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RFA - 2525-0027 Revised

Date Recv'd 6/13/25

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

1. Subject of Request Coyote Valley Elementary Blacktop Project

(Starting Date For New Programs) July 2025

2. Requesting Organization Coyote Valley Elementary PTO

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Title PTO Treasurer

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

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

See attached

7. Justification  
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a. Intended Use Of Funds In Detail

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b. How Intended Use Of Funds Will Further Delivery Of Health Care Services  
Within Redbud Health Care District

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7.3 Detailed Basis For Funds Requested

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## 6. Background And Basic Information Regarding Organization

The Coyote Valley Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to enriching the educational experience of all students. The PTO plays an active and vital role in supporting school programs and initiatives that extend beyond the standard curriculum. This includes funding opportunities in the arts, garden education, science and technology, field trips, school assemblies, and playground improvements.

In addition to enhancing student experiences, the PTO also provides essential support for classroom needs, library resources, and positive reinforcement programs, such as reading challenges and student incentives. Through community driven fundraising and volunteer efforts, the PTO fosters a stronger connection between home, school, and the wider community.

## 7. Justification

The goal of this blacktop project is to create a safer, more functional outdoor play space for the students of Coyote Valley Elementary School. The current blacktop surface, where students engage in daily physical activity including basketball and tetherball, has deteriorated significantly over time. Widening cracks and uneven surfaces now pose serious tripping hazards, limiting safe play and physical education activities.

Previous attempts to address these issues have relied on temporary, cost saving repairs that have not held up over time. Despite patchwork efforts as recently as last year, the underlying problems persist and continue to compromise student safety. The Coyote Valley Elementary PTO is seeking funding to fully resurface the blacktop and provide a long term solution that ensures a safe, durable, and engaging environment for student recreation and physical development.

### 7a. Intended Use Of Funds In Detail

The requested grant funds will be used exclusively for the full resurfacing of the existing blacktop at Coyote Valley Elementary School. The current asphalt surface has deteriorated significantly, with widespread cracking and uneven areas that pose tripping hazards and ongoing safety concerns for students. A complete resurfacing is necessary to provide a long-term, durable solution and ensure a safe environment for outdoor play and physical education.

While the grant funds will be used solely for blacktop resurfacing in accordance with funding guidelines, the Coyote Valley Elementary PTO has independently fundraised to support additional improvements that will enhance the safety, accessibility, and inclusivity of the overall play area. These PTO funded enhancements include:

- **Installation of Basketball Hoops:** To accommodate students of various ages and abilities, the PTO will fund new hoops with adjustable heights.
- **Addition of Volleyball Courts:** The PTO will also fund volleyball courts to diversify physical activity options for students.
- **Expansion of the Buddy Bench Program:** Additional benches will be installed to foster inclusion and emotional well being among students seeking peer connection.
- **Secured Trash Receptacles:** The PTO plans to add bolted trash cans to encourage a clean and safe environment.

By combining grant support for the blacktop resurfacing with PTO funded enhancements, this project represents a comprehensive effort to improve both the safety and functionality of the outdoor space for all students.

### **7b. How Intended Use Of Funds Will Further Delivery Of Health Care Services Within Redbud Health Care District**

The funds provided by Redbud Health Care District will have a direct and meaningful impact on the health and safety of Coyote Valley Elementary students and the broader community. By resurfacing the aging and cracked blacktop, the school will be able to provide a significantly safer environment for physical activity. A smooth, even surface will reduce the risk of trips, falls, and related injuries during recess and PE, allowing students to run, play, and engage in active games without restriction.

Currently, certain games like tag have been limited or prohibited due to the unsafe condition of the blacktop, which has not fully prevented injuries. Children naturally seek active play, and without a safe space to do so, they remain at increased risk. A new asphalt surface will allow the school to support healthy physical activity in a safer and more structured way, reducing injuries and improving students' physical wellness.

Beyond the school day, the benefits of this project will extend to the wider community. Local organizations, such as the Middletown Youth Basketball League, have expressed interest in using the outdoor courts for practice, but the existing surface is currently unsafe for regular use. Resurfacing the blacktop and ensuring the area is safe and accessible will expand opportunities for community recreation and promote active lifestyles for children and families throughout the Redbud Health Care District.

By increasing access to safe outdoor physical activity, this project supports both injury prevention and overall wellness, two key components of public health and safety. The long term benefit is a healthier, more active community with fewer barriers to exercise and play.

### **7.3 Detailed Basis For Funds Requested**

The asphalt surface at Coyote Valley Elementary's playground has deteriorated significantly, with extensive cracking that presents ongoing tripping hazards for students. These safety concerns have forced the school to limit certain types of play, restricting activities that are essential to children's physical development and overall well being.

While the school and district recognize the importance of replacing the surface, budgetary constraints have made it impossible to fund a project of this scale. The Coyote Valley Elementary PTO is spearheading this effort and has developed a comprehensive plan to fully resurface the blacktop, providing a safer, long lasting solution for students and community members alike.

The estimated cost of this project is substantial, and the funds requested from Redbud Health Care District are essential to making this safety focused portion of the project possible. The PTO is simultaneously engaged in active fundraising to cover additional, non-safety related improvements, such as basketball hoops, volleyball courts, buddy benches, and trash receptacles.

Support from Redbud will directly fund the core safety component of the project, the blacktop resurfacing, which will reduce injury risk and promote safer physical activity for children during the school day and for families in the wider community during after school hours.

This funding will not only help ensure student safety but also foster long term health benefits for the entire Redbud Health Care District community through increased access to safe, outdoor recreational space.

## Fwd: Fw: Coyote Valley Bid

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Good Afternoon Conrad,

I hope you are doing well and staying cool! I just wanted to give you an update on where we stand on our CVE blacktop project.

### **Quotes:**

1. We have received one written quote from Argonaut Construction for the blacktop at a very discounted price of \$83,879.84 (no basketball hoops/install in this quote). This quote is attached.
2. We got a verbal quote from Smith Construction to give us an idea of cost without any discounts, which was about \$160-180K
3. We are still waiting on a written quote from Epidendio Construction Inc, just for comparison purposes, knowing it will be far higher than Argonaut

The blacktop committee, along with all the key players (Argonaut, RSA+, Superintendent Jeff Crane, Principal Scott Ferguson, MUSD Director of Maintenance) had a meeting yesterday on Wednesday, 6/11/25. It was a very productive meeting, and we have a plan forward. Argonaut is expecting to start on this project the second week of July. I will be drafting and signing a contract with them shortly.

Phase two of this project will be getting general contractor quotes to install the basketball hoops, tether balls, and paint the striping in late July. This phase is not safety related and Redbud funding would not go towards this.

CVE PTO still plans to attend the 6/24 meeting with this update, and any other updates that we have between now and then.

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Thanks,

**Ashley Kniffin, CPA**

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	<u>Labor</u>								
	Foreman	16	Hrs	\$ 115.00			\$1,840	\$0	\$0
	4-Laborers	64	Hrs	\$ 95.00			\$6,080	\$0	\$0
	5-Operators	80	Hrs	\$ 108.00			\$8,640		
	<u>Materials</u>								
	AC	315	Tons		\$ 115.00			\$36,225	
	Class II AB	17	Tons		\$ 15.00		\$0	\$255	\$0
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	<u>Equipment</u>								
	Trucking	32	Hrs			\$ 165.00	\$0	\$0	\$5,280
	855 Paver	8	Hrs			\$ 320.00	\$0	\$0	\$2,560
	2-Rollers	16	Hrs			\$ 85.00	\$0	\$0	\$1,360
	Skip Loader	16	Hrs			\$ 65.00	\$0	\$0	\$1,040
	Skid Steer	16	Hrs			\$ 55.00	\$0	\$0	\$880
	Grinder	1	Ls			\$ 5,200.00	\$0	\$0	\$5,200
	Trucks	64	Hrs			\$ 55.00	\$0	\$0	\$3,520
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	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>						\$16,560	\$36,480	\$19,840
	<b>MATERIAL TAX</b>	9.25%						\$3,374	
	<b>TOTAL</b>								\$76,254
	<b>Markup 15%</b>								\$7,625.44
	<b>Subtotal</b>								\$83,879.84