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NFC 2023 HEALTHY CITY GRANT APPLICATION

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Legal Name of Organization	Hernando County Parks and Recreation Department
Application Type	Parks & Recreation Department
Website URL:	https://www.hernandocounty.us/departments/departments-n-z/parks-and-recreation/park-preserve
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II. Community Eligibility Details:

Why should National Fitness Campaign consider pre-qualifying your city, municipality or organization for funding and partnership in the 2023 Healthy City Program?

The Hernando County Parks and Recreation Department has been very interested in participating with the National Fitness Campaign since we first discovered the program in 2021. Unfortunately, the plans to develop a fitness court last year fell through as we didn't budget adequate funds needed to successfully complete the project. We've now started early in the planning process and would hope to be better prepared to have a successful improvement project for a new fitness court. The focus park for this project would be our Veterans Memorial Park located at 12254 Spring Hill Drive, Spring Hill, FL 34609. This park offers patrons an exercise walking trail and multiple workout stations along the trail. We feel that incorporating a fitness court into this park would fit the existing health and fitness theme and add another excellent amenity to the park.

Please describe your existing recreation and wellness infrastructure for your audience, community members and visitors, especially any current or planned pedestrian-oriented design (i.e. trail systems, pedestrian focused amenities and services, Rails-to-Trails projects, planned bicycle pathways, etc.)

Hernando County has bicycle trails, walking paths, and hiking trails in many of the parks. We have seen a growing demand for more fitness related amenities throughout our park system and have been researching ideas to fulfill the community's needs. The National Fitness Campaign seemed to be a perfect fit for the growing community and the target area of Hernando County. Veteran's Memorial Park is located in a densely populated residential area and is already frequented by many fitness seeking patrons.

Describe current policies, initiatives and/or programs that contribute to health equity across all neighborhoods in your city.

There are multiple organizations that would be a great supporter of a National Fitness Campaign. Florida Department of Health could be a potential sponsor for fitness programs developed within Hernando County. The YMCA has also been an active health and fitness partner and has hosted exercise events such as 5k's or community related exercise walks within our parks. We also have a large sponsorship participation level from various businesses, organizations, and individuals that want to promote healthier lifestyles for the youth and community.

Provide an overview of existing funding measures in place that support parks and recreation and outdoor infrastructure in your city.

The Hernando County Parks and Recreation Department has a 5-year capital improvement plan that details a number of projects that the Board of County Commission has determined to be necessary improvements to our current recreational needs. These projects include boardwalks, facility upgrades, new playgrounds, fishing piers, and athletic field improvements. The current funding plan is to add necessary funding into the Fiscal Year 2024 budget for the development of a fitness court at Veteran's Park.

Please describe your future park, trail, and pedestrian infrastructure plans.

Hernando County has been a growing community and is behind on meeting the recreational needs of the citizens. This is clear in the limited space available for athletic league play, the beaches becoming full to capacity, and the demand for increased infrastructure plans. Currently there are discussions with Southwest Water Management District and Hernando County to potentially lease or own lands at the Weeki Wachee Preserve. The County is seeking to develop more areas for beaches, walking trails, and recreational amenities on the west side of the County.

Support: Who else among your community leadership has adopted or supported feasibility for partnership in the NFC initiative?

Parks & Recreation Commission / Board Administrator(s)
Other: VFW and Hernando County Veteran's Council is in support of this improvement.

Please list any community groups and organizations that will be involved with activating and promoting this initiative.

Hernando County Parks and Recreation; Hernando County Board of County Commissioners; Veterans of Foreign Wars local precinct; Hernando County Veteran's Council; Hernando County Administration; Florida Department of Health; YMCA*; HCA Hospitals*; Healthy Living Organizations*

*Partner Opportunities

Are there any future park or trail masterplans for which you may be interested in utilizing NFC's Healthy Infrastructure Consultation and Services?

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III. MULTI-SITE INFORMATION

Site #1 Name:

Veteran's Memorial Park, 12254 Spring Hill Drive, Spring Hill FL 34609

Site #1 Google Maps or other web URL of location

<https://www.google.com/maps?f=l&hl=en&q=12254+Spring+Hill+Dr%2c+Spring+Hill%2c+FL+34609>

Site #1 Location Type

Public Outdoor Park

Can you confirm that this site location supports a site for the Fitness Court that is a minimum safe distance of 150' from the nearest playground or children's play area to comply with national grant and safety standards?

Yes

Is this site both highly visible and easily accessible?

Yes

Has the site been approved by appropriate stakeholders or community leaders?

Yes

Please describe what makes this site an excellent option for a Fitness Court in your community.

This park is a very exercise friendly park and offers an excellent paved walking trail, multiple workout stations, and could tie-in to a fitness court as the principal fitness amenity.

Do you plan to qualify additional sites for future funding consideration at this time?

No

IV. Timing & Funding Information

What month of the year does your fiscal year begin?

October

If selected as a Partner and awarded the Healthy Cities Grant of \$30,000, how do you plan to match the remaining funding required? Option 1 - Full support for remaining funding in local budget.

Will you be applying for, and considering the 2023 Fitness Court Studio program? No

Can you confirm that your first Fitness Court will be open and available for public use in 2023? Yes

Is your agency/ municipality tax exempt? Yes

Please enter your tax exempt number: Hernando County will provide this number.

What is your sales tax percentage (%)? 6.5

V. Site Design, Installation and Maintenance

All Fitness Courts receive standard NFC Public Art Collection art and graphics and NFC standard design services. For additional funding, Fitness Courts can feature expanded graphics and/or have a custom mural wall per the NFC Design Studio and Local Artist program options. Are you interested in any further customization to your Fitness Court that goes beyond the standard design services? No - We will want standard NFC Public Art Collection art and graphics.

Maintaining the Fitness Court is the responsibility of the local site partner. Acceptance of a Grant Award requires compliance with standard NFC maintenance protocols. These include proper cleaning and repair of any damages to the Fitness Court and Graphics for a minimum period of 20 years. Do you acknowledge these requirements and commit to fulfilling them if selected? Yes

The Fitness Court installation requires a Bid out to local contractor 38'x38' concrete slab foundation, and in the case of a Fitness Court Studio, 38'x76 concrete slab foundation'. Engineered plans are provided by NFC. How do you plan to accommodate this installation component?

Please confirm that you will install your Fitness Court within your awarded campaign calendar year, weather permitting, and that if weather prevents an install, please confirm that you will install within 6 months of the next calendar year as soon as weather subdues. Yes

Please confirm you understand that NFC will not be liable for any expired adhesive or outdated revision designs of the Fitness Court outside the calendar year of the campaign year you are selected for. While NFC strives to be accommodating for unique scenarios, Partner recognizes NFC is not responsible for installation support & launch assistance outside 1.5 years from original shipment of Fitness Court. Yes

The NFC program can include certified assembly by a National Approved Installer Network team. Installer funding is transacted separately, ranging from \$25,000-\$27,000, and processed upon scheduling of assembly. Please confirm below that you will be proceeding with a National Approved Installer Network team. (There is an additional installation cost of \$7,500 for the installation of a Fitness Court Studio) Yes

Please confirm that you understand NFC may request site photographs at the discretion of the National Grant Committee and sponsors to confirm local site status, which must be provided within 72 hours. Yes

VI. Partnership & Sponsors

Are you willing to host an opening day celebration at your Fitness Court inviting civic leaders, community supporters and the local media? Yes

In consideration of the initiative being funded through the NFC sponsorship program, and in some cases, local or regional sponsors, will you allow the identification of major sponsors on the Fitness Court mural wall? Yes

Please confirm that you understand that NFC sponsors and partners reserve the right to provide new graphics and messaging on the rear of the Fitness Court for approved Fitness Courts at the conclusion of 36 months. Agency or municipality shall be allowed to approve the new design but shall not unreasonably withhold approval. Yes

Promote awareness of, and usage of, the Fitness Courts and demonstrate the value of an active lifestyle using the Fitness Court App, NFC website and activation tools provided? Yes

Promote sponsors who have supported the Campaign, and join relevant regional and national events and promotions? Yes

Establish a long term point of contact at your community to support an annual partnership support call, providing updates for relevant tools, communication programs, and promotions to support continued engagement with your community? Yes

VII. NFC Grant Award Acceptance:

How will your organization accept the \$30,000 Healthy Cities Grant Award of Eligibility and confirm that your matching funding will be available and committed to this program following appropriate local procedures and adoption steps?

Purchase Order or other Funding Confirmation Documentation

VIII. Applicant's E-Signature

Signature



Date/Time

Mar 20, 2023
