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Community and Economic Development Grant Application FY2025-26 - Submission #2456

Date Submitted: 10/22/2025

Name of Applicant Organization*

Mouse Factory Inc

Mailing Address*

227 NE 12th St

City*

Newport

State*

OR

Zip Code*

97365

Person Completing the Application

Name*

Katelyn

Email Address*

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Name of Your Project*

Playground and Fence Renovation

Total Project Budget*

36,000

This includes all anticipated sources of funding

Amount Requested from this Program*

15,000

(max \$15k for STANDARD, \$50k for IMPACT)

Location of Project Activities*

227 NE 12th St

Where in Lincoln County is your project happening?

Pool of Funds Applying to*

- STANDARD (\$15K Max)
- IMPACT (\$50K Max)

Project Description*

We are a non-profit cooperative preschool looking to secure match grant funding in order to remodel our playground and fencing structure. The playground is over 30 years old and has fallen to disrepair and the fencing poses safety risks when it comes to the young children in our program. We are coming together as a community of board members/parent volunteers to secure funding in order to make this playground remodel happen. This will impact all of the people that utilize the space, including our Mouse Factory students and families, the 4H afterschool program, nearby food pantry families and the surrounding neighborhood. The results of our combined efforts could grant us safe and updated playground equipment that would spark imagination and would allow this playground to be around for another 30 years!

What is the project and what will it do for community and/or economic development? What tangible items or results will the project deliver? How will the success of this project be judged? IMPORTANT: This fund is not intended for staff or operations. Please describe the economic impact of the project and how it creates or retains jobs in the community.

Funding*

We have already secured \$6,000 from the Siletz Tribe Charitable Contribution Fund for phase 1, which is the fencing remodel. We felt that it was best to start there since safety of the children in our program is our most pressing concern for this renovation. We are also contributing a significant portion of our own funds in order to make this project possible. We are looking to use about \$6-8K of our own savings from fundraisers over the years. We have also applied to the Ford Family Foundation "Good Neighbor" grant and we are waiting 6-10 weeks to hear back from them.

If applicable, please describe the status of other funding sources you have applied for or intend to apply for, and indicate whether those funds have been awarded. Also, list any other funds for which you have applied but were not funded - how much did you ask for, from whom, and why was the application not funded?

Collaboration*

This project is made possible by a large group of collaborators, including the Mouse Factory volunteer Board of Directors, the current and alumni families that show support by coming to fundraisers and help us wash cars for the PUD to raise money quarterly. The 4-H afterschool program, that also utilizes the space, has offered to do a bark chip community service project to put in all new bark chips when the playground remodel is finished. In the past, Dahl has donated bark chips to our school and we are hoping they will contribute to this remodel as well. So this project is really a large collaboration by the community at large, including all who use the playground space. And why do we do it? Because of our children. The way their eyes will light up when they see this all new, updated and safe playground is something that is worth every moment of planning, fundraising and execution. It will all have been worth it.

If applicable, please list who you are collaborating with and why.

Viability*

The success of this project will be judged by the timelines in which we can secure the funding in order to get the playground remodel ordered and put on their books. The timeline is for the fence to be put in relatively soon (November/December timeframe) since those funds have been secured and once we have 50% down for the playground we can order that and get the install on the books for early 2026. Phase 1 of the remodel (the fence) is well underway and we have paid a deposit to the contractor who will remodel the fence. If we secure a grant from the Ford Family Foundation as well as through this grant and our own financial contribution, we will have all the necessary funds for the playground remodel instead of having to host a lot of smaller fundraisers over the years to get this accomplished.

How will the success of this project be judged? State success measures and timeline. Will this project need ongoing funding? How will this be secured?

Desired Start Date*

11/1/2025

Desired End Date*

3/1/2026

Budget Documents*

Playground Renovation Budget - Sheet1 (3).pdf

Please submit as a PDF file

Letter(s) of Support

Letter of support Mouse Factory.pdf

At least one letter of support is required for an IMPACT application.

Name of Chief Executive*

Katelyn Black

Title*

President of Board of Directors

Chief Executive Email*

kateyb7@gmail.com

Tax ID Number*

93-0637019

Type of Applicant Organization*

501(c)(3) Nonprofit

Organization: Mouse Factory INC		
Playground/ Fence Renovation Budget		
Playground Equipment: Wildwood Playgrounds		
Item	Price	Total
Playground Installation/ Replacement	\$26,021	
6ft Privacy Fencing/Gates	\$6,000	
Cost of privacy slats for the new fence	\$1,200	
Total		\$33,221
small cushion for unforeseen costs	\$2,779	\$36,000
Secured Funds		
Siletz Tribe Charitable Contribution Fund	\$6,000	
Mouse Factory Savings Contribution	\$8,000	
		\$14,000
Total still to raise		\$22,000

First Presbyterian Church
227 NE 12th Street
Newport, OR 97365

October 21, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of First Presbyterian Church, I am pleased to offer our full support for Mouse Factory Preschool's efforts to secure funding for their playground and fencing renovation project.

Mouse Factory Preschool has been an important part of our church community for more than twenty years. Throughout this long-standing partnership, we have witnessed their dedication to providing a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment for young children. Their commitment to quality early childhood education aligns with our church's mission to serve families and support the wellbeing of our broader community.

The proposed playground and fence improvements will not only enhance the daily experiences of Mouse Factory's students but will also benefit many other groups who use our shared space. The playground area is enjoyed by a variety of community organizations, including 4-H, our church's Sunday School and youth programs, and other groups who utilize our facilities. These improvements will ensure a safe, welcoming, and updated outdoor space for all who gather here.

We commend Mouse Factory Preschool for their initiative and dedication to making this project a reality, and we are proud to stand in support of their efforts to secure funding.

Sincerely,

Helyn Layton
President of the Corporation of First Presbyterian Church