



CAROLINA PANTHERS CHARITIES GRANT APPLICATION

GRANT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

You must follow these guidelines to submit a completed package:

1. Assemble the items in your grant application in the order listed below.
2. Check off each item when completed.
3. Submit this checklist as the first page of your application package.
4. Submit your application by mail to the address below.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. Name of Organization <u>Troy Elementary School</u><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. Complete the Grant Application Summary<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Have the Grant Application Summary signed by the Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer of your organization<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4. Complete the Grant Narrative<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5. Complete the Project Budget Form<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6. Send a list of the current Board of Directors, including a brief business or community affiliation for each member<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7. Attach a copy of your organization's official notice of tax exempt status from the IRS, or explain in your cover letter if not included. If your organization is exempt as a local unit of a national organization, attach certification of membership. (Note: Do not send your federal tax ID numbers notice or your state tax exemption letter as these items do not meet this requirement.) |
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Your completed application package must be postmarked by May 1 of the current year.

**Carolina Panthers Community Relations Department
800 South Mint Street
Charlotte, NC 28202**

Format Request: Please do not submit your application in a special binder or notebook or include any additional information that is not requested in this grant application.

GRANT DISBURSEMENT

- Grant requests will be accepted by May 1st of each year. Applicants will be notified in late July if their application has been approved or declined. Grant distributions will be made in August.
- All questions should be directed to Riley Fields, Carolina Panthers Director of Community Relations at 704-358-7000.



Thank you for your interest in Carolina Panthers Charities. Carolina Panthers Charities was established in 1994 through Foundation for the Carolinas. Our mission is to assess the needs of communities within North and South Carolina and to provide financial resources to assist in creating programs that make measurable and sustainable change for youth in our region.

TIMELINE

Carolina Panthers Charities grants are awarded one time per year.

Grant Deadline	May 1
Grant Recipients Notified	Late July

FUNDING GUIDELINES

- Funding is available to non-profit agencies in North and South Carolina whose missions and programs address the needs of youth in the following areas:
 - Arts
 - Civic
 - Educational
 - Health & Wellness
 - Other human service needs
- Youth football grant requests, including equipment, uniforms or field grants, should refer to the "Youth Football Grants" section of the Carolina Panthers Charities webpage.
- The maximum grant amount offered through the Carolina Panthers Charities grant process is \$5,000.
- One-time projects or ongoing projects are eligible for funding.
- The following areas generally are not funded: Capital campaigns, endowment funds, conferences, grants to individuals and travel expenses.
- Organizations must be recognized as tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Due to the volume of applications, we do not provide written feedback on proposals that are not funded.
- **THANK YOU** for your interest in Carolina Panthers Charities. It is our privilege to provide financial support to many agencies and organizations in the Carolinas that make positive differences in our region.



GRANT APPLICATION SUMMARY

Contact Name Angie Tofflemeyer

Total Budget for the Project \$25,000

Job Title Principal

Amount of Grant Request \$5,000

Applicant Organization Troy Elementary School

Date of Incorporation 1979

Address 310 N. Russell Street

Today's Date 2/27/2015

City Troy State NC Zip 27371

Telephone (910) 576-3651 Fax (910) 572-2082

Email angie.tofflemeyer@montgomery.k12.nc.us

Name of Project: Playground Project

Please concisely address the following **on this page only**:

(1) Your organization's mission statement.

The staff of Troy Elementary School will strive to educate the whole child so that he/she develops mentally, physically, emotionally and socially

(2) Are you seeking project support or general support? If project support, please describe if ongoing or new project.

Troy Elementary School (TES) is seeking support for a new project. TES is working hard to raise funds to provide a new playground for both students of Troy Elementary School and all children and families within the Troy community and surrounding areas. Our current playground is aged and under capacity. In a time when more and more children and families are choosing indoor activities that do not promote overall health, a new playground will provide a safe, fun, healthy and active play place for students as part of our overall school health objectives and for community families during non-school hours.

Current organization budget \$718,580.42

Total project budget \$25,000

Approval of Board Chair and Executive Officer:

We have reviewed and approved submission of this grant request. We certify that the applicant organization does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, gender, sexual orientation or national origin. We also certify that our most recent IRS notification of our organization's 501(c)(3) status is attached to this application and that the organization has received no notice from the IRS of any proposal, threat or suggestion to revoke or modify this determination.

Board Chair Signature/Date _____ Board Chair Name (print) _____

Executive Officer Signature/Date _____ Executive Officer Name (print) _____



GRANT NARRATIVE

Please answer the following questions on the following Grant Narrative Response page. Your compiled responses should not exceed one (1) page.

1. In a short paragraph, please describe the program/project for which you are requesting funds, if time sensitive, please include the date. Also, include how many youth will be served, scope of program and geographic area of program participants (Be specific: race, age, ethnicity, gender, neighborhood, geographic area, socio-economic groups, geographic area, percentage of community included, etc.).
2. If other than general operating support, why did you decide to pursue this project and whether it is a new or ongoing part of your organization?
3. What do you hope to accomplish (outcome) with this project?
4. What are the activities or steps do you plan to use to reach these outcomes? Please include the responsible staff person and estimated dates for completion.
5. Detail any current or past relationship with the National Football League, Carolina Panthers, Carolinas Stadium Corp., Carolina Panthers Charities and Carolina Panthers players. This information should include partnerships, financial support, stadium usage, in-kind gifts and player appearances in support of your agency.



GRANT NARRATIVE RESPONSE

1. Troy Elementary School is requesting funds to build a new outdoor playground, one that encourages outdoor, active play as part of our overall physical education and healthy living curriculum activities. Our goal is to be able to fund and complete the program by the end of the 2015-2016 school year. Troy Elementary School, located in Troy, NC, serves students from in and around the town of Troy. The playground would specifically benefit 290 students enrolled at Troy Elementary School; however, the area is accessible to the community and can therefore benefit the entire community and their families during non-school hours. We serve a diverse student population in a rural and economically disadvantaged area. 72.10% of Troy Elementary students receive free or reduced lunch. The breakdown of student demographics is 62% Caucasian, 22% African-American, 9% Hispanic/Latino, 4% Native Island/Other Pacific Islander, 2% Asian and 1% multi-racial. 14% of students are students with a disability. The student population is 53% male and 47% female.

2. In February 2015, Troy Elementary School began raising funds for a new school playground. While our budget may seem substantial, no monies in the budget are for capital outlay projects, so we need to raise the money required for this project. This is a large endeavor we cannot accomplish alone. Our current playground is aged, under capacity, and the cost of maintaining and updating the set makes it more sensible to raise money and purchase new equipment with adequate capacity to meet the needs of our students and community. The wonderful thing about this project is that not only does it benefit the Troy Elementary School population, but benefits the local community by providing a healthy and fun play alternative.

3. Our overall goal is to see a more healthy and active student body and local community. At Troy Elementary School we believe that healthy play is important for both the physical and mental development of children. Studies show that students who are physically active also perform better academically. More and more it seems that children turn to activities that are indoor and do not promote lifelong health; however, a new playground will provide not only students of the school through our healthy living goals, but all children and families of the community a safe, fun, healthy and accessible place to play.

4. Outcomes. Our academic effectiveness is primarily measured through state academic testing. Effectiveness of our physical education program is primarily measured through our "Fitness Gram" program that monitors BMI and student performance on various physical activity tasks. Physical education classes are only provided one time per week; however, students receive 30 minutes of recess each day. Providing a fun, healthy and active play alternative should correlate to greater increases on "Fitness Gram" scores, measured at beginning (September 2015), middle (January 2016) and end of each year (May 2016) by the Physical Education teacher, Ms. Cynthia Morgan. Increased activity should also correlate to greater improvement in academic achievement in reading and math, also measured at the beginning, middle and end of school year testing windows.

5. The Carolina Panthers donated apparel for inclusion in our silent auction spring fundraiser, to be held on April 17, 2015.



PROJECT BUDGET FORM

Applicant Troy Elementary School - Angie Tofflemeyer

Project: Playground Project Time Period Covered: 2015 and beyond

SECTION ONE - PROJECT INCOME

(Check One)

Funding Sources: List each actual and/or anticipated source of funding for this project ONLY. Do not include in-kind support.	Amount	Funds Committed	Funds Requested
Carolina Panthers Charities Grant (Box 1)	5,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
REMC PHP and Montgomery Fund Grants	7,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PTO Fundraising	3,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School Fundraising	5,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local Business Donations	5,000 +	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Total Project Income (Box 2)	\$25,000		

SECTION TWO - PROJECT EXPENSES

Expense Items: List expense items for this project. On a separate page, provide brief descriptions of any items which are not self-explanatory.	Amount	Amount of item to be funded from Carolina Panthers Charities Grant
Playground Equipment and Installation	\$25,000	\$5,000
Total Project Expense	\$25,000	\$5,000

Should match Box 2 above Should match Box 1 above