



CPA Funding Application Form

City of Worcester

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Project Name	Kendrick Baseball Field Restoration Campaign
Project Location and/or Address	Kendrick Field 19 Brooks Street Worcester, Massachusetts 01606
Project Lead Organization (or Individual if Applicable)	Schwartz Baseball, Incorporated, Mailing Address: PO Box 60196 Worcester, MA 01606
Legal Status of the Organization	501(c)3
Current Property Owner (if Different from the Applicant)	City of Worcester
Please attach written permission by the property owner for submission of this application if other than applicant.	Kendrick Field 90' Baseball Diamond Letter of Support 4-25.pdf
Brief Project Description	The Kendrick Baseball Field project seeks funding to revitalize a vital recreational space within Worcester. The revitalization of a key neighborhood space, promoting youth development, and enhancing the overall recreational landscape of Worcester.
Project Contact Information	Eric Dobson [REDACTED]
What CPA category does this project fall under? (Check All that Apply)	Open Space and Recreation
What activity are you proposing to do in this category? (Check All that Apply)	Acquire Create Preserve Rehabilitate / Restore
What is the project budget?	\$114,788.22
How much are you requesting in CPA funding?	\$114,788.22
Historical Resource Projects: Have you received a Positive Determination of Local Historic Significance from the Worcester Historical Commission?	This project does not require a Determination of Local Historic Significance
Are you requesting an expedited review process for your project? The CPC shall	

consider an expedited timeline for review (i.e., a Special Application) only under certain circumstances. See the Application Guidance document (linked below) for more information.	Yes
Please briefly describe the conditions under which you are requesting an expedited timeline for review. Additionally, please ensure to email CPP staff at burmeisterj@worcesterma.gov before or shortly after submitting this application.	We request the expedited timeline for this project due to the accelerating encroachment of trees and overgrowth from the adjacent woods and unmaintained areas. This unchecked vegetation not only compromises the field's playability by obstructing sight-line and creating physical hazards, but also significantly increases future maintenance burdens. Delaying action will result in more extensive and costly remediation efforts.
Please briefly describe your project.	This project aims to revitalize a neglected community asset, ensuring equitable access for players from Worcester. The restoration will focus on clearing overgrown vegetation, including undergrowth along the fence line, encroaching trees, and damaging vines on the foul ball netting. The warning track, currently obscured and unsafe, will be redefined and restored. Additionally, the bullpen will be rehabilitated and fencing repaired to provide a functional practice area. Crucially, a batting cage and scoreboard will be added, aligning Kendrick Field with the standard amenities offered by neighboring towns and leagues, thus leveling the playing field for local athletes. A lawn tractor equipped with mower, bucket, and rake attachments will help maintain these improvements. This equipment will enable volunteers to efficiently manage the field's upkeep, ensuring the restored areas remain in optimal condition in future years.
What permissions, permits and plans will be necessary to carry out this project, and what is the status of their acquisition?	NA
Do you foresee any delays in acquiring these permissions within the next 6 months? If yes, please explain, otherwise, type N/A.	NA
What is the desired start and end date of this project?	We are ready to start the project as soon as funding is granted. Optimally, we could have all work completed by December 31, 2025.
Please attach a Timeline for the project.	Kendrick Field Restoration Project Timeline.pdf
Please upload a complete project budget (.xlsx or .pdf)	

that includes the source of the funding for each line item. CPA funds can ONLY be used on CPA eligible project elements. Please make sure to be specific about the use of all CPA monies requested.	Kendrick Field JSLL CPA Grant Budget - Sheet1 (1).pdf
Please upload any renderings and/or estimates for this project.	Audio Pure Resonance Audio.pdf JScoreboard Joe Schwartz Little League - Quote_15393 - Field 3.pdf Miller Fence Schwartz LL.pdf Mound Portolite - 10_ Full Length Practice Mound - Two-Piece - Practice Pitching Mounds - Red _ Sports _ Outdoors.pdf Revised Batting Cage pitchers Mound.pdf Yellow Fence Crown.pdf Warning Track Estimate_3949_from_VIP_LANDSCAPING_LLC.pdf Tree Work Estimate_112.pdf Tractor EQINV_03282025_000001.PDF Kendrick Renderings (1).zip
What is the status of the match funding identified in the budget?	NA
Please upload commitment letters and/or funding agreements demonstrating that match funding is in place.	Kendrick Field 90' Baseball Diamond Letter of Support 4-25.pdf Joe Schwartz Little League, Kendrick Baseball Field Restoration Project 4-4-25 from IUOE Local 4.pdf Letter of Support-District Attorney.pdf
Please explain why CPA funding is needed for this project. If CPA is the only proposed funding source for this project, please explain why.	We received a \$15,000 in kind donation for roofing/labor for the building on the property. We also raised over \$7,250 in donations to replace the baseline material with the correct product and restore the baselines that were overgrown and not safe or playable at Kendrick field. We received donated labor from the DA. The Parks Dept. has contributed labor and expertise. The league is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of four additional fields, diluting their fundraising resources.
Please describe the experience of the project manager or project management team in completing a project like this one. Please include examples of similar projects pursued in the past, and why they are relevant.	The Project Manager brings 37 years of extensive experience in the commercial construction industry, demonstrating a proven track record of successfully managing projects of comparable and significantly greater value than the Kendrick Field restoration. His leadership experience encompasses a diverse portfolio, including high-profile projects such as work at the WboSox stadium, complex building structures like the Worcester Court House and at WPI, and intricate bridge and building work throughout New England. These projects showcase his ability to navigate complex logistical challenges, manage budgets effectively, and coordinate diverse teams, all skills directly applicable to the Kendrick Field project's scope and demands. His experience with large-scale, community-focused projects is particularly relevant, as it demonstrates an understanding of the importance of creating public spaces that enhance community well-being and pride.

Please describe the financial position of the organization and its ability to cover the upfront costs of this project. CPA funding is provided on a reimbursement basis.	The Little League's current operational budget of \$29,000, coupled with two upcoming spring fundraising initiatives projected to generate \$30,000 each, positions the organization favorably to manage the upfront costs associated with the Kendrick Field project. While CPA funding is provided on a reimbursement basis, the league's financial planning, which includes a phased project rollout and timely submission of receipts, ensures sufficient liquidity to cover initial expenses. This strategy demonstrates the league's ability to responsibly manage the project's financial demands and ensures that the project can proceed without significant delays.
Please upload any reports that may be helpful in establishing a capable financial position.	JSL Bank Statement March.pdf
How will this resource/property/building be maintained in the future?	The long-term maintenance of Kendrick Field will be ensured through a dedicated partnership between the Joe Schwartz Little League, Worcester Parks and Recreation Department, District Attorney Joseph Early's Office, and International Union of Operating Engineers Local 4. These partnerships establish a sustainable model for the field's upkeep, ensuring its continued quality and usability for future generations of players and community members.
Please describe how this project/program will benefit Worcester residents in general, as well as specific groups that will benefit from the project.	The project will provide a recreational resource for Worcester residents, particularly benefiting Junior/Senior League age players from Schwartz by offering a safe and well-maintained field for competitive play. This improvement will also positively impact the neighborhood and local businesses by fostering a sense of community pride. Notably, the neighboring ABS Behavioral Health facility will gain access to an improved outdoor space.
Please identify which of the Community Priorities identified in the Community Preservation Plan align with this project (check all that apply).	PRIORITY 1: Increase accessibility to historic resources, open space, parks, and in community housing. PRIORITY 3: Prioritizing investments into projects that address a demonstrated need in a geographic area.
Please describe how this project aligns with the above Community Priorities.	The Kendrick Baseball Field restoration project aligns strongly with two Community Priorities. Firstly, it directly addresses Priority 1 by significantly increasing accessibility to open space and parks. By transforming a neglected field into a safe and well-maintained recreational space, the project provides enhanced opportunities for outdoor activity for youth baseball leagues, neighborhood residents, and the ABS Behavioral Health facility. Secondly, it fulfills Priority 3 by prioritizing investments into a project that addresses a demonstrated need within a specific geographic area. The current state of Kendrick Field, marked by disrepair and neglect, highlights a clear need for revitalization in the surrounding community. The restoration will transform the space into a valuable community asset, addressing the demonstrated need for improved equitable recreational facilities and open space access within this particular neighborhood.
Historic Resource Category	

Goals	This project does not align with any of these Category Goals.
Open Space and Recreation Category Goals	GOAL 2: Refurbish existing park amenities to meet the city's changing needs.
Community Housing Category Goals	This project does not align with any of these Category Goals.
Please describe how this project aligns with the above Category Goals.	The refurbishment of Kendrick Baseball Field will address the city's evolving needs by enhancing safety with a new warning track and removing overgrown vegetation. Crucially, the addition of a batting cage and the refurbishment of the bullpen will provide dedicated practice areas for players. These improvements will ensure the field remains a valuable resource for the community for years to come.
Does your project align with any other City or Regional Plans? Please be specific. See the City of Worcester website to view local plans.	NA
Does your project have community support? Please describe outreach efforts for this project.	The Parks Dept. maintains Kendrick, providing a space for sports and recreation, while DA Joseph Early has demonstrated support for Kendrick Field improvements through community reinvestment grants, as seen with recent kick off funding for Kendrick. It is expected that IUOE 4 will continue their financial support of Kendrick Field. These efforts by the Parks Dept, DA Joe Early, and IUOE 4, among others, likely help ensure that Kendrick Field serves as a valuable resource for the city.
Please upload any letters of support.	Joe Schwartz Little League, Kendrick Baseball Field Restoration Project 4-4-25 from IUOE Local 4.pdf Letter of Support-District Attorney.pdf Kendrick Field 90' Baseball Diamond Letter of Support 4-25.pdf
Is there anything else you want the CPC to know about your project?	The reason we come to request these funds is because visiting teams' coaches from surrounding towns laughed at the conditions of our field this past fall season. Our hope is that Kendrick Field becomes a field that city coaches, players and residents can be proud of someday. We need your help! Thank you for your consideration.