

2023 GRANTEES

Grantees have implemented key strategies in alignment with NRPA's Youth Sports Framework:



Center Equity
and Inclusion



Engage
Youth Voice



Build
Partnerships



Amplify
Communications

Partnership Overview

All children deserve equitable access to high-quality youth sports opportunities. NRPA is grateful for Musco Lighting's support of the field of parks and recreation to help advance this vision.

Through our partnership, NRPA has funded local communities to test activities with potential to advance youth sports equity, which NRPA will ultimately compile into the Youth Sports Framework. This resource supports agencies to scale evidence-based, systems-level change strategies to break down barriers to sport. Awarded agencies receive \$20,000 to implement their youth sports equity project plus an donation of Musco Lighting equipment.



Town of Garner Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources

Garner is increasing the services it provides for youth of all abilities by expanding its partnership with an adaptive basketball program, purchasing adaptive equipment to initiate new sports programs and offering clinics to develop interest in these sports. Garner also hired an Inclusion Specialist to institutionalize its commitment plus support staff training and education.



Infrastructure choice:
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Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

Thanks to a recreation scan conducted by the C. S. Mott Foundation, Genesee County identified a lack of youth voice in city sports programs. Using grant funds, Genesee County is providing more than 20 mini-grants to fund community-based sports programs (sports are selected by participating youth), with providers being required to collect youth surveys that Genesee County will use to inform future programs.



Infrastructure choice:
Musco Mini Pitch



City of Imperial Beach Parks, Recreation and Community Services

Imperial Beach used funds to build a youth advisory committee, including youth in the decisions for sports offerings and empowering those youth with personal development and leadership training. This committee plays an important role in creating convenient and free or low-cost recreation opportunities citywide. In addition to the committee, Imperial Beach is using funds to develop a new marketing strategy for their sports programs.



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City of Pasco Recreation Services

Pasco leveraged grant funds to identify the top barriers to sport in the community, specifically by conducting a youth sports equity assessment. The study has uncovered several strategies, like translation, needed to support Spanish-speaking families. Pasco has created an action plan to address the findings from the study that it will implement over the next few years.



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City of Pico Rivera Department of Parks and Recreation

The City of Pico Rivera has created the PlayPass Sports Equity Grant Program, which promotes parks and recreation as the provider of high-quality, equitable sports for youth. PlayPass ensures that all youth, regardless of household income, have access to fun and safe sports by providing participating youth with \$150 annually to participate in a city-run sport of their choice.



Infrastructure choice:
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