

# Community Foundation Grant Program

## QUARTERLY GRANT

Date: April 15, 2010

NAME OF RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION: Elementary

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Project: Peaceful Playgrounds

**1. What are the beginning and ending dates of your project?**

This project will start as soon as we receive notification of grant approval. We have already secured a quote from the company and we are ready to purchase and implement as soon as possible. The project is expected to be completed by September 2010.

**2. Please provide a brief review/explanation of your project:**

The Peaceful Playground activity kit will be purchased and used to transform the Crater playground/community park into a safe, fun, positive and healthy area where youth can exercise their mind and bodies. The Peaceful Playground kit includes 100+ activity ideas, training materials, game rules, and stencils that can be used to paint new games/activities on blacktop area. This area and new activities can be used by school students, local residents and community members.

**3. How will your project benefit local area citizens?** The Elementary playground, blacktop area and field are used not only as a school playground for students attending Elementary but are also considered a Park and Recreation District Community Park. The current playground area is in need of updating as most parts are original to when the school was built 14 years ago. This area is used extensively by local residents who live in the area as well as families who have children participating in sporting activities year round at the adjoining public ball fields.

Research has documented that more playground markings result in more activity, and research on the Peaceful Playgrounds program indicates that physical activity increases significantly as a result of the program. In a nationwide survey of Peaceful Playground users, principals reported that with the implementation of the program at their school site, physical activity increased 87%, bullying incidents reduced by 66%, and schoolyard injuries decreased by 67%. Rather than waiting in line or standing around talking, the program's unique design allows students to be distributed evenly throughout the playing areas, engaging the maximum number of students in healthy, often educational, purposeful play.

We are very excited about this program and anticipate it will benefit the local area citizens by providing an area that encourages more healthy movement, positive social interactions, and increased learning through the learning nature of some of the activities. We are striving to build a new generation of healthy, active and intellectual youth and feel this program is a step in the right direction.

**4. Specifically, what will the funds purchase? (materials, personnel, time, etc.)**

The requested funds will purchase Stencils and Blueprints to assist with measurements, layout, spacing, age-appropriate game placement, and overall design of the playground/activity space. The program also offers four Activity Guides that include program overview, a consistent set of rules for each game, plus good sport coupons, certificates, playground report forms, and more. The activity guides also identify the motor skills each game or activity develops. Training development materials are included, also with conflict resolution strategies to model appropriate problem solving skills which we know is essential in the adult world of work. These funds will also purchase the paint and supplies necessary to use with the stencils and blueprints for new game/activity ideas painted on the blacktop area.

**5. From what sources and in what amount do you now receive funding?**

We have been able to collect \$119.88 from our Physical Education fund at Elementary to pay for shipping and handling of the program.

**6. From what other sources and in what amounts are you requesting financial help?**

This is the only request for this program we are making.

**Summary of amount requested:**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Peaceful Playgrounds Program Package	1	\$999.00 (discounted price)
Shipping and Handling (12%)		\$119.88
Paint and Painting supplies	5 gallons of paint, brushes, trays, tape	\$100.00
Other funding available from Crater Elementary		-119.88
<b>Total amount requested</b>		<b>\$1,118.88</b>

*Thank you for your consideration.*