Part II: Community Built Playgrounds

Created: 08/29/2018 • Last updated: 09/03/2018

Community Built Playgrounds Required Questions

Good news! You are just a few pages away from finishing your application for a KaBOOM! playground grant.

To complete your application, please answer the questions below and then proceed to the next page to upload key documents.

Do you have any existing play equipment on your property?

Yes

How many playgrounds?

If you do not have a full playground set on site, but you do have isolated, individual pieces of equipment (for example, a set of swings or a climber), please select "1" and share information about any equipment that exists in your description of equipment below.

1

Do you intend to replace or add equipment to the first playground?

We plan to keep all of the existing equipment at our first playground if we receive a KaBOOM! grant.

Describe in detail the condition of the equipment on the first playground.
Be sure to describe the age of the equipment and note any damage or issues with the equipment (for example, graffiti, missing pieces, issues with passing safety inspections, etc.)

The playground is 18 years old. It's for age 5-12. It has a bridge that has sunken down, chipped paint, graffiti that has been painted over.

List the names and/or addresses of any playgrounds within walking distance (about half a mile) of your proposed site.

Please note whether the playgrounds are open to the public and if the children you serve have access to these playgrounds.

None

Can you see any nearby playground(s) from your site?

No

Will your proposed playground be open to the general public? Yes, all will be welcomed at our playground

Does your organization own the land at the proposed playground site? Yes

Is submitting this application your first step in planning to build a playground in your community?

No

If no, please check all that apply:

Fundraising. Approximately how much?: 5,000

Received a quote, estimate, or formalized an agreement with a playground vendor

Is there any major construction scheduled at or surrounding the proposed playground site in the next 12 months?

No

Within the area of your proposed playground site, are there any of the following?

If any of these items are located within your playground footprint, include them on your site map (requested on the next page)!

Check all that apply:

Fences

In recent decades, play as we know it has been slowly disappearing. A study comparing mothers to their children found that 70% of mothers said they played outside every day when they were girls, while only 31% said their children did the same.

Community Built Playgrounds Required Materials

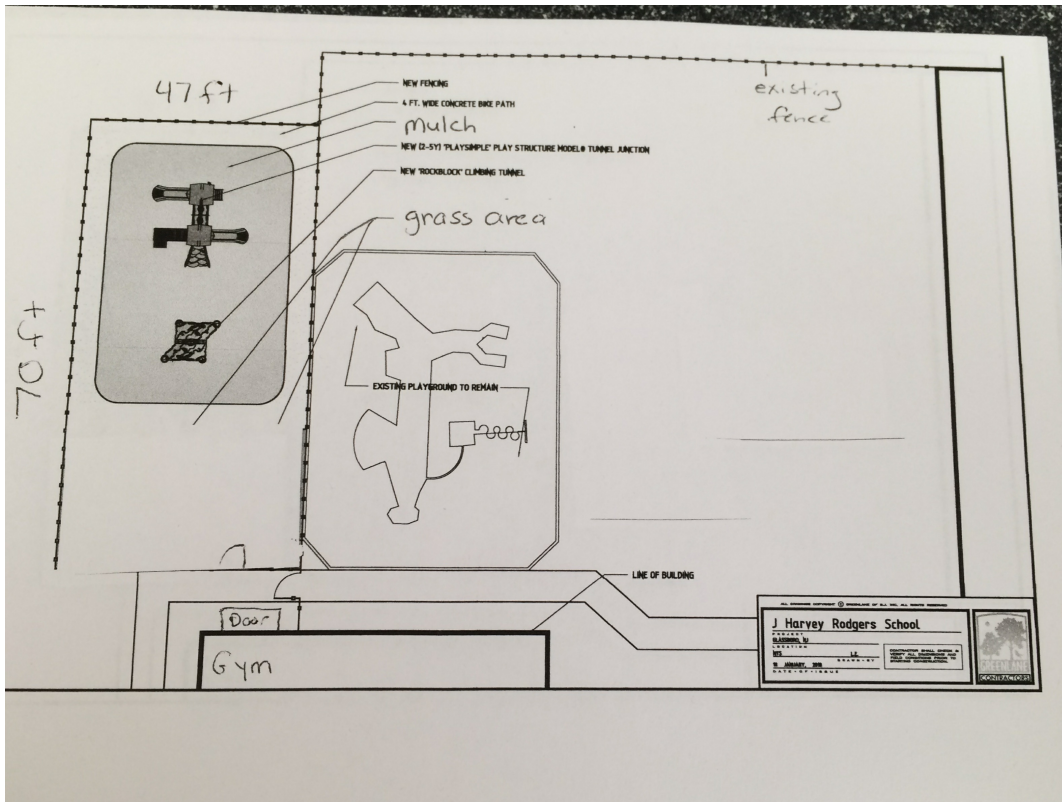So close! This is the last required page of the application.

All photos must be attached as .jpg, .png, .jpeg, or .gif files. Please do not attach PDF files for site map/photos.

Site Map

Using either pen and paper or a computer program such as Word or Paint, create a simple sketch of your proposed playground site.   Make sure you have checked-off all the boxes on the Site Map Checklist below before you upload your site map! For an example, click [here](#).

Site Map Checklist:

- **Site Dimensions:** Measure both the length and width of the site (ex- 47' x 53')
- **Access points:** If there is a a gate, stairs, or a fence surrounding the site, show where it is located in your drawing. Highlight any access points.
- **Physical Characteristics:** Trees, fences, buildings, existing playground equipment, sloping, in-ground drains, retaining walls, etc.

Big Picture - Site Photo

Place 4 "markers" (these can be cones, marking flags, chairs, or even people!) at the 4 corners of the space where you will build your playground, creating an outline of the proposed playground footprint. Take a picture so that your 4 markers are visible in the photo. For an example see here.

Site Photos

We rely on your photos to provide a clear and comprehensive view of the space where you plan to build your playground. Please submit 5-10 site photos. We encourage you to capture the following:

- **Equipment:** Please provide photos of any existing equipment that is on your site. Include close-up photos that show the condition of the equipment. Be sure to capture any damaged or missing pieces.
- **Big Picture:** Different sides and angles of the "big picture" photo above.
- **360°:** Stand in the center of the space where you will build your playground and take four different photos facing North, South, East, and West. These four photos will let us see what is visible from your proposed playground site.

(No response)

(No response)

(No response)

Play helps children adjust to the school setting, enhances their learning readiness, and indirectly contributes to children learning more hard skills in school by mitigating behavioral problems and increasing academic engagement.

Optional Materials

All the prompts and requested materials on this page are *optional*. Feel free to answer one, none, or all of the questions below.

The information you share will be used to create a rich snapshot of your project. If your organization is applying on a tight timeline, we recommend skipping this page.

Upload candid pictures of the children and/or the community you serve.

These pictures may be included in a PowerPoint presentation that we will share with prospective funding partners for your project.

(No response)

Share the story of an individual child or an individual family served by your organization that would benefit from a new playground.

Include a picture of the child or family you describe in the candid photos section above.

Jace is a little boy who was in foster care along with his 3 older and 1 younger sister. He was adopted by a family who lives on the "Ridge", which is the neighborhood in which this school is located. Jace is a special needs child who will be attending our Kindergarten program this year and his younger sister is attending our 4 year old program. Our current playground for students age 5-12. Although Jace is 5, it's very intimidating for him. He rather run around on the grass at recess and avoid the large playground. It would be so wonderful if he could have a smaller structure to climb on to help him develop his gross motor skills. Last year, Jace did not get any playground time and neither will his little sister since she is going to be 4 years old. The reason is our current playground is not safe for younger children. Unfortunately, students have broken bones by falling from the monkey bars and fire pole.

Spotlight a unique, impactful, and/or innovative program that your organization offers.

We are the only public school district that offers a free 3 and 4 year old program. Half of our school population has no playground to play on. Many of these kids live within walking distance to our school and would use the playground all year round.

Share a story that illustrates the current state of your community and highlight what makes your community unique.

Many of the students in our district come from broken homes. They are being raised by grandparents or single parents. These family members are working so hard to provide for their families. We have been fundraising for a new, smaller playground for over 10 years. We have some money saved by not enough. Our district is getting cut 1.8 million dollars in our school year budget for this school year. Our class sizes are rising. I have the most amount of kids in my class in the 12 years I've worked at Rodgers. These kids need an appropriate place to play. We are adding purposeful play into our schedule. This would be extra time we could spend outside, developing social skills and gross motor skills. These kids want to be outside, learning and growing. Please help us do that by awarding us this grant.

Congratulations! You have completed your application for a KaBOOM! Playground Grant.

Please make any final edits or changes before you hit "Submit" You will not be able to modify the application once you have submitted!