

RFA - 2025 - 0027  
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**REDBUD HEALTH CARE DISTRICT  
REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE (RFA)  
(Please Type or Print All Information)**

1. Subject of Request Coyote Valley Playground Equipment + Blacktop  
(Starting Date For New Programs) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Requesting Organization Coyote Valley Elementary Parent Teacher Organization

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4. Individual Accountable For Funds: Name Amanda Cooley

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5. Amount Requested (\$) 50,000 Grant Period \_\_\_\_\_

6. Background And Basic Information Regarding Organization  
(Use additional pages, as necessary, to fully describe information required)

7. Justification  
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7.1 Intended Use Of Funds In Detail

**7.2 How Intended Use Of Funds Will Further Delivery Of Health Care Services  
Within Redbud Health Care District**

**7.3 Detailed Basis For Funds Requested**

#### 6. Background and Basic Information Regarding Organization

The Coyote Valley Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that plays a crucial role in providing the students with invaluable opportunities in arts, garden, science, technology, field trips, assemblies, playground equipment, and more! The PTO also funds teacher and library needs as well as positive reinforcement programs like reading challenges and awards and incentives.

#### 7. Justification

The purpose of this project is to provide a newer and safer environment for the children of Coyote Valley Elementary School. Currently, the blacktop where children run and play has growing cracks in the asphalt that are posing safety issues for the children. In the past, when trying to fix these cracks, a more temporary option was chosen to save costs, but the school, again, is facing the same concerns as the cracks have returned. In fact, efforts were made as soon as last year to solve this issue. The Parent Teacher Organization at Coyote Valley Elementary is hoping to provide a new asphalt surface for the children of the school so that they can play basketball or tetherball or handball without needing to worry about tripping and getting hurt.

#### 8. Intended Use of Funds in Detail

As noted above, the cracks within the asphalt surface have been a problem in recent years. However, due to funding limitations, a short-term solution was chosen rather than replacing the entire asphalt surface. However, only a few years after investing in the short-term solution, the cracks have re-surfaced. The goal of the proposed project is to provide a new and safe asphalt surface for the children to be able to run and play sports without needing to worry about the potential of tripping and getting hurt. We are also looking to replace the basketball hoops with hoops that can be adjusted to better accommodate all children regardless of age and height. The proposed project includes handball courts to increase the options for the children at the school. We also hope to increase the number of buddy benches across the playground as this program has provided an avenue for children that are in need of social support within the school. Lastly, the proposed project includes trash cans that will be bolted to the asphalt to help ensure that the playground area can stay clean.

#### 9. How intended Use of Funds will Further Delivery of Health Care Services Within Redbud Health Care District

The impact of the funds provided by Redbud Health Care Services will be significant. Having a new asphalt blacktop without large cracks will provide a safer surface where the children can run and play various sports such as basketball or handball. A decrease in tripping hazards will provide a safer environment where the children can play without having to worry about tripping and getting hurt. Currently, the school has had to restrict the play of certain games such as tag as these types of games often result in higher rates of accidents. However, added restrictions have not been able to eliminate safety hazards entirely. Children want to run and play, which results in injuries.

The health benefits of a new asphalt surface will also have benefits beyond what was mentioned above. For example, the Middletown basketball league has struggled to find suitable practice locations for their youth basketball teams. The league has reported that teams could use the basketball hoops at Coyote Valley, but the current asphalt surface makes the current equipment unsafe for use. The proposed project will provide greater access to locations for practice to this sports league.

The asphalt surface and new basketball hoops will also be available to the community to use after school hours increasing the access to physical activity in the community, which can impact both the physical and mental health of those within the community.

#### 10. Details Basis for Funds Requested

Currently at Coyote Valley Elementary, the playground surface has an asphalt surface with growing cracks throughout the asphalt surface. The results of these cracks have been an increased risk of children tripping when running, which has led to the school having to restrict the play of the children at the school. Although the school would like provide a safer surface for the children, with the continuing financial constraints being faced by the school district, the school is not able to provide the funds necessary for a project of this magnitude. The Coyote Valley Parent Teacher Organization has a proposed project to replace the asphalt surface and provide a newer and safer surface for the children to use. As noted previously, the project will likely have positive impacts on both the physical and mental health of the children at Coyote Valley and others within the community. The amount needed to accomplish this project is significant and the funds requested from Redbud Health Care District will be crucial in the execution of the project. The PTO is actively fundraising and, if approved, the contribution will greatly help complete this project.