

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

DATE February 7, 2023

NUMBER 64-2023

TITLE:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS 2023 LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the City of Orange Township desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Local Recreation Improvement Grant for approximately \$100,000.00 for the Colgate Park Basketball Court Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orange Township does hereby authorize the application for such a grant and recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer lesser or a greater amount upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the City of Orange Township does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the City of Orange Township and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith.

Adopted: **February 7, 2023**

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Tency A. Eason
Council President

**New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS**

STANDARD GRANT COVER SHEET

2023-04960-0955

1. DCA Program to Which Applicant is Applying: Local Recreational Improvement 2023			
2. Name of Applicant Agency Orange City Township			
3. Street Address 29 North Day Street			
City Orange	State New Jersey	Zip Code 07050-3608	County Essex
4. Official Contact Person The Honorable Dwayne D. Warren		Title Mayor	Phone number (973) 266-4005
5. Program Contact Person Ms. Ellie Serrano		Title	Phone Number (973) 952-6078
6. Proposed Project/Grant Title Colgate Park Basketball Court Subbase Improvements			
Program Type Local Recreational Improvement: Colgate Park Basketball Court			
7. Total Cost of the Project \$100,000	8. Requested Amount \$100,000		9. Funds from Other Sources \$0
10. Project Location (if Different from Applicant Agency) Colgate Park			
Street Address 257 New Street			
City Orange	State New Jersey	Zip 07050-3703	Room Number
11. Vendor Number 226002178-99		12. Employer ID 226002178	13. Tax Exempt ID
14. Area(s) Benefiting: Township of Orange City,			
15. Briefly describe the project for which you are seeking funds. To complete improvements to the basketball courts at Colgate Park			

16. a. Will any member of the Board of Directors/Trustees receive any direct or indirect personal or monetary gain from the funding of this grant?

Yes No

b. Does any member of the Board of Directors/Trustees serve on any board, council commission, committee or task force which has regulatory or advising influence on the funding program? Yes No

If yes, please describe:

17. Fiscal Contact Person
Ms. TaQuisha Knight

Title

Phone Number
(973) 952-6092

18. Agency Fiscal Year
1/1 to 12/31

19. Name of CPA Firm Appointed by Grantee

20. Certification: The applicant certifies that to the best of his/her knowledge and belief all data supplied in this application and attachments are true and correct. The document has been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant and further understands and agrees that any grant received as a result of this application shall be subject to the grant conditions and other policies, regulation, and rules issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs which include provisions described in grant applications instructions.

Name and Title of Applicant (Print)

Signature of Applicant

Date of Application

OBJECTIVES

Objective Number: 1

Short Description: Enhance Basketball Court Surface Quality

Detailed Description

The City of Orange Township is requesting funding to replace the flooring and subbase of the basketball courts located at Colgate Park in the City of Orange. The Colgate Park Basketball Court Improvement Project seeks to update this recreational facility that serves the physical and social needs of the surrounding community.

Methods

The City will complete this project by putting out an RFP for the requested service. The hired firm will complete the project within one year of the grant award notification.

Evaluation

The City will ask for public feedback on the newly renovated basketball courts. The City will offer surveys to collect data from members of the community.

Application Program Component: Colgate Park Basketball Court

Scope of Services

The City of Orange Township is an urban community in Essex County that is roughly ten miles from midtown New York City, and only three miles from the City of Newark, New Jersey's largest City. The Township is 2.2 square miles and maintains a population density of approximately 15,500 persons per square mile. Orange is one of the most culturally diverse, economically challenged, and densely populated municipalities in the State. According to the most recent Census, 74.9% of Orange residents rent and reside in multiunit homes, reiterating the need for accessible and safe open space. Approximately 1,114 families and 5,454 of our residents live below the federal poverty line, including 24.6% of residents under age 18 and 20.6% of those over the age of 65.

Orange Township is requesting \$100,000 in funding from the DCA Local Recreation Improvement Project to replace the flooring of the basketball courts at Colgate Park.

This project seeks to rehabilitate a dilapidated yet important open space into a first-class facility in the heart of Orange. The basketball courts need to be replaced to extend their lifespan and recreational usefulness.

The reconstruction of the basketball courts will help sustain the community's love for the sport. These facilities are not only used by the general public but used by the many summer camps and recreational programs in the community. Since Orange is a densely populated and majority low-income community, public spaces are vital to the health and quality of life to the people it serves. With the requested updates, the City anticipates an increase in attendance to the park. The City's plan to update Colgate Park will increase overall quality of life for the residents of Orange.

Local Recreational Improvement 2023
STATEMENT OF BOARD PRESIDENT

I have reviewed and/or discussed the above proposed grant application with the Named Applicant and make the following statement:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I am in support of this application
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COMMENTS

I support this application.

AGENCY DESCRIPTION

Briefly describe your agency and qualifications for implementing the proposed program project. Please include your agency's mission statement.

The City of Orange Township is the local government entity for Orange, New Jersey. The Department of Public Works maintains the condition of municipal facilities and the community's cleanliness and good appearance, including roads, buildings and grounds, and park facilities.

Signature of President of the Board of Treasury/Directors

Name of Board President:	Tency Eason
Title of Board President:	Council President
Address:	29 N Day Street
Address 2:	
City:	Orange
Zip:	07050
President of the Board:	

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I will upload the attachment(s).	386473-328258-council president letter.pdf
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Local Recreational Improvement 2023
STATEMENT OF MAYOR/COUNTY OFFICIAL

I have reviewed and/or discussed the above proposed grant application with the Named Applicant and make the following statement:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I am in support of this application and will work to integrate this service with others in this community, county and/or region.
COMMENTS	
I am in support of this application.	
Signature of Mayor or County Official	
Name:	Dwayne D. Warren
Title:	Mayor
Address:	29 N Day Street
Zip	07050
Mayor or County Officer	Mayor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I will upload the attachment(s). 386474-328268-mayor statement.pdf

Local Recreational Improvement 2023
AGENCY CAPACITY

DESCRIBE YOUR AGENCY'S CAPACITY TO SUCCESSFULLY EXECUTE THE PROJECT.

The City of Orange Township has consistently proven its ability to manage grant funding to successfully execute projects. The City of Orange Township has received funding from state, county, federal, and private sources and leveraged the awarded funds to improve the quality of life for its residents. The City of Orange Township is a vibrant place, filled with people committed to making it even better. Our mission is to serve the citizens of Orange in the areas of housing, public safety, cleaner neighborhoods, infrastructure enhancements, and an overall improvement in our quality of life.

The project will be managed by the Orange Department of Public Works. The Department of Public Works is responsible for the maintenance of the City's streets, buildings, and parks. This division also prepares, maintains, and updates the City's Master Plan. The Master Plan is based on three principals: sustainable development & redevelopment, managed growth, and a healthy community. One of the primary objectives of this department is providing the highest level of programs, facilities, and services for the community.

Local Recreational Improvement 2023
SCHEDULE A: PERSONNEL

Name of Employee: Marty Mayes

Position/Title: Director of Public Works

New Position: Yes x No

Vacant Position: Yes x No

Annual Salary: \$0.00

Annual Salary
Requested from State: \$0.00

Standard Weekly Work Hours: 0

Weekly Hours on this Project: 0

% of Hours on this Project: 0

% of salary from State: 0

Responsibilities/Duties:

As Director of Public Works, Marty Mayes will oversee the project including purchasing, grant administration, and contractor supervision.

Local Recreational Improvement 2023
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Instructions: Summarize the project description in the space below:

The City of Orange Township requests \$100,000 from the NJDCA Local Recreation Improvements Grant Program to resurface the flooring of the basketball courts at Colgate Park. The basketball court has deteriorated due to extensive use and exposure to the elements. The requested funds will be used to remove and discard of the current surface materials, purchase the necessary asphalt and geotextiles, and install the new subbase and surface. Colgate Park is located in the City's East Ward. It is .6 acres in size and includes two basketball courts, one pool, and one playground area. Orange has one regional park (Orange Park), two general use parks (Metcalf Park and Central Playground), two neighborhood parks (Alden Street Park and Colgate Park), one Mini-Park (Ropes Park) and two open space parks (William Street Park and Military Commons Park). The only other recreational site within the East ward is the military commons which is comprised of .5 acres of open space. The park is approximately 105 years of age, with some temporary updates done over the years. Colgate Park has not been completely renovated since the mid-1980s. The projects referenced in this application will facilitate an active and safe recreation area at Colgate Park. These improvements are long overdue and are critical to the sustainability of the infrastructure of the courts.

Local Recreational Improvement 2023
PROJECT NARRATIVE

Instructions: Summarize the project narrative in the space below:

The surface and subbase of the basketball court at Colgate Park have been degraded due to their extensive use and exposure to the elements. The basketball courts remain open year-round and are located outdoors without overhead protection. The popularity of basketball in the community is evident in the fact that it is the only recreational facility present in all four of the City's wards. Replacing the surface of the basketball courts will allow for its continued use and further the City's commitment to providing quality recreational facilities that meet the needs of its community.

The City of Orange Township will identify a qualified vendor through the issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP). Once this vendor is determined, they will be responsible for the improvements under the oversight of the Department of Public Works. This will include: the excavation of the site, procurement of materials, installation, and painting.

The City's commitment to providing quality recreational facilities has been long established. In 2013, the City utilized funding from the State to develop College Park, a multi-purpose recreation facility. In the Master Plan adopted in November of 2018, the City announced its intention to update its existing recreational facilities to align with the current open space and recreational trends. The Department of Recreation immediately began working towards achieving this initiative, building upon the existing recreational improvement programs. In 2019, the department used the \$10,000 awarded from the Bill Belichick Foundation to implement a youth lacrosse program. The Department of Public Works has also successfully leveraged funds from various sources to maintain and improve the quality of the recreational facilities available to its residents. The Department used funding from the DEP Green Acres program to build new amenities and update existing structure on Colgate Park, High Street Park, and Ropes Park. Funding from the DCA's Local Recreation Improvement Grant funded renovations to the pool and tennis courts on Metcalf Park.

The City of Orange Township currently ranks 21st on the Municipal Revitalization Index.

Local Recreational Improvement 2023
PROJECT STATEMENT OF NEED

Instructions: Summarize the statement of need in the space below:

The City of Orange Township is a densely populated urban area, that is projected to continue growing in population. There are currently 34,002 residents living within the City's 2.21 miles. Its population is extremely ethnically diverse, it is 59.2% Black, 4.9% White, 30.8% Hispanic, 1.5% Asian, and 3.6% Other or Two or More Races. The City has an unemployment rate of 5.3%, 21.4% of its residents live in poverty, and 20% of residents receive SNAP benefits. The City of Orange has been designated as a distressed city for all State and Federal programs. Colgate Park, specifically, is within an identified overburdened community census tract.

The high-density of the City results in an average of 15,568 people living per square mile. This far exceeds the State average of 1,263 people per square mile. Consequently, a majority of the population live in apartments or multi-family homes with little access to private spaces for recreation. This increases the importance of the City's commitment to providing quality public recreational facilities. These recreational spaces facilitate community bonds and promote mental and physical health. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) notes the importance of these spaces, urging communities to take the necessary steps to create and maintain them. The updates to the basketball courts in Colgate Park will help preserve an atmosphere that promotes exercise and social bonding.

Local Recreational Improvement 2023
PROJECT SCHEDULE AND WORK PLAN

Instructions: Summarize the project schedule and work plan in the space below:

The projected estimated timeline for this project is to begin in April 2023 and be completed no later than May 30, 2024, provided awards are made in April 2023. A detailed project timeline is defined below. Ultimately, the estimated total cost of this project is \$100,000.00.

- o Grant Awarded - April 2023
- o Bidding Documents prepared and released - April 2023 - June 2023
- o Start Construction - October 1, 2023
- o End Construction - May 1, 2024

Local Recreational Improvement 2023
OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING RELATED TO THIS APPLICATION

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Code</u>
n/a	\$0.00	(L)

Total Funds From Other Sources Related To This Application Only \$0.00

Local Recreational Improvement 2023

CERTIFICATION SHEETS

<i>If your Agency type is not required to answer any of the questions below, click the N/A radio button</i>			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
1.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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4.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If no, please explain:			
Non-government Agencies only—			
6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Local Recreational Improvement 2023

CERTIFICATION SHEETS

ATTACHMENTS	
Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension - Schedule G	
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Certification Regarding Lobbying - Schedule H	
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Resolution - Schedule I Or Local Match Only - Schedule I	
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IRS Determination Letter (New Applicants, Non-profit, Non-government only)	
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Organizational Chart (Non-government only)	
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Application Cover Page	
I will upload this attachment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/> 386475-314717-cover sheet.pdf
Please upload any third party agreement(s) that may be pertinent to this grant. (see application instructions for specific details)	
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