is challenged to achieve their highest potential academically, socially, and personally."

HPA will utilize 10 acres of undeveloped land located directly south of the school to install a field, parking lot, gazebo, bathrooms, and a playground. HPA serves 750 students. The field will support around 450 youth football players and will be used for recess and other school activities as well. When HPA does not have scheduled events, local residents and community groups will have access to the field. High Point Academy Field will serve an estimated 3,000 youth and 13,000 households.

High Point Academy will match the NFL Foundation Grassroots Program grant. The Denver Broncos support this project.

Metro North Community Development Corporation– Jacksonville, FL

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Scott Park Football Field

Metro North Community Development Corporation (MNDC) is the recipient of a \$100,000 general field support grant from the NFL Foundation Grassroots Program to help refurbish the football field at Scott Park Football Field.

MNCDC is a not-for-profit organization, founded in 2001, that focuses on redeveloping Jacksonville's urban center and Northwest parts of town. The organization's goal is to improve the quality of life in Jacksonville through real estate development, residential and commercial rehabilitation and community programs.

Scott Park is a large community resource with several baseball diamonds, a community center, playground equipment, restrooms, tennis courts, and basketball courts. However, the park does not have a quality designated area for youth football. This grant will aid in the installation of high quality sod that will benefit several local youth football teams, with approximately 250-300 football players and 50-60 cheerleaders.

The City of Jacksonville will provide match funding for this project and coordinate project management with MNCDC. The Jacksonville Jaguars fully support this project.

Can-Do, Inc. – Tampa Bay, FL  
Jackson Heights Community Center

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With the help of a \$200,000 NFL Foundation Grassroots Program field surface grant, Can-Do, Inc. will install a synthetic playing field at Jackson Heights Community Center.

Can-Do, Inc.'s mission is to enhance athletic programs offered to thousands of low to middle income children living in the Tampa area. Since its start in 1994, Can-Do Inc. has served over 12,600 students.

Can-Do, Inc. will work with the City of Tampa to complete installation of a turf field at Jackson Heights Community Center in East Tampa. The field serves as a home to youth football, other school/intramural sport leagues, and summer camp events. The grass football field at the Center cannot withstand the volume of programs currently offered.

The NFL Foundation Grassroots Program grant will be matched by the City of Tampa and the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers are in support of this project.

Peoria Public School District 150 – Peoria, IL

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Manual Academy

The NFL Foundation Grassroots Program has awarded Peoria Public School District 150 a \$50,000 general field support grant to help upgrade the football field at Manual Academy.

Approximately 14,000 students are enrolled in Peoria Public School District 150 schools. Manual Academy serves a diverse student body and is located in a low income community. The football field at Manual Academy hosts a substantial number of sporting and community events, however its usage is limited by its lack of lighting.

Manual Academy football field hosts high school varsity and junior varsity, peewee, and squirt football leagues. However, the field is not being utilized to the fullest, as it is unable to host night games. With the installation of lights, the local Junior Football League will begin scheduling night games and practices at the field.

Peoria Public School District 150 will match the NFL Foundation Grassroots Program grant.

## S.A.Y. Detroit – Detroit, Michigan

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### S.A.Y. (Sports, Academics, Youth) Detroit Play Center at Lipke Park

The NFL Foundation Grassroots Program has awarded the S.A.Y. Detroit a \$200,000 field surface grant to help install a synthetic playing field at S.A.Y. Detroit Play Center at Lipke Park.

S.A.Y. (Super All Year) Detroit is a 501(c) (3) charity that was formed in 2006. They have a mission of assisting homeless and low income individuals and families in Detroit. Recently the group's focus expanded to include youth recreation.

S.A.Y. Detroit Play Center is located in Detroit's east side, in Osborn neighborhood. It is currently closed because of city budget cuts. S.A.Y. Detroit is leading a comprehensive revitalization project to reopen the facility and increase its capacity to serve the youth of Detroit. The project includes a synthetic turf football field, a 9,000 square foot digital learning center, recording studio, gym, dance and weight rooms, baseball diamond, soccer, and lacrosse fields.

S.A.Y. Detroit Play Center will eventually serve as a resource for all young people in Detroit. They are currently working with the Police Athletic League and local high schools to coordinate programming for the facilities.

The City of Detroit and Detroit Lions Quarterback Matthew Stafford's Score7 Foundation are providing match funding for the NFL Foundation Grassroots Program grant. The Detroit Lions are in support of this project.

Neighborhood House – St. Paul, MN  
El Rio Vista (Neighborhood House) Field

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The NFL Foundation Grassroots Program has awarded Neighborhood House a \$200,000 grant to help install a synthetic turf surface at El Rio Vista / Neighborhood House Field.

Neighborhood House is a nonprofit organization based in St. Paul's West Side neighborhood with a mission of helping people, families, and organizations developing skills, knowledge and confidence to thrive in diverse communities.

Through a partnership with the City of St. Paul's Parks and Recreation Department and the West Side Boosters Youth Athletic Club, Neighborhood House is renovating El Rio Vista / Neighborhood House football field and installing a synthetic turf surface. The field is currently in very poor condition; this project will address several safety and usability concerns. Additionally, the field is utilized by youth soccer, baseball, school recess, and physical education classes. The installation of a new synthetic turf surface is expected to attract additional youth to the facility for these programs. Currently, approximately 250 youth participate in football on the field.

The City of St. Paul will match the NFL Foundation Grassroots Program grant. The Minnesota Vikings are in support of this project.



Kansas City Public Schools – Kansas City, MO

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Northeast Campus Football Field

Kansas City Public Schools (KCPS) will use a \$200,000 field surface grant from the NFL Foundation Grassroots Program to help finance the installation of a synthetic playing field at Northeast Campus Football Field.

Kansas City Public Schools was organized in 1867 and currently is composed of 40 schools. Northeast Campus Football Field serves approximately 1,400 students from both Northeast Middle and Northeast High Schools.

The installation of a synthetic turf surface at the Northeast Campus is part of a larger revitalization project. The revitalization project includes a new synthetic playing surface, sidewalks, security system, bleachers, lighting, parking and a storage facility. The stadium is used for high school and middle school football, field days, and classes, as well as school, community, and neighborhood sports leagues.

Match funding will be provided by KCPS. The Kansas City Chiefs support this project.

Mathews-Dickey Boys' & Girls' Club – St. Louis, MO

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James "Cool Papa" Bell Stadium

The NFL Foundation Grassroots Program has awarded Mathew-Dickey Boys' & Girls' Club a \$50,000 general field support grant to update and install several of the facilities at James "Cool Papa" Bell Stadium.

Mathews-Dickey Boys' & Girls' Club's mission is to instill young people with the desire to lead healthy and productive lives while emphasizing three R's- respect, restraint, and responsibility, through athletics and team activities. The Club's football and cheerleading program have served over 20,000 children in the past four decades. James "Cool Papa" Bell Stadium currently hosts over 145 football games each year, allowing more than 1,600 youth to engage in the sport.

James "Cool Papa" Bell Stadium is located in the Penrose neighborhood of St. Louis. While the stadium is well-maintained, several of the facilities are worn out, out-of-date, or in need of upgrading or renovating. The NFL Foundation Grassroots Grant will assist in financing several site improvements including a new scoreboard, press box and restroom renovations, a new PA system, irrigation system upgrades, as well as the installation of a security system.

Mathews-Dickey Boys' & Girls' Club is providing match funding for this project. The St. Louis Rams are in support of this project.

Friends of TEAM Charter Schools - Newark, NJ

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Newark Collegiate Academy Field

The NFL Foundation Grassroots Program has awarded Friends of TEAM Charter Schools a \$200,000 field surface grant to help install a synthetic field at Newark Collegiate Academy Field.

TEAM Charter Schools in Newark is affiliated with KIPP NJ. In Newark, KIPP NJ's schools serve more than 2,700 students. The organization's mission is to create a network of schools that instills students with a desire and ability to succeed in college and change the world.

Friends of TEAM will construct an athletic field on a two and a quarter acre plot of land that was the former location of the Boys and Girls Club of Newark. The new field will primarily serve the 600 students at TEAM's high school, Newark Collegiate Academy (NCA). For the past two seasons, the NCA football team has only played away games. The new field will allow for home games and enable the school to expand its athletic programming.

Friends of TEAM will match the NFL Foundation Grassroots Program grant. The New York Giants support this project.

NYC Department of Education – Long Island City, NY

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Queens High School of Teaching

The NFL Foundation Grassroots Program has awarded the NYC Department of Education a \$200,000 field surface grant to help install a synthetic playing field at Queens High School of Teaching.

New York City has the nation largest public school system, with more than a million students, and over 1,800 schools. NYC Department of Education seeks to prepare its students to fulfill their potential in college and careers as well as in enjoying good health.

Queens High School of Teaching is on the border of Jamaica Queens and Glen Oaks Long Island. The installation of synthetic turf at Queens High School of Teaching's athletic complex is part of a comprehensive redevelopment project. After completion of the redevelopment project, the facility will accommodate 2,000 to 3,000 student athletes each week.

The NYC Department of Education is providing match funding for the NFL Foundation Grassroots Program grant. The NY Jets support this project.

Rochester City School District- Rochester, NY

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Franklin Campus

Rochester City School District has been awarded a \$200,000 field surface grant by the NFL Foundation Grassroots Program to help install a synthetic playing field at Franklin Campus.

Nearly 30,000 students in grades K-12 are enrolled in Rochester City School District schools. Franklin Campus is home to two schools: Vanguard Collegiate High School and Integrated Arts and Technology High School. The two schools have a combined enrollment of nearly 1,000 students and both schools have largely economically disadvantaged, diverse student populations.

Franklin Campus field is heavily utilized for football and other sports. The installation of a new synthetic turf field will allow Rochester City School District to schedule additional football events, school related physical education activities, and other additional sports and recreation programming.

Rochester City School District is providing match funds for the grant. The Buffalo Bills support this project.

Jackson County Public School District- Sylva, NC  
Smoky Mountain High School Football Field

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With the help of \$200,000 field surface grant from the NFL Foundation Grassroots Grant Program, Jackson County Public School District (JCPS) will upgrade the existing playing field at Smoky Mountain High School.

JCPS serves a geographically diverse and economically disadvantaged area in rural Western North Carolina. The nine schools in the district serve over 3,500 students.

Smoky Mountain High School Football Field or “Carl Hooper” stadium is home to several youth sports leagues; the stadium hosts a total of nineteen local teams. Additionally, it is the only football field in the district. It is heavily utilized from August until May each year. Currently, the school district must limit practice opportunities and community field usage of the field because the grass surface needs time for recovery and extensive maintenance efforts. To address maintenance issues and enable greater field usage, JCPS will install a synthetic turf surface.

The NFL Foundation Grassroots Grant will be matched by Jackson County Public Schools. The Carolina Panthers are in strong support of this project.

Windber Area School District (WASD) – Windber, PA

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Windber Stadium

The NFL Foundation Grassroots Program has awarded Windber Area School District a \$200,000 field surface grant to help install a synthetic playing field at Windber Stadium.

WASD is a rural school district that serves approximately 1,200 students in Western Pennsylvania. WASD's mission is to ensure all students opportunities to acquire knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to become responsible citizens while preparing them for a life of continual growth and learning. The district serves a largely economically disadvantaged student population.

The renovation of Windber Stadium is part of the Windber PRIDE Legacy Campaign. The campaign's goals are a comprehensive set of renovations including increasing the stadium's seating capacity, installation of a functioning scoreboard and speaker system, ensuring facilities are ADA compliant, and installing a synthetic turf field to address drainage and maintenance issues. The NFL Grassroots grant will be used to assist in the financing of the turf field installation.

WASD will match the NFL Foundation Grassroots Program grant.

Lakewood School District- North Lakewood, WA

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Dick Cardinal Stadium

With the help of a \$200,000 NFL Foundation Grassroots Program field surface grant, Lakewood School District will install a synthetic turf surface at Lakewood High School's Dick Cardinal Stadium.

Lakewood School District was established 1814 and has five schools. Dick Cardinal Stadium is located at Lakewood High School, which is the only high school in the district, and serves over 2,300 students.

The NFL Grassroots grant will support the installation of a synthetic turf surface to replace the existing grass field. The existing stadium's field has inadequate drainage and is unusable and unsafe for athletic events after rain several times each year. The installation of artificial turf will ensure youth have a more dependable place to participate in football, soccer, and other physical education programs.

Lakewood School District has secured local funding to match the NFL Foundation Grassroots Program grant. The Seattle Seahawks support this project.



La Crosse School District- La Crosse, WI  
Swanson Field Football Stadium

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With the help of a \$200,000 NFL Foundation Grassroots Program field surface grant, La Crosse School District will install a synthetic turf surface at Logan High School's Swanson Field Football Stadium.

Logan High School serves over 800 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students on the North Side of La Crosse. It was named one of the top 100 High Schools in U.S. News and World Report in 2007 and 2012 and recently earned a report card grade of "exceeding expectations" in Wisconsin State's assessment system.

Swanson field is located next to the Terry Erickson Boys' and Girls' Club of Greater La Crosse, across from Logan High School. Last year, over 400 youth from seventeen local communities and forty different schools utilized the field.

The NFL Grassroots grant will support the installation of a synthetic turf surface to replace the existing grass field. The existing field is difficult to maintain and requires significant investment each year. The installation of turf is part of a larger facilities renovation project that will greatly enhance the facility's capacity and ability to provide local youth a safe, quality place to play.

La Crosse School District has secured local funding to match the NFL Foundation Grassroots Program grant. The Green Bay Packers support this project.