

# Community Economic Development Grant 2023-24

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<b>Name of Applicant (Organization)</b>	Lincoln City Parks & Recreation
<b>Mailing Address</b>	2150 NE Oar Place
<b>Name of Contact Person</b>	Jeanne Sprague
<b>Contact Phone</b>	15419961222
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<b>Name of Project</b>	1st accessible playground in new community park of Lincoln City
<b>Total Project Budget</b>	1,256,624.00
<b>Amount Requested from this Program</b>	15,000.00
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>This project is the 1st community park built in Lincoln City in over 20 years, and the 1st community park in the southern area of Lincoln City alone. It will host the 1st accessible playground, the only public soccer fields, the only public basketball/ pickleball/ tennis courts, and the only covered special event area in Lincoln City. We are planning to move ahead with Phase 1 of the 4-phased park construction project in 2024, all based on available funding (see attached phase map). Phase 1 costs are \$1.3 million and would complete all necessary site work at the park land, and also construct the 1st accessible playground on the Oregon Coast. This Lincoln County grant would assist in the success of Phase 1 completion.</p> <p>Accessibility, and providing access to people of all ability levels, is key to the development of this new park. As such, we are utilizing Universal Design to provide a positive park experience for everyone who visits. Surfacing will play an important role on our pathways and playgrounds to ensure easy access for all and to element trip hazards and barriers to our facilities. Our park will provide opportunities for active and passive recreation: places for youth and adults to move around and be active, as well as locations to rest, relax and enjoy the natural surroundings without excess stimulation. Knowing that each person learns in different ways, from sound, touch, smell and vision, the visitor will be provided a safe place to feel welcome and included. Community support for the new park is colossal. Following the 2016 Lincoln City Parks System Plan (which was formulated by the LC community), this new park will address a major recreation gap in Lincoln City and is the #1 priority of park</p>

projects in Lincoln City in improving quality of life for both our residents and visitors. Our Park Open Houses were well attended, with over 300 attendees at our Park Design reveal in Aug 2023. Our community has asked for this park to be built! Per economic development, the variety in recreational opportunities will encourage visitors and locals to stop by the businesses in the area therefore promoting economic success and creation or retention of jobs. This new park site is an easy walk from the Taft Historic District, a vacation destination for Oregonians and out-of-state tourists. The new park facilities will augment what is currently available for recreation and festivals, and the new playground, covered sports courts and special event area will only help extend the season for outdoor fun and exercise. The new recreation and special event opportunities will also assist in creating or retention of jobs via various tournament organizations, festival organizers, parks maintenance staff, musical or art groups, etc. The opportunities for economic development as a result of this new park are endless! Attached are letters of support from: Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce, Explore Lincoln City, Lincoln City Parks & Recreation Board, Lincoln City Economic Development, and Oregon Coast Small Business Development Center.

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### **Funding**

We have requested and received community funding support from the following, some of which has already been utilized in park planning, design, surveys, etc: • Oregon Recreation and Parks Dept Local Government Grant Program: received \$750k • OR House Bill 5202: received \$1 million thanks to Rep. David Gomberg • Oregon Community Foundation – Parks Foundation Grant: \$2k • ‘Round up your purchase to build the new park!’ opportunity at the Lincoln City Community Center in collaboration with Friends of LCP&R: \$2,300 YTD So far, we’ve been fortunate in our community support and in also receiving the requests we applied for with the new park project.

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### **Collaboration**

We are collaborating closely with Explore Lincoln City, Lincoln City Economic Development, Lincoln City Public Works, Oregon Parks & Recreation Dept, our State Legislature David Gomberg, Tillamook Estuaries Partnership, and the new Friends of Lincoln City Parks & Recreation 501c3 to fund and/or construct and promote this new park project. We continue to engage our community in various ways of parks development, from inclusion in park design via open houses, special events, and online to surveys – to – helping us fund the park project. Some of our partners are focused on our ‘green’ initiative in constructing this park. We will only be utilizing native plants around our park amenities, including our playground, and Tillamook Estuaries Partnership will be working with us to secure those plants grown on the OR Coast, as well as helping us make our native plant vegetation plan. LC Economic Development has also assisted us in our environmental assessments of the park land, to make sure our land is safe and prime for native vegetation growth. On March 1, 2024, we will be kicking off our ‘Build your Park!’ Capital Campaign, offering our community and other partners the opportunity to sponsor commemorative pavers, benches, sports courts, playground zones, etc in support of park construction.

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### **Viability**

Success will be a completed Phase 1 of the new park in 2024, including a planned, maintained and highly utilized accessible playground in our new community park, the 1st public playground of its kind on the Oregon Coast. The playground provides park patrons with a variety of recreational opportunities at this park, from unstructured, independent play to structured, safe, and natural play – for all abilities and age. We want to offer more diverse recreation opportunities to a more diverse audience, and we will be visibly keeping track on a daily basis the usage of this park area. There will still be 3 more construction phases in the new park for total park

completion, though Phase 1 will most certainly be our shining star in completion of the accessible playground. We are working on completing the funding for these phases via City Council, Capital Campaign, grants, and more – and are confident we will have the funding to complete the total park. We would be proud and fortunate to market Lincoln County as a grantor of our new park! Thank you for your consideration.

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**Desired Start Date** 05/01/24

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**Desired Completion Date** 12/27/24

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**Name of Chief Executive** Jeanne Sprague

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**Position Title** Director of Lincoln City Parks & Recreation

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**Chief Executive Email** jsprague@lincolncity.org

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**Tax ID#** 93-0523629

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**Type of Applicant** Other Governmental Unit

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**Grant Pool** Standard Grant (max \$15,000)

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**Date Submitted** 12/07/23 3:02 PM

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BID ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
<b>Phase 1 – PLAYGROUND Expenditures</b>					
1010	MOBILIZATION & GENERAL CONDITIONS	1.000	LS	137,372.23	137,372.23
1020	CONSTRUCTION SURVEY	1.000	LS	25,307.99	25,307.99
1610	PREP WALLS & CURBS - 6" AGG BASE	75.000	LF	8.65	648.75
1620	PREP PEDESTRIAN CONCRETE PAVEMENT - 4" AGG BASE	5,000.000	SF	4.89	24,450.00
1630	PREP CONCRETE BASE FOR PIP SURFACE - 6" AGG BASE	1,220.000	SF	5.95	7,259.00
1660	PREP PEDESTRIAN ASPHALT - 6" AGG BASE	3,760.000	SF	5.29	19,890.40
1705	WALL AT SAFETY SURFACING	10.000	LF	725.30	7,253.00
1710	CURB AT SAFETY SURFACING	35.000	LF	111.58	3,905.30
1715	CURB AT SAND PIT	30.000	LF	557.92	16,737.60
1750	CONCRETE PAVEMENT - TYPE 1	50.000	SF	16.74	837.00
1760	CONCRETE PAVEMENT - TYPE 3	4,950.000	SF	22.32	110,484.00
1765	CONCRETE BASE FOR PIP SURFACE	1,220.000	SF	11.16	13,615.20
1780	ASPHALT - 3" DEPTH PEDESTRIAN	3,760.000	SF	4.46	16,769.60
1910	FURNISH & INSTALL PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	1.000	LS	312,436.80	312,436.80
1920	FURNISH & INSTALL POUR-IN-PLACE RUBBER SURFACING	1.000	LS	312,436.80	312,436.80
2010	LANDSCAPING	1.000	LS	170,097.87	170,097.87
2150	PARK BENCH	1.000	EA	3,230.04	3,230.04
2160	ROUND BENCH	11.000	EA	3,230.04	35,530.44
2170	CUSTOM LOG BENCH	4.000	EA	9,590.35	38,361.40
<b>TOTAL Phase 1 – PLAYGROUND Expenditures</b>					<b>1,256,624</b>

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
<b>Phase 1 – PLAYGROUND Revenue</b>	
OR House Bill 5202	1,000,000
OR Recreation & Parks Department	100,000
OR Community Foundation	2,000
Lincoln Co Comm. & Economic Development Grant	15,000
LC City Council	139,624
<b>TOTAL Phase 1 – PLAYGROUND Revenue</b>	<b>1,256,624</b>



December 4, 2023

To: Lincoln County Community and Economic Development Grant Program

Re: Standard Grant Request for Lincoln City Community Park Phase 1:  
1<sup>st</sup> Accessible Playground on the Coast!

Dear Grant Reviewers,

Lincoln City Economic Development wishes to lend its enthusiastic support for this grant application to fund park development on the former Taft Elementary School site on SE 51<sup>st</sup> Street.

City Economic Development efforts promote business development in the historic Siletz Bay Area in south Lincoln City, and seek to further local and regional economic prosperity by supporting new and existing businesses however we can. This future park site is an easy walk from the historic Taft District, a vacation destination for Oregonians and out-of-state tourists. The Siletz Bay Area, including Taft and Cutler Districts, boast a glass blowing studio, art galleries, varied lodging options, numerous restaurants and food cart pod, as well as a spectacular natural environment for memorable recreational activities.

The envisioned park will provide much needed facilities for the children and adults of south Lincoln City, many of whom work in the tourism industry, and also provide greater variety for tourists who come to spend their vacations here. The new park will allow individuals, families, and their dogs to retreat from the beach and ocean to the quieter, more protected, yet equally beautiful park setting for play and get-togethers. This will further enhance the existing recreational opportunities, and promote economic success for the surrounding business community. New park facilities will augment what is currently available for recreation and festivals, and a covered pavilion will extend the season for outdoor fun and exercise.

Thank you for considering Lincoln City's grant application to create this needed park. Economic Development is only achieved through continued partnerships like this opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Alison Robertson'.

Alison Robertson, AICP, LEED AP  
Economic Development & Urban Renewal Director



To: Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County Board of Directors and Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

Re: 2023-2024 Lincoln County Community and Economic Development Grant Program: Standard Grant Request for Lincoln City Community Park Phase 1

Greetings Reviewers of Lincoln County Community and Economic Development Grant Program:

Explore Lincoln City is committed to enhancing the livability, economic viability and appeal of Lincoln City through the promotion of tourism.

We applaud new venues that add to the experiences we offer our visitors. The City's purchase of the old Taft Elementary School site on SE 51st Street is resulting in a brand-new seven-acre Community Park, to include amenities with broad appeal to many audiences.

This New Park is the right property, in the right place, at the right time. The Historic Siletz Bay area is vibrant and growing. It's a walking district that features a glass blowing studio, hotels, vacation rentals, restaurants and the historic Taft Dock. All of this is framed by a spectacular bay and access to the beach.

The new park will allow all visitors an attractive place to visit in Lincoln City. It will offer a beautiful park setting for play and get-togethers, with public-facing interpretive and event-friendly elements. The new park will also host an inclusive, accessible ADA playground – the first of its kind on the Oregon Coast! It's an exciting development for Lincoln City.

With your grant support, Lincoln City will have a major new facility for outdoor recreation enjoyed by residents and visitors alike.

Thank you for considering Lincoln City's grant application.

Sincerely,

Kim Cooper Findling,  
Director of Explore Lincoln City



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To: Lincoln County Community and Economic Development Grant Program

From: Lori Arce-Torres, Lincoln City Chamber Executive Director

Re: Standard Grant Request for Lincoln City Community Park Phase 1: 1st Accessible Playground on the Coast!

To Reviewers of Lincoln County Community and Economic Development Grant Program

Please accept my letter of support for the Lincoln City Parks and Recreation's application for your Standard Grants Program. I would urge you to strongly consider funding the request that would continue the valuable work in the area of tourism in Lincoln City. The new Community Park project not only introduces new, and needed, park amenities to our visitors, it also makes these amenities more accessible and safer to our visitors.

While Lincoln City has an extensive system of park facilities and open spaces, it lacks a large Community Park, playgrounds, outdoor sports field and covered multi-use special event shelter – and most of all, it lacks accessibility to these amenities. Tourists are challenged to find a facility that has the accessibility, capacity and infrastructure to support a large gathering, or support spontaneous play. The new park land in Lincoln City has the potential to fill this gap.

This new park is a huge asset in improving and expanding the sports fields, sports courts, and special event shelter space in LC, which supports our growing tourist population.

Our Lincoln City Parks are very important to local economies, including ours in Lincoln City. This new community park is also a large priority to the Oregon outdoors community, Oregon state tourism and the Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lori Arce-Torres

Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce Director

To: Lincoln County Community and Economic Development Grant Program

Re: Standard Grant Request for Lincoln City Community Park Phase 1: 1<sup>st</sup> Accessible Playground on the Coast!

To Reviewers of Lincoln County Community and Economic Development Grant Program

The Lincoln City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board offers this letter of support to develop a new park in the Taft neighborhood of Lincoln City at the site of the old Taft Elementary School. Developing a park in this area was the #1 priority in the 2016 Parks and Recreation System Plan. This land has been purchased by the city and is very close to “shovel ready.”

While Lincoln City has an extensive system of park facilities and open spaces, it lacks an accessible playground. The newly acquired park land has the potential to fill this gap. Independent play, exercise, socialization, and community building for children and adults of all abilities can be addressed in the planning and construction of this playground.

The following represents our thoughts for generally supporting the new Community Park project:

- Soccer Field: This area in our community has no (developed) park. The high school soccer field is shared with the football team and can only be used officially for games by Taft High School, which means practice and game fields are needed.
- Accessible Playground: We plan to develop a new accessible playground on this site. There is no playground within walking distance of this neighborhood, nor is there a playground in the city or along the coast that could be considered accessible. With its flat open spaces, development of the playground with ADA accessible equipment would promote usage by local and visiting persons with mobility or other special needs.
- Courts: A sizable (\$600K) endowment for a covered multi-purpose court has already been set aside, which could include pickleball courts for local and tournament use (tourism draw) as well as basketball.
- Fitness: Extending the sidewalk and bike path would facilitate healthy lifestyle choices for our citizens.

The Lincoln City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board fully supports the development of this new Community Park in Lincoln City immediately. We are grateful for your consideration of the grant submitted by Lincoln City Parks & Recreation.

Sincerely,

*Jane Mulholland*

Jane Mulholland (and fellow Board Members)  
Lincoln City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Chair



Dave Price  
2163 NE Reef Ave.  
Lincoln City, OR 97367  
Dec. 4, 2023

To: Lincoln County Community and Economic Development Grant Program  
Re: Standard Grant Request for Lincoln City Community Park Phase 1:  
*First Accessible Playground on the Coast*

Today in Lincoln City, demand for playgrounds and for fields for practice and games far outstrips supply. More playgrounds and sports fields will build a stronger community. For every player on the field until 9 pm, there's a parent who's headed to work the next day, exhausted from the late dinner preparation and driving, and laundering dirty uniforms, from the night before. Such conditions undeniably have an impact on Lincoln City's socio-economic climate.

The community is rightfully excited about our new park in Lincoln City's Taft District, the planning for which is well underway. As a former board member and past president of the Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce, while I am not writing on behalf of the board or our membership in this case, I can tell you businesses of all sizes and types in Lincoln City stand to benefit from this new park, and its accessible playground. In fact, the park will serve as a robust economic engine, attracting off-peak-season tournaments of various sports and driving retail and hospitality sales throughout the community, when and where they're needed most.

An accessible play area will mean more kids *outside*, socializing with others and getting exercise, and fewer staring at screens of various sizes indoors. It also means happier, longer, and more enjoyable trips to Lincoln County for our guests. It will also buttress the city's (and the county's) growing reputation as an accessibility-focused travel destination.

Lincoln City is excited about the prospect of enhancing our community and improving the daily lives of our children, and we sincerely appreciate your grant support to help us make it happen. And, support for the Lincoln City Parks & Recreation Department has never been so broad and strong as it is today. Under the leadership of Director Jeanne Sprague, the Department has taken stride after stride to provide residents of all ages with new opportunities to gather together, indoors and out, and pursue healthier lifestyles. Thank you for your consideration, and please don't hesitate to contact me at 541-921-2306 with any questions or concerns.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DPR', followed by a period.

Dave Price  
Vice President, Engagement  
Oregon Coast Community College