

# **Grant Application**

Guideline Agree: on

#### **Grant Information**

Title Of Project: Outdoor Recreation Equipment for CF Boys & Girls Club

Organization Name: Chippewa Falls Boys & Girls Club, member of Boys & Girls Clubs of the Greater Chippewa Valley

Amount Requested: 2500

Total Cost Of Project: 2500

Beginning Date Of Project: 09/01/2023

Ending Date Of Project: 09/01/2025

### **Contact Information**

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## **Organization Information**

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Federal Employer Id: 39-2032491

Organization Type: 501(c)(3) Organization

**Introduction:** The Chippewa Falls Boys & Girls Club is an out-of-school provider of structured youth development programs serving youth grades 2-12 that prioritize academic success, healthy lifestyles, career exploration, workforce development, good character and citizenship. Our mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens, and to have every Club kid graduate from high school with a plan for the future. We also help household adults maintain employment by providing a safe, reliable and affordable place for youth. Club also provides healthy meals and snacks, an important resource for families experiencing food scarcity. To live out our

mission we make Club accessible with low fees that can be further reduced or waived, based on household financial needs. The annual membership fee is \$15, full day fee is \$15, and no fee is charged for after-school program attendance. The Club is located in an accessible location, and transportation by Club van or school bus makes it even more accessible. Club is available Monday-Friday, year-round: 10 hours a day during the summer; 4 hours after school during the school year, as well as 10 hours a day on full days when school is not in session, such as teacher in-service days or during school holidays. Research shows that every \$1 invested in a Club returns \$9.60 in current and future earnings, and cost savings to communities to prevent expenditures for health care, public assistance, criminal justice, and incarceration.

## **Grant Project Information**

Project Description: - The Chippewa Falls Boys & Girls Club has been in its current expanded location for two years now, first renting from the Masonic Lodge, and then purchasing the facility in April, 2022. A \$3 million renovation project is well underway, creating safe and engaging program spaces in the Club. The new location also has tremendous opportunities for outdoor programs with the existing green spaces that are used year-round. These opportunities include recreation, sports, STEM, arts, social-emotional learning, and mental health resiliency. To provide even more opportunities, outdoor recreation equipment is needed, including larger items such as basketball hoops and seating, and smaller items like balls. When funding is available, the items will be purchased. - Chippewa Falls youth ages 2-12 will benefit from this project. In 2022, the Chippewa Falls Club had 214 members; 117 of those were new to the Club in the previous year, 100 lived in households that qualified for free or reduced-price school lunches, 69 lives in single parent households, and 24 were youth of color. The Chippewa Falls Club served more than 13,483 healthy meals and snacks in 2022, and 253 youth were served through Club sponsored community outreach activities. Activity is not as robust in 2023, as construction has limited the number of youth that can be served. Even so, the Chippewa Falls Club currently has 154 active members and has served more than 6,000 healthy meals and snacks. Timeline: - When funding is awarded, items will be purchased an begin use immediately, as the weather allows. Budget: - An initial wish list has been put together of the highest need items. The total budget as of this date is \$2,500. 2 Basketball Hoops, \$450 each, total \$900 2 Benches, \$200 each, total \$500 10 Sleds, \$20 each, total \$200 5 Roller Racers, \$75 each, total \$375 15 Balls, Average Cost \$15 each, total \$225 Various outdoor games, total \$500

**Project Beneficiary:** Chippewa Falls Boys & Girls Club members, and visiting guests, grades 2 to 12 will benefit from the equipment by engaging in sports and recreation activities year round, outside the Club in the green space. They'll engage in healthy lifestyles, physical and mental health activities, STEM programming, and more! - Chippewa Falls youth ages 2-12 will benefit from this project. In 2022, the Chippewa Falls Club had 214 members; 117 of those were new to the Club in the previous year, 100 lived in households that qualified for free or reduced-price school lunches, 69 lives in single parent households, and 24 were youth of color. The Chippewa Falls Club served more than 13,483 healthy meals and snacks in 2022, and 253 youth were served through Club sponsored community outreach activities. Activity is not as robust in 2023, as construction has limited the number of youth that can be served. Even so, the Chippewa Falls Club currently has 154 active members and has served more than 6,000 healthy meals and snacks.

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**Project Funding:** Fewer items will be purchased, or it will take longer to find funding for the items.