

BASEBALL TOMORROW FUND
GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Project Title: Developing leaders on the field today; throughout life tomorrow

Applicant Program/Organization: Valley Christian Academy

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Date of Submission: September 24, 2003

Certification: By signing the application form, the signees certify:

- The information provided is accurate and that any grant funds received will be used according to the stated purpose;
- The Applicant Program/Organization will comply with all Baseball Tomorrow Fund regulations, policies, principles and guidelines as stated in the Baseball Tomorrow Fund Grant Application;
- The Applicant Program/Organization will comply with all terms and conditions cited in the Baseball Tomorrow Fund Grant Application;
- The Applicant Program/Organization will provide Baseball Tomorrow Fund with progress reports and documentation of how the funds were used as stated in the Baseball Tomorrow Fund Grant Application;
- The Applicant Program/Organization will return all unused funds to the Baseball Tomorrow Fund, unless other arrangements are made and approved, in writing, by the Baseball Tomorrow Fund Committee.

The persons signing this application should have the authority to commit the Applicant Program/Organization to these conditions.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Printed Name: Brad Gunter, Jr. Date(day/month/year): 24 Sept 2003

Executive Director's Signature: _____

Printed Name: Dr. Brad Gunter Date(day/month/year): 24 Sept 2003

PROJECT DESCRIPTION & STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Specific use of the grant funds

The grant will fund baseball and softball fields which will be used:

- by school and community youth leagues
- by approximately 2,500 kids ages 5-18
- for year-round use
- with services for players, coaches, fans, and officials!

OUR PROPOSED PROJECT

1. Construct a new softball field on land recently acquired that will be used by girls softball, PONY League, and school physical education programs.

Activities to include: fencing, bring in dirt, seed/sod, irrigation, dugouts and benches, cement, bleachers, field equipment and storage, backstop, and scoreboard.

2. Add improvements to a baseball field used by school and community PONY leagues. Our dream is that this would look like and have the character of a classic, old-time minor league park, but on a smaller scale.

Activities to include: infield renovation, dugouts and benches, cement, bleachers and awning, field equipment and storage, irrigation improvements, foul poles, scoreboard and concessions.

3. Provide equipment and uniforms for high school varsity and junior varsity baseball and softball.

4. Provide training and instructional clinics for coaches, parents, and players - not only how to play and coach, but also how to care for the ball fields.

The purpose of the clinics is to encourage and maintain youth participation!

Additional information describing the project is included on page 17 in the additional support materials section.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION - continued

Connecting kids with baseball: *The youth served by the project today and tomorrow*

Program served	Youth served in 2003 with existing facilities	Annual total when projects are complete
<i>PONY Baseball</i>		
Memorial Day tournament, age 13-14	16 teams, 220 players	32 teams, 440 players
Summer practice and games, 13- 18	3 teams, 36 players	10 teams, 120 players
Summer practice and games, 5-12	None	8 teams, 100 players
Winter practice and games. 14-18	None	2 teams, 30 players
Summer all star games, age 13-18	None	6 teams, 70 players
Tryouts for spring leagues, age 9-14	None	40 players
<i>Girls Fast Pitch ASA Softball</i>		
Summer practice and games, age 10-18	None	6 teams, 90 players
Winter practice and games, 10-16	None	4 teams, 60 players
Tryouts for spring leagues, 10-16	None	4 teams, 50 players
Tryouts for fall leagues, 10-16	None	4 teams, 50 players
<i>Instructional clinics & training camps</i>		
Coaches clinics March and October	10 coaches	20 coaches
Softball – March	None	30 players
Softball – September	None	30 players
Baseball – March, age 5-18	40 players	120 players
Baseball – October	None	30 players
Baseball & Softball summer camps	None	120 players
<i>Valley Christian Academy Programs</i>		
girls varsity softball games	None	12 teams, 180 players
girls junior varsity program	None	12 teams, 135 players
boys varsity baseball games	13 teams, 195 players	13 teams, 195 players
boys junior varsity baseball games	5 teams, 60 players	13 teams, 195 players
School PE baseball and softball programs	15 players	30 players
K – 12 th for all outdoor activities such as PE classes and practice for soccer and football	360 students	400 students
TOTAL	27 teams, 935 youth	118 teams, 2635 youth!



***Parks are where
people come
together!***



Improvements & construction would serve approximately 2,500 kids annually, age 5-18, for spring, summer, and fall leagues and for clinics and training camps.

CURRENT STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT WITH OUR EFFORTS

BASEBALL FIELD:



Our park is one with unique character like a classic, old-time minor league park that players, coaches, and officials want to play in!

Is this a first-time or continuing activity? This is an activity that started with initial construction 3 years ago.

Does this address a new problem or issue? The issues are not new, but the urgency to correct them increases as the field is used by more organizations. We are making progress.

Prior to 2001 the school's baseball teams played at a park in another county. Now we do have a place to play and have been doing so for three years. However, the field does need improvements to accommodate more players and younger players, to be playable during the spring rainy season, and to provide a true and safe field for the players.

Do we have existing funding or staffing? The school has had a baseball program since 1988. I've been the athletic director and baseball coach for the last 6 years. During that time, the program has been run entirely from donations and fund raisers. Staffing for the program comes from coaches who are teachers at the school and the kids attending the school. Parent and business volunteers supplement when needed.

What progress have we made towards implementation?

- In 2001:
 - leveled the land for the baseball field. Since it was built on, and into a hill, we built a 12' high retaining wall down the right field line and across the outfield to right center.
 - installed irrigation, planted grass, and brought in some infield dirt. A backstop was built and initial dugouts were constructed.
 - 5 players from the 2001 team earned baseball scholarships!
- In 2002, we added the centerfield wall to connect to the retaining wall in right field.
- In 2003:
 - completed the rest of the 12 foot high outfield wall from center to the left field foul line. In addition, gates in center field were installed for field access.
 - hosted coaching and players clinics in March.
 - hosted the Pony Ball Memorial Day tournament for the first time.
 - learned more about how to take care of our field. We studied material from the Sports Turf Managers Association, had an in-depth tour of the grounds and facilities at Raley Field (home of the Oakland A's AAA affiliate – the Sacramento River Cats), and we gained experience with field maintenance of our turf – aerating, topdressing, over seeding, and fertilizing.

Does the project concern an area which our organization has previous experience?

We have 3 yrs experience building and maintaining sports facilities. We, and those who will help with the project, are confident we can complete the proposed project funded by the grant.

CURRENT STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT WITH OUR EFFORTS - continued

SOFTBALL FIELD:



Providing young ladies with a positive atmosphere of instruction, physical training, and mental preparedness for use on the field and throughout life. Caring about the entire person: their school and academic status, personal and social needs, as well as their softball career – *Sacramento Dynasty*.

Is this a first-time or continuing activity?

Constructing the softball field specifically is a first time activity for us. However, we do have experience with the baseball field.

Does this address a new problem or issue?

The school has had a girls softball team for the last 6 years. Currently the team plays its games at various city and county parks. We need a quality field for competitive, interscholastic girls softball. 1 player from the 2003 team earned a college softball scholarship! With our own field I am confident we can also field a girls junior varsity program next year. The softball field will be built to accommodate expanded PONY ball use also.

Does the project concern an area which our organization has previous experience?

We have 3 yrs experience building and maintaining baseball fields. We are confident the skills and experience with the baseball field will be helpful with the softball field also.

Do we have existing funding or staffing?

The school has had a softball program since 1998. During that time, the program has been run entirely from donations and fund raisers. Staffing for the program comes from coaches who are teachers at the school and the kids attending the school. Parent and business volunteers supplement when needed.

What progress, if any, have we made towards implementation?

In early 2003, we purchased vacant land across the street from the existing school and baseball field facility. Underground water and electrical utilities are stubbed off ready for connection.

PLAYER EQUIPMENT, UNIFORMS, AND TRAINING

Current stage of progress with these	Player equipment & uniforms	Training and instructional clinics
<i>first-time or continuing activity</i>	This is a continuing activity to supply uniforms	New in the last 2 years for us
<i>a new problem or issue</i>	Additional uniforms are needed for baseball JV teams	No. This need is ongoing
<i>existing funding or staffing</i>	Yes, school budget and donations	Yes, but its limited to school budget and fees from participants.
<i>our organization's previous experience</i>	We've done this several times in the past years	Some experience through events of the last two years
<i>progress we've made</i>	Annual budget and procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In 2002, Oakland A's Eric Chavez and Steve Ontiveros visited the school ○ In 2003: hosted a clinic using major leaguers who live in the Sacramento area

RATIONALE, GOALS AND OUTCOMES

RATIONALE: how the project fulfills the grant funding purpose and corresponds to demonstrated needs.

This project is a great candidate for a grant from the Baseball Tomorrow Fund. The project will help improve the quality of the existing school baseball and softball programs and expand community PONY baseball and girls softball. The project will promote and enhance the growth of baseball in our community by addressing many local problems and needs.

The project has multiple advantages to individuals, the community, our cities and counties, the northern California region, and to MLB.

The project will meet the immediate needs & issues of the school and local programs

- improve the baseball field so it is true and consistent
- provide a home softball field for the school girls softball team
- correct safety and security problems
- provide better seating
- support an existing prep program that has demonstrated success
- give equal opportunities for girls
- provide training and equipment

The project will meet the immediate and future needs of the community

- growing demand for practice and game fields
- provide equal opportunity for youth and girls
- the need for additional after-school programs
- there is a lack of facilities in this immediate area
- sites are needed to host tournaments and all-star games
- expand spring, summer, and fall baseball and softball
- encourage and maintain youth participation via training and instructional clinics

Additional information expanding on the rationale is included on page 18 in the additional support materials section.

In the next 5 years, the playing fields with this grant will touch the lives of over 9,000 children at a cost of \$9 for each person served. We are striving for value with the best results and the least amount of money.



We have the staff and the facilities to make the project work! Your grant funding will serve as a catalyst for the construction and improvements.

GOALS AND OUTCOMES:

Goal 1: meet the needs of the community and school by building facilities for baseball and girls fast pitch softball programs

By March 2004:

- complete the first phase of softball field construction for the prep girls team – dirt, grass, fencing, foul poles, player bench, irrigation, protective netting, backstop, access gate, 50'-60'-70' pgs and bases, field setup and maintenance equipment
- complete the first phase of baseball field improvements – add bleacher and access area concrete, connect seating area, equipment shed, bleacher awning, foul poles, score booth, landscaping and trees, field maintenance equipment



By May 2004:

- add shorter base pgs and infield cutouts to the baseball field for PONY use
- start to host PONY tournaments games, practices, and tryouts on the baseball field

By June 2004:

- complete the second phase of softball field construction for PONY use and youth softball leagues - equipment shed, scoreboard, concrete for bleacher area, rail and top fence padding, dugouts, landscaping and trees, bleachers, playground and equipment
- the softball field will be available for PONY games and practices, softball games and practices

By September 2004:

- complete the second phase baseball field improvements - water booster pump, restroom and concessions area, batting tunnel, scoreboard, public address system, baseball infield will be redone with Bermuda grass, batting tunnel

Goal 2: improve the quality of existing youth baseball and softball programs which have demonstrated success (see page 19 for additional material about the program's recent success!)

By February 2004:

- improve the baseball field so it is safe, true, and consistent – soil conditioner for infield dirt, level the infield turf to eliminate lumps and low spots, fill in outfield ruts, add clay bricks under the batting and pitching areas, add dugout benches, aerate and over seed the turf areas, upgrade sprinkler control system

By March 2004:

- correct safety and security problems with the baseball field – a place for maintenance equipment, better steps for accessing the field, better drainage so we aren't walking and playing in mud to get to the field, expanding the size of the visitor dugout, replace sprinkler valve and drainage covers in the outfield
- provide baseball/softball equipment and uniforms for the prep varsity and JV teams
- provide instructional clinics for coaches and players; these clinics will also be held in May and October

By April 2004:

- provide services for players, coaches, and officials - e-stim device, high speed video equipment, jugs radar gun, ice machine, iron mike pitching machine, whirlpool,
- provide better seating conditions for the fans and supporters – cement to the bleachers, steps, shade, connect bleacher areas to expand seating capacity
- learn more about how to take care of our fields and acquire maintenance tools and supplies
- put in place a field maintenance program

GOALS AND OUTCOMES - continued

Goal 3: increase the number of youth experiencing life through baseball related activities

September 2003 to January 2004

- enlist regional cooperation for the project using a combination of consultants, contractors, volunteers, and donated or discounted equipment and supplies.

As soon as notification of award to February 2004

- use the grant to help generate \$80,000 of matching funds from at least 35 different sources (the grant will serve as a catalyst for the construction and improvements)

By January 2004

- set up an advisory committee to assist in the design and implementation of the projects

From January to May 2004

- conduct media outreach to promote awareness of the project, its status, and its accomplishments – to encourage other leagues and teams to be eager to improve their program and fields and promote baseball to a diverse population

By March

- provide equal opportunities and equal facility access for girls to experience life through baseball related activities

By May

- provide fields to support programs for children aged 10-16

During 2004

- host PONY Memorial Day tournaments and all star games
- increase the number of youth participating from 925 to 2,500
- increase the number of girls participating from school and the community by at least 320 players
- Start to field a girls junior varsity program for the 10-16 age group.

TIMELINE

Our plan of action detailing how goals will be achieved

The overall goal of the project is to build fully functional baseball and softball fields on the school grounds for year round use by school and community youth leagues with services for players, coaches, fans, and officials.

<i>Activities leading up to and resulting from the grant</i>	<i>Timeline:</i>
Level land and build baseball field, backstop, dugouts, and install retaining walls for baseball field	2001
Build center field wall and access gate for baseball field	March 2002
Acquire land for softball field	January 2003
Fundraising and build center to left field wall and install centerfield access gate for baseball field	January - March 2003
seek supporters and potential suppliers	September 2003 to January 2004
Notice of grant award from the Baseball Tomorrow Fund	December/January
project kick off	December/January
use the grant to help generate \$80,000 of matching funds	December 2003 to February 2004
<i>Start using grant funds</i>	January 2004
conduct media outreach to promote awareness of the project, its status, and its accomplishments, and support	From January to May 2004
improve the baseball field so it is safe, true, and consistent	By February 2004
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • correct safety and security problems with the baseball field • provide equipment and uniforms for the teams • provide instructional clinics; also in May and October • complete the first phase of baseball field improvements • complete the first phase of softball field construction 	By March 2004
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • acquire maintenance tools and supplies • establish a field maintenance program • provide better seating conditions for the fans and supporters • provide services for players, coaches, and officials 	By April 2004
host PONY Memorial Day tournaments and all star games	May through July
complete the second phase of softball field construction for use by PONY and youth softball leagues	By June 2004
complete the second phase of baseball field improvements	By September 2004
<i>End of using grant funds</i>	October 2004
Ongoing program and facility maintenance activities	October and on

Note: if the grant can be awarded sooner, we would jump at the chance to start our projects sooner for a couple reasons:

- **Beat some of the wet season for construction, and**
- **Ensure the softball field is ready for girls team spring games!**

PROGRAM MAINTENANCE PLAN



Players take pride in working together to take care of their playing fields

How we will maintain the program following the end of the grant

Staffing – During the school year, the coaches and students will provide the labor to maintain the fields. During the summer, coaches and booster club parents will be maintaining the field

Budget – The school does not currently have a line item budget for the baseball and softball program. Funding will come from donations and fundraisers.

Funding – The school relies on fundraisers and donations to fund the program. I expect the ongoing maintenance for the program will be approximately \$30,000 per year. We will continue to make use of donated equipment and donated/discounted supplies, volunteer labor, and donations to fund the maintenance program.

Other – We will also make use of local resources and expertise for advice and troubleshooting. These include contacts with groundskeepers at golf courses, baseball fields, and colleges.

The organization that will be responsible for the physical and financial maintenance of the project – Valley Christian Academy

Activities that will be included with the maintenance of the field/equipment/uniforms.

Item	Activity
Fields	water, mow, aerate, over seed, top dress, weed control, fertilize, insect/fungus control
Field equipment	tune-ups, maintenance
Team equipment	care of team gear, helmets, bats, balls, catcher equipment
Uniforms	wash and store, replace as necessary
Facilities	paint and repair as needed to the wood, screens, foul pole, fence, dugout, shed, and irrigation system

BUDGET SUMMARY

OVERALL ORGANIZATION BUDGET

Current Organization Budget used for all operations related to the baseball/softball program. The program is entirely run from donations and fundraisers. US \$ **\$0.00**

Current Sources of Funding and dollar amount committed to the proposed project:

Fees for players to cover hats and 35% of officials fees	\$2225
Merchandise sale – T-shirts, discount cards, rummage	\$4000
Program sponsors and advertisers	\$4300
Merchandise used in fundraisers	\$4800
Special events	\$6200
Portable snack bar	\$ 890
Private and corporate donations	\$3200
Free use of Hertz and Nations equipment valued at	\$9000
Discounts on baseball mix, seed, fertilizer valued at	\$5000
Donated concrete, steel, and paint valued at over	\$6300
Donated professional contractor labor valued at least	\$7000

PROPOSED PROJECT BUDGET

Current Project Budget: US \$ **\$149,652.00**

Status of Applications for Other Funding for the Proposed Project:

Fees for players to cover hats and 35% of officials fees	secured
Merchandise sale – T-shirts, discount cards, rummage	Pending sale
Program sponsors and advertisers	negotiated
Merchandise used in fundraisers	secured
Special events	Planning is in progress
Portable snack bar	secured
Private and corporate donations	negotiated
Free use of Hertz and Nations equipment valued at	secured
Discounts on baseball mix, seed, fertilizer valued at	secured
Donated concrete, steel, and paint valued at over	secured
Donated professional contractor labor valued at least	secured

Legal and tax status: Valley Christian Academy is a non-profit, non-denominational school. It is an extension of TBC Corp. The tax ID number xx-xxxxxxx. The IRS determination letter is attached.

Amount of Grant Funds Requested: US \$ **\$77,342.00**

Amount of Matching Funds / Cash: US \$ **\$16,345.00**

Amount of Matching Funds / In-Kind: US \$ **\$55,965.00**

DETAILED PROJECT BUDGET

Baseball program project budget

LINE ITEM	Baseball Tomorrow Fund Grant Share	Applicant's Share Cash <i>committed by the applicant organization</i>	Applicant's or Other Share In-Kind <i>(Cash Equivalent of donated labor, equipment, or materials)</i>	Other Share Cash <i>committed by other sources of funding</i>	Total Cost
<i>For the Ball Park Facility:</i>					
1. Concrete for bleacher area	\$0		30 hrs labor \$1000 concrete \$200 equip		\$1500
2. Expand the visitor dugout	500		20 hrs		700
3. Players bench – both dugouts	0		\$2160 material 20 hrs labor		2360
4. Join fan seating area	500		40 hrs		900
5. New steps to field area	0		\$300 concrete 20 hrs labor	\$200	700
6. complete outfield wall in right field	300		\$500 equip 48 hrs labor	100	1380
7. Painting what gets built	0		\$300 for paint 10 hrs labor \$180 equip		580
8. concessions / restroom and storage room	8670		\$2500 labor		11170
9. Score booth and seating addition to home dugout	2710		\$1000 labor	1000	4710
<i>For the Playing Field:</i>					
10. 45lb Water Booster pump	825		10 hrs labor	\$200	1125
11. Better drainage	500		60 hrs labor		1100
12. Clay bricks for under batting/pitching area	500		60 hrs		1100
13. Foul pole	0		\$700 20 hrs \$400 equip		1300
14. improve Infield dirt	900		\$450 40 hrs \$800 equip		2550
15. improve infield grass and level the infield	700		\$300 50 hrs \$700 equip	150	2350
16. Soil conditioner for infield	500		\$500 40 hrs \$600 equip	500	2500
17. Tarps and mats	300			300	600
18. Topdressing sand/compost for the outfield	600		\$300 40 hrs \$600 equip	300	2200
19. 12 station sprinkler control center	157				157
20. Fertilizer spreader				100	100
21. Mat drag	200				200
<i>For the Ball Players:</i>					

22. 3 portable pitching mounds - \$825 ea	0		2475		2475
Equipment	0				
23. 10 helmets at \$40 ea			\$400		400
24. 4 bats at				800	800
25. 3 L screens at \$249ea			\$750		750
26. 1 base screens \$289ea			\$290		290
27. 100 baseballs at \$5 ea			\$500		500
28. Jugs radar gun	350			445	795
29. Player and coach clinics (Balls/awards/materials)	500				500
30. Uniforms home and away at \$125 each set	0			3750	3750
• 30 hats					
• 30 belts					
• 30 warm up shirts					
• 30 jerseys					
• 30 pants					
• 30 socks					
For Field Maintenance					
31. equip. storage shed	1500				1500
32. hand tools	250		250		500
Totals	\$20462.00	0	\$23235.00	\$7845.00	\$51542.00

For the purposes of calculating costs, the following were used:

- Concrete costs \$80/yd plus \$100 for delivery. 1 yd=WxL/81 for 4" deep
- Equipment rental plus \$100 delivery: Bobcat - \$180/day; lift - \$125/day; trencher - \$193/day; aerator - \$89/day
- Volunteer labor is figured at \$10 per hour, contractor labor uses their dollar amount
- Field accessories are estimated from the Beacon Ballfield web site at www.ballfield.com

Working summary of the baseball and softball program projects:

LINE ITEM	Baseball Tomorrow Fund Grant Share	Applicant's Share Cash	Applicant's or Other Share In-Kind	Other Share Cash	Total Cost
Softball program	\$56,880.00	0	\$32,730.00	\$8,500.00	\$98,110.00
Baseball program	\$20,462.00	0	\$23,235.00	\$7,845.00	\$51,542.00
Total	\$77,342.00	0	\$55,965.00	\$16,345.00	\$149,652.00

Additional information about our program plans is included on page 20 in the additional support materials section.

Softball program project budget

LINE ITEM	Baseball Tomorrow Fund Grant Share	Applicant's Share Cash committed by the applicant organization	Applicant's or Other Share In-Kind (Cash Equivalent of donated labor, equipment, or materials)	Other Share Cash committed by other sources of funding	Total Cost
Building the Field:					
1. 750' perimeter fencing	\$7430		600 equip		\$8030
2. 2 dugouts	3000		2200		5200
3. 2 Foul poles			20 hrs 1300		1500
4. Access gate and accessories	300		20 hrs labor		300
5. Backstop	10200		1450 equip 2100 80 hrs	\$1500	19000
6. Bleachers: 3 rows x 21'	3000				3000
7. Concrete for bleacher area	300		60 hrs labor \$1000 concrete		1900
8. French drain under infield	2000		920 equip 800 labor 1200 materials		4920
9. Painting what gets built	0		300		300
10. Pegs, bases, etc	500				500
11. Players bench	0		20 hrs 1700 materials		1900
12. Rail and fence top padding	400		10 hrs		500
13. Soil conditioner – 320 yds	2300		1000 labor 1440 discount		4700
14. Soil prep	4600		2000 labor 1300 equip		7900
15. Turf seed/sod – 30,000 sq ft	3200		2000 materials 600 labor		5800
16. infield dirt – 155 yds	4000		1100 equip 1950 discount		7050
17. irrigation system	7900		1700 equip 70 hrs	1500	11800
18. Consultant design fee	5000				5000
For the Players					
19. Bats, catcher gear	0			600	600
20. permits for utilities	0			200	200
33. Player and coach clinics 21. (Balls/awards/materials)	500				500
22. Uniforms • 20 hats, 20 jerseys, 20 pants, 20 socks	0			2500	2500
Maintenance tools/equip					
23. 100' hose and nozzle	350				350
24. Batter box outline			100		100
25. Chain link drag	200			200	400
26. Chalking tools				200	200
27. Mower Tractor with 3pt hitch	1000			1000	2000
28. Shed for equip storage	700			800	1500
29. Tamp, rake, etc			160		160
30. Tarps			300		300
Totals	\$56,880.00	0	\$32,730.00	\$8,500.00	\$98,110.00

ADDITIONAL NARRATIVE

Personnel:

The key personnel will provide leadership with a strong commitment to look at all of the issues. The commitment to success is exhibited by staff and local contractor willingness to volunteer time and materials to the project. They bring to the project experience with similar projects and experience with joint relationships in the community.

Name	Qualifications - <i>competence and commitment to complete and maintain the project and funds</i>
Dr. Brad Gunter	VCA Administrator & director of past construction projects
Brad Gunter, Jr.	Athletic director, vice-principal, head baseball coach,
Brian Reiner	Captain of the baseball team helping write the grant application
Dean Moore	DRM, Construction – onsite, licensed contractor
Jim Elmore	Professional contractor specializing in steel work and welding
Jim Reiner	professional project coordinator & management consultant
Maria Hill	VCA bookkeeper, accounting, budget and contract management
Matt LaRose	Raley Field (Oakland A's AAA affiliate) head groundskeeper
Park City Landscaping	Design and build local parks and recreation facilities
School / PONY players	Elbow grease (manual labor) under the direction of contractors
Steve Avila	Professional painter
Todd Conroy	Citrus Heights PONY League president, VCA baseball coach
VCA Booster Club	fundraising, promotions, and onsite equipment use

Local Capacity:

This section describes our capacity to manage the activities that will be integral to or result from this grant.

Activities integral or resulting from this grant	Our capacity to manage these activities
Project planning, scheduling, and evaluation	The athletic director has experience and will manage this with donated professional help
Communication and media relations	We'll use relationships with local media outlets and community organizations to help
Design and construction	We have an experienced onsite, licensed contractor as part of our staff
Implementation and support	The school administrator and athletic director have experience working with contractors
Physical maintenance of the program and facilities	Coaches, students, and parent volunteers will use tools and donated equipment/materials
Maintenance of the equipment & uniforms	Existing staff have experience managing this activity
Financial maintenance of the project	The school bookkeeper who is skilled in accounting and budget will handle this
Fund raising and special events	The athletic director will be assisted by the baseball booster club and PONY/ASA reps
Training and instructional clinics	The coaches have experience arranging and hosting events; PONY and ASA will assist

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT MATERIALS:

These additional materials are attached to support our proposal and/or expand on the summary explanations given.

- Additional materials for project description & stage of development
- Additional materials for rationale, goals and outcomes
- Supplemental material for the detail budget
- A brief description of the Valley Christian Academy Baseball and Softball success

- IRS Determination Letter confirming the 501(c)(3) non-profit status of the applicant organization (3 page letter)
- demographic charts and tables showing our location and community growth
- Annotated photos of the facility and field showing improvements needs
- Specs and diagram for new softball field

- Written estimates for requested expenditures
 - Hertz Equipment Rentals
 - Nations Rents
 - Park City Landscaping, Inc. for softball field construction
 - Horizon for seed and fertilizer
 - DRM Construction for baseball park improvements and construction
- Letters of support from organizations affected by the project.
 - City of Citrus Heights Planning Commissioner
 - Citrus Heights PONY Baseball
 - DRM Construction
 - Woodmore Oaks Neighborhood Watch
 - Suppliers of products and labor for construction and improvements
 - Nations Rent
 - Baseball booster club

SUPPORT MATERIALS FOR PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Where the project is located

The baseball field and the proposed softball field are located on land owned by Valley Christian Academy in Roseville, California on the border of Placer and Sacramento Counties. This location is just minutes from I-80 and a short drive from almost anywhere in the Sacramento area of over 1,300,000 people.



Area impacted by the playing fields

The playing fields will be used by teams in CIF division 5, teams in Sacramento and Placer Counties, and teams in northern California.

When do we want to do this?

The optimal time for most construction and improvements is January thru March 2004 with project implementation and evaluation through October 2004.

How will we get it done?

We'll use a combination of consultants, contractors, volunteers, and donated or discounted equipment and supplies. In the past two years we've been able to make small, though incremental, improvements by using volunteer labor, donated or discounted equipment and materials, and funds donated from individuals, corporations, and foundations. We've been successful with this approach and think it can be successful on a larger scale.

Who are the organizations involved and affected by the project?

Letters of support are included at the end in the additional supporting material. They share and support VCA's goal to mold a well rounded individual who demonstrates academic excellence and displays spiritual and social maturity. Our focus is on character development, academic excellence, and sports opportunities.

<i>Local softball and baseball organizations</i>	<i>Local businesses</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valley Christian Academy school • Citrus Heights PONY Baseball • American Softball Association girls teams in the Sacramento region • Dusty Baker school of baseball • Sacramento River Cats – Oakland A's AAA affiliate • California Interscholastic Federation Division V baseball and softball teams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DRM construction • Park City Landscaping • Horizon landscaping materials • Cascade Rock • Livingston concrete • Nations Rents • Hertz Rentals • Over 25 other past and current sponsors and financial supporters

These organizations see the multiple advantages of the project and are working together in a spirit of regional cooperation.

This group of entities will provide:

- An advisory committee to assist in the development of the plan
- An innovative way to expand and improve the programs
- A way to help generate matching funds for the grant funding
- The commitment and support of schools, leagues, neighbors, and businesses

SUPPORT MATERIALS FOR RATIONALE

Additional statistics and brief narratives to expand on the previously stated rationale.

The project will meet the immediate needs & issues of the school and local programs

- **improve the baseball field so it is true and consistent** – the current field has lumps, bumps, and uneven spots
- **provide a home softball field** for the school girls softball team
- **correct safety and security problems** with the baseball field – a place for maintenance equipment, better steps for accessing the field, better drainage so we aren't walking and playing in mud on the field, and expanding the size of the visitor dugout to accommodate more than 8 people.
- **provide better seating conditions** for the fans and supporters – cement to the bleachers, steps, shade
- **support an existing prep program that has demonstrated success** in providing a quality experience for youth – 6 players in the last two years have gone to college via baseball and softball scholarships; the prep baseball program are six time league baseball champions ('98-'03); this year's prep softball team was CIF Division 5 champs
- **give equal opportunities for girls** as well as boys
- **provide training and equipment** for players, coaches, and parents

The project will meet the immediate and future needs of the community

- **growing demand** for practice and game fields for girls softball and PONY League teams and tournaments as evidenced by the letters of support
- **provide equal opportunity for youth and girls** to experience life through baseball related activities
- **the need for additional after-school programs including recreation** that support academic success of children and reduce risky behavior according to the Sacramento County Children's Report Card 2001.
- **the 0-17 population has increased 22%** since 1990 compared with 12% increase in County population as a whole in the same time period. Population growth is expected to increase in the Sacramento area faster than any other area in California. Youth baseball and softball programs are in great demand.
- **there is a lack of facilities in this immediate area** –park development is near the centers of the adjoining counties, not near the border where we are located. This need grows daily.
- **A need for sites to host tournaments and all-star games locally for the region**
- **expand spring, summer, and fall baseball and softball leagues** to meet the demand and interest of the community – including the fastest growing county in California at 5.8% annual growth

Specific use of the grant funds

The grant will fund baseball and softball fields which will be used:

- by school and community youth leagues
- by approximately 2,500 kids ages 5-18
- for year-round use
- with services for players, coaches, fans, and officials!

VALLEY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

A grant from the Baseball Tomorrow Fund will support a program that has demonstrated success!

The Program:

- Part of the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF)
- Division V – Sacramento Valley Christian League (SVCL)

Boys Varsity Baseball

Record the past six years: 123 wins, 35 losses, 3 ties

SVCL Champions: 1998, 1999, 2000 Co-Champions, 2001, 2002 Co-Champions, 2003

CIF Playoffs: 1999, 2001, 2003

League All Star team selections
2003 – 5 players
1997 through 2002 – 39 players

College scholarships
2001 – 5 players

Girls Varsity Softball

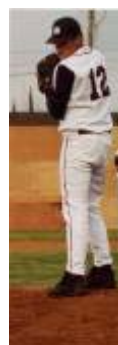
Record the past six years:
62 wins, 52 losses
(17-6 last year for 2nd place)

CIF Playoffs: 2003

League All Star team selections
2003 – 4 players
2002 – 3 players
2001 – 1 player

College scholarships
2003 – 1 player received a 4 year full ride scholarship

Moments from the 2003 Championship season



“It is the capacity to develop and improve their skills that distinguishes leaders from their followers.”

Posted on the dugout wall

SUPPORT MATERIALS FOR DETAIL BUDGET

Future work plans after completing the project funded by the grant.

Baseball program plans for 2005 and beyond...

LINE ITEM	Baseball Tomorrow Fund Grant Share	Applicant's Share Cash <i>committed by the applicant organization</i>	Applicant's or Other Share In-Kind <i>(Cash Equivalent of donated labor, equipment, or materials)</i>	Other Share Cash <i>committed by other sources of funding</i>	Total Cost
1. Bleacher awning	0		\$700 labor \$400 equip 40 hrs	4415	7400
2. Landscaping and trees	0			600	1000
3. Playground equipment	0			700	700
4. Public address system	0			300	300
5. Scoreboard	0		\$900 equip 40 hrs labor	13000	13000
6. Riding Mower	0			2200	2200
7. Riding mower attachments	0			2000	2000
8. Batting tunnel with roof and lighting	0		\$400 equip 150 hrs labor	2300	4200
9. e-stim device	0			1100	1100
10. High Speed Video equipment; 250 frames/sec	0		2300	2000	4300
11. Ice machines	0			1400	1400
12. Iron mike pitching machine	0			2400	2400
13. Whirlpool	0		200	975	1175
Totals	0	0	6800	33390	41175

Softball program plans for 2005 and beyond....

LINE ITEM	Baseball Tomorrow Fund Grant Share	Applicant's Share Cash <i>committed by the applicant organization</i>	Applicant's or Other Share In-Kind <i>(Cash Equivalent of donated labor, equipment, or materials)</i>	Other Share Cash <i>committed by other sources of funding</i>	Total Cost
1. Landscaping and trees	0		80 hrs 400	400	1600
2. Playground and equipment	0			700	700
3. Pitching machine	0			1200	1200
4. Scoreboard	0		60 hrs	5000	5600
Totals	0	0	1800	7300	9100