

Town of Richmond
Request for Special Appropriations
Request for Fiscal Year: 2025

Organization's Name: Camels Hump Little League
Address: PO Box 19
Richmond, Vermont 05477
Website address: camelshumplittleleague.org

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Program Name: Camels Hump Little League
2. Contact Person/Title: Jennifer Snow, Co-President

Telephone Number: 802-280-5420
E-mail address: camelshumplittleleague@gmail.com

3. Total number of individuals served in the last complete fiscal year by this program:
About 150 ages 5-12

4. Total number of the above individuals who are Town residents: 84

Please, attach any documentation that supports this number.

Percent of people served who are Town residents: 56%

5. Amount of Request: \$3000

6. Total Program Budget: Yearly Budget is around \$20,000

Percent of total program budget you are requesting from the Town of Richmond:
15%

7. Please state or attach the mission of your agency:

- Camels Hump Little League's primary focus is to foster the love of Baseball and Softball in our community. Camels Hump Little League believes in the power of youth baseball and softball to teach life lessons that build stronger individuals and communities.

8. Funding will be used to:

X Maintain an existing program Expand an Existing Program
 Start a new program

9. Has your organization received funds from the Town in the past for this or a similar

program? No we have not

If yes, please answer the following:

- a. Does the amount of your request represent an increase over your previous appropriation? If yes, explain the reason(s) for the increase.
 - b. Were any conditions or restrictions placed on the funds by the Selectboard? ____
If yes, describe how those conditions or restrictions have been met.
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B. PROGRAM OVERVIEW

1. Statement of Need: Identify the issue or need that the program will address (use statistical data to justify the need for the program). To what extent does this need, or problem exist in the Town of Richmond?

- Our programs provide an environment for youth to improve physical fitness, and mental well-being, learn team-building skills, and gain positive social skills through interactions with coaches and teammates. Our league is 100% volunteer based including coaches, board members, and field maintenance. Camels Hump Little League (formerly Richmond Area Little League) serves Richmond youth and our surrounding towns, Huntington and Bolton, building a strong community bond with our three towns. Over the years we have relied heavily on parent volunteers donating hundreds of hours of labor to maintain the Richmond Baseball Fields. The cost for clay to resurface one field is about \$2,500. The fields serve not only those participants in Camel's Hump Little League but Town residents in general as they are part of the public parks.

2. Program Summary:

a. Identify the target/recipients of program services. Specify the number of Town residents your program will serve during the fiscal year and explain the basis upon which this number is calculated. Indicate any eligibility requirements your program has with respect to age, gender, income or residence.

- Our program serves around 150 youth ages 5 - 12 during the Spring, Summer, and Fall seasons. Our program makes a strong effort to receive as many sponsorships as possible in order to keep registration costs affordable to all children and also being able to offer scholarships for those in need.

b. Identify what is to be accomplished or what change will occur from participating in the program. How will people be better off as a result of participating in the program? Describe the steps you take to make the project known to the public, and make the program accessible and inclusive?

- Children who participate in our program are given the opportunity to access quality coaching, team building, and physical fitness/training. Camels Hump Little League believes in the power of youth baseball and softball to teach life lessons that build stronger individuals and communities and this has been proven with the consistent development and growth of our program. Last summer (2022) Camels Hump Little League was able to send their first team of All-Stars into the tournament for the first time in about 10 years. This team won a game in the tournament for the first time in that many years as well. In the summer of 2023 we were able to create TWO all-stars teams! We are committed to continuing to build our registration as well as spreading awareness for not only baseball teams but softball teams as well.
- The program is open to boys and girls ages 5-12. We use Front Porch Forum and Facebook to advertise the program. We also have an email database of past participants and partner with the local schools to get included in their newsletters.
- We never turn away a child interested in playing. We have scholarships available for any family that cannot afford to register.

3. Program Funding:

a. Identify how Town funds, specifically, will be used (i.e., funds will provide "X" amount of units of service.)

- After the massive flood this summer our fields are in desperate need of clay to make the fields safer for use. It costs about \$2,500 per field to resurface with clay. We may also need to replace some topsoil in the grass areas of the fields. Maintaining the fields is a benefit to our program and the Town at large as they are open to the public for general use.

b. List the other agencies to whom you are submitting a request for funds for this program and the amount requested. How would this program be modified should revenues be lost?

- Our little league is committed to elevating our program by reaching out for more sponsorship opportunities, while also applying for grants from the Boston Red Sox, Dicks Sporting Goods, and VT Lake Monsters.

C. ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

1. Describe your agency's capability to provide the program including its history, previous experience providing this service, management structure and staff expertise.

- Camels Hump Little League has been providing an option for youth to play baseball and softball for over 20 years. The league is run by a board of directors (all volunteer) as well as parent volunteers to ensure our program runs smoothly.

2. How will you assess whether/how program participants are better off? Describe how you will assess program outcomes. Your description should include: what (what kind of data), how (method/tool for collecting the data), from whom (source of data) and when (timing of data collection).

- With the appropriate amount of clay filling in the fields there will be a significant decrease in the amount of injuries due to balls taking unpredictable hops due to unbalanced and choppy dirt fields.

3. Summarize or attach program and or service assessments conducted in the past two years. N/A

4. Does your organization have a strategic plan and a strategic planning process in place?

- No but we are working towards an effective one.

If yes, please attach your plan.

The strategic plan should include a mission statement, goals, steps to achieve the goals, and measures that assess the accomplishments of the goals.

5. What is the authorized size of your board of directors?

- Nine Members currently

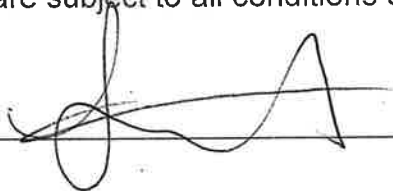
How many meetings were held by the board last year?

- Six

I, the undersigned, confirm the information contained herein is accurate and can be verified as such. I understand and agree that if the requested funds are approved, the

disbursement of funds are subject to all conditions established by the Richmond Selectboard.

Signature of Applicant



Date

10/3/2023

Jennifer Snow, Co-President

Print Name of Applicant and Title