



# **FY 2021 Community Matching Fund**

## **Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities**

Park & Recreation Commission Meeting  
Public Hearing  
October 15, 2020

# Background

- RPCA established the Community Matching Fund with the approval of the FY 2017-FY 2026 Capital Improvement Budget.
- The Fund is part of RPCA's PARKnership Program, a program that oversees partnerships for the development, design, construction and operation of recreational and park facilities and/or programs.
- The Fund promotes collaborative partnerships among City of Alexandria community organizations by providing matching 1:1 dollars for groups that propose fundraising for park and recreation improvement projects.

# FY 2021 Funding

- In FY21, there are a total of \$25,000 City matching funds. RPCA will give 1:1 matching awards in an amount up to \$25,000. Awards may vary given in any amount between \$2,500 (for project totals of \$5,000) to \$25,000 (for project totals for \$50,000).
- Due to an applicant withdrawing from an FY20 project, an additional \$7,500 in City matching funds are available.
- **Total Available City Matching Funds in FY21 = \$32,500**
- The balance of City funding NOT awarded may as staff determines:
  - Rollover to the next fiscal year
  - Be used as a contingency for unexpected conditions (up to 10% of project total)
  - Be used for project management services

# FY 2021 Application/Award Process



- Any community group that lives and/or works in the City of Alexandria can apply for the matching fund. Proposals must show that the project will:
  - Provide a public benefit, free and open to all members of the public;
  - Be located on City owned parks property or recreational facility;
  - Emphasize self-help, with project ideas initiated, planned and implemented by the neighbors and community members impacted by the project; and
  - Demonstrate the ability to raise the community match within one year.
- Applications accepted March 1 through June 26\*
- Park Planning, Senior Management and technical staff experts reviewed the applications during summer
- Staff presented the applications and provided recommendations to the Park and Recreation Commission on September 17. Public comment period commenced September 24 - October 9.
- Park and Recreation Commission Public Hearing scheduled for October 15. Staff will provide final recommendations for award after the hearing.

# FY 2021 Applications

We received five applications, one of which did not meet project qualifications.

1. Lynhaven Gateway Park Improvements
2. Charles Hill Park Game Table (Note: On September 16 the applicant withdrew the application)
3. Luckett Field Batting Cages
4. Potomac Yard Fitness Court

**Staff recommends two projects move forward:**

- Lynhaven Gateway Park and Luckett Field
- Total City Award = \$17,950

# Lynhaven Gateway Park Improvements

- **Applicant:** Lynhaven Citizens Association
- **Project Description:**
  - The project will provide park improvements consistent with the 2020 Pocket Park Improvement Plans
- Improvements include:
  - Leveling Central Mound Area and Resurfacing
  - Installation of a Power Source
  - Additional Seating (Adirondack Chairs and Outdoor Picnic Tables)
  - General Landscaping

**Total Project Cost:** \$16,000

**Proposed City Contribution:** \$8,000

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends  
**APPROVAL**

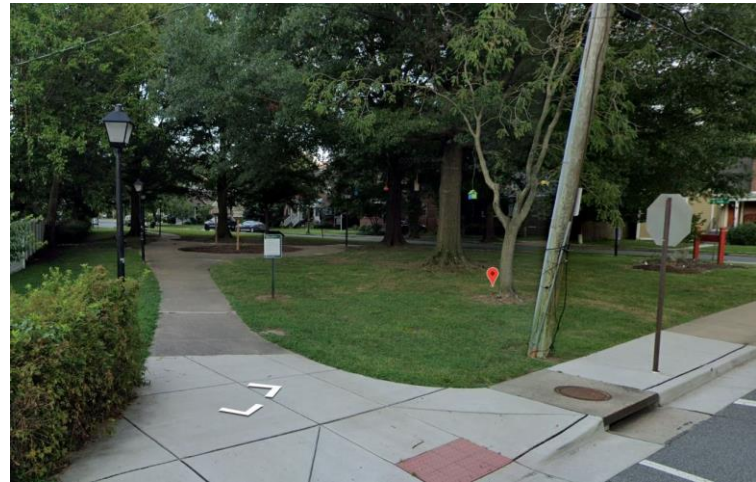




# Charles Hill Park Game Table

- **Applicant:** Del Ray Community Partnership
- **Project Description:**
  - The project will add a game table and seating located near the center of the park, offset from the pathway. Applicant will also build and install a "Game Library" to store board games and game pieces.
- **Total Project Cost:**  
\$5,000
- **Proposed City Contribution:**  
\$2,500

**Staff Recommendation: NONE** Due to the applicant withdrawing the application on September 16, this project is no longer under consideration.



# Luckett Field Batting Cages

- **Applicant:** Alexandria Little League
- **Project Description:**
  - The project will add two batting cages located on the side of first and third baselines.
- **Total Project Cost:**  
\$19,900
- **Proposed City Contribution:**  
\$9,950

## Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends **APPROVAL**. Staff will work with the applicant to determine the size and placement of the batting cages.





# Potomac Yard Park Fitness Court

- **Applicant:** Kaiser Permanente
- **Project Description:**
  - The project will add a Fitness Court to Potomac Yard Park near the Kaiser Medical Facility on Potomac Avenue.
- **Total Project Cost:**  
\$125,000
- **Proposed City Contribution:**  
\$25,000

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff does **NOT recommend approval** due to reduced City funding in FY2021. Siting within Potomac Yard Park will require revisions to the park's approved site plan (DSUP).





# Discussion & Questions

