

**COLLIER COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT
COUNCIL CATEGORY "A" GRANT APPLICATION**

Fiscal Year 25_(Project)_____Turf at Mackle Park_____

1. Name and Address of Project Sponsor Organization:

City of Marco Island
50 Bald Eagle Drive
Marco Island, FL 34145

2. Contact Person, Title and Phone Number:

Casey Lucius, Assistant City Manager,
239-389-3969

3. Organization's Chief Official and Title:

Michael McNees, City Manager
Jared Grifoni, City Council Chairman

4. Details of Project-Description and Location:

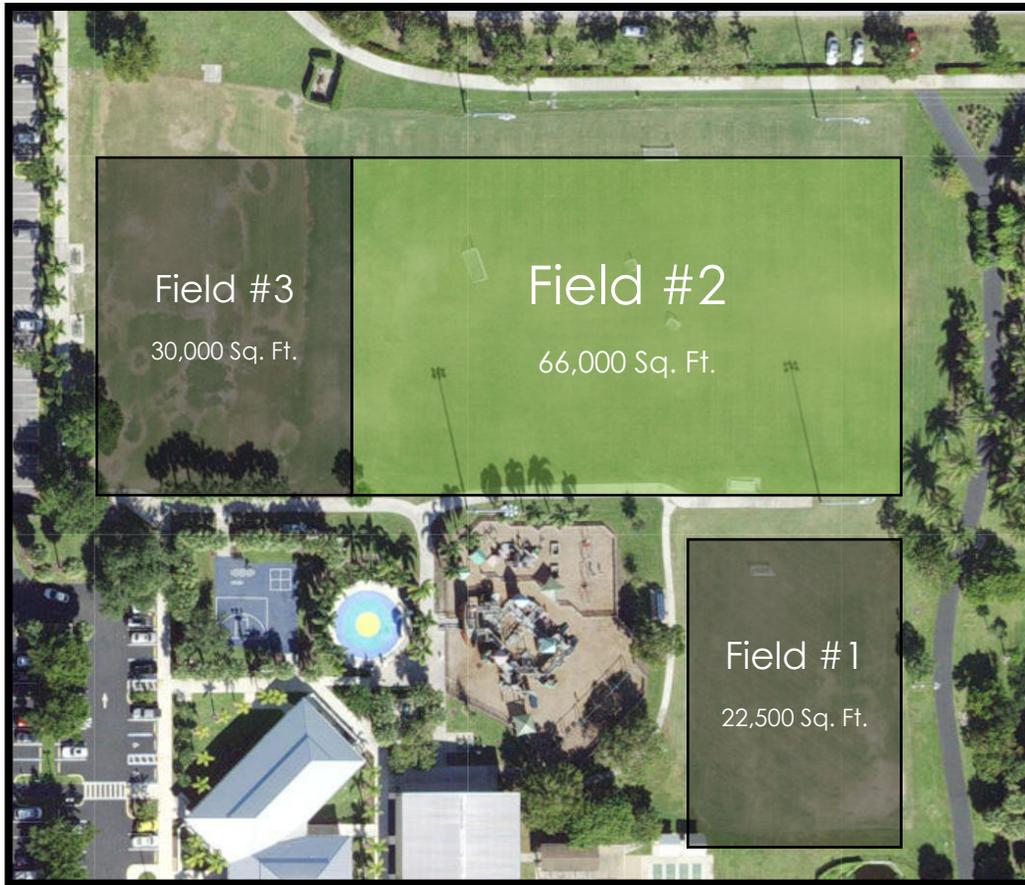
The City owns and maintains a multi-use field at Mack Park located at 1361 Andalusia Terrace on Marco Island. The park is divided into three fields and includes a large parking lot adjacent to the fields. Legal parking is also available along Leland Way and Biscayne Way in the swales. There is a shared use path along both sides of the fields which sees significant bicycle and pedestrian traffic. There is a community center with both indoor and outdoor restrooms for patrons.

Mackle Park multi-use field averages 26 rentals per month including adult and youth soccer leagues, cross country teams, football clubs, and lacrosse clubs. Currently football and soccer clubs come from off-island and the adult and youth soccer leagues attract players and visitors from outside of Collier County. Additionally, community groups use the fields for croquet and exercise. The Park also hosts a free Movie in the Park monthly.

Additionally, now that Collier County has a professional soccer team, USL Naples, and the CEO Mr. Moreno is developing a family-friendly and community-oriented soccer club, we believe we can attract soccer players and fans, both for youth and adults, across Collier County, including in Marco Island.

Due to the high usage of the fields and subsequent damage to the grass, the City often has to "rest" the fields and cancel or reject reservations. By converting from grass to turf, there would be no need to rest the fields and we would not have to reject any rental reservations due to dangerous field conditions. The benefits to the community and visitors include increased playing time, less maintenance and water savings, the fields would be pesticide free, safety of play, and aesthetically appealing fields.

There are three fields at Mackle Park. Field #1 is 22,500 square feet, field #2 is 66,000 square feet, and field #3 is 30,000 square feet. The grant request is to install turf at field #2 for an estimated cost of \$1,126,500.



5. Estimated project start date: January 2025
6. Estimated project duration: 8 months
7. Total TDC Tax Funds Requested: \$788,550
8. If the full amount requested cannot be awarded, can the program/project be restructured to accommodate a smaller award? Yes (x) No ()

If the full project is not fully funded, we could modify the project to turf fields 1 or 3.

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PROJECT BUDGET

<u>PROJECT ELEMENT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
TDC Funds Requested	\$788,550
City/Taxing District Share	\$337,950
State of Florida Share	0
Federal Share	0
TOTAL	\$1,126,500

PROJECT EXPENSES:

Design; \$37,000

Construction/installation: \$15 per square foot (multiplied by 66,000sf; total: \$990,000)

Contingency: \$99,000

TDC Funds requested: \$788,550

Additional resurfacing costs and maintenance costs will be borne by the City of Marco Island.

MILESTONES:

1. Design survey completed
2. Public bid for turf installation completed
3. Contract awarded
4. Project completion