

APPLICATION FOR FREMONT & DODGE COUNTY CVB VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND

TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Agenda Item # 13c
Date 2-12-2024

1. APPLICANT IDENTIFICATION

Applicant Name: City of Hooper

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2. PROJECT NAME AND LOCATION

Project Dream Field located in Hooper City Park 405 N Main Street, Hooper, NE

3. SERVICE AREA

Area to be served (City, County, Region) Hooper, Uehling, Nickerson, Dodge County, Logan View School District

4. FUNDING SOURCES

CVB Funding Request \$ 50,000.00

Other Funding \$ 90,000.00

Matching Funds \$ 140,000.00

Other Funding Requests \$ 50,000.00

Total Project Funds \$330,000.00

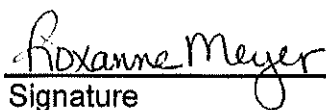
PROGRAM SUMMARY

Brief narrative description of the project for which CVB funds are requested – please specifically describe visitor traffic. Include project budget.
Please attach additional documentation if needed.

Project Dream Field’s Budget is \$330,000.00 with a completion date in 2020. When project Dream Field becomes reality, the City of Hooper will be the beneficiary of a new state of the art baseball and softball facility. Nighttime play will be preserved, and a premier venue will be provided for the community’s youth and young adults while being an asset proudly showcased for many years to come. Officials in the Region, seeking sites for future baseball and softball events, will find Hooper Dream Field to be a most attractive choice. It is located centrally in the Logan View School District. All summer long, Ballgames and Tournaments will be played attracting visitors to Hooper, Fremont and surrounding towns to buy gas, food, Hotel rooms, etc.

6. CERTIFYING OFFICIALS

To the best of my knowledge and belief, data and information in this application are true and correct, including any commitment of local or other resources.

	City Clerk	11/26/2019
Signature	Title	Date

Grant requests are reviewed quarterly and due to the FDCVB by January 1, April 1, July 1, & October 1. Requests will be reviewed by the FDCVB Grants Review committee and considered by the FDCVB Board the same month.

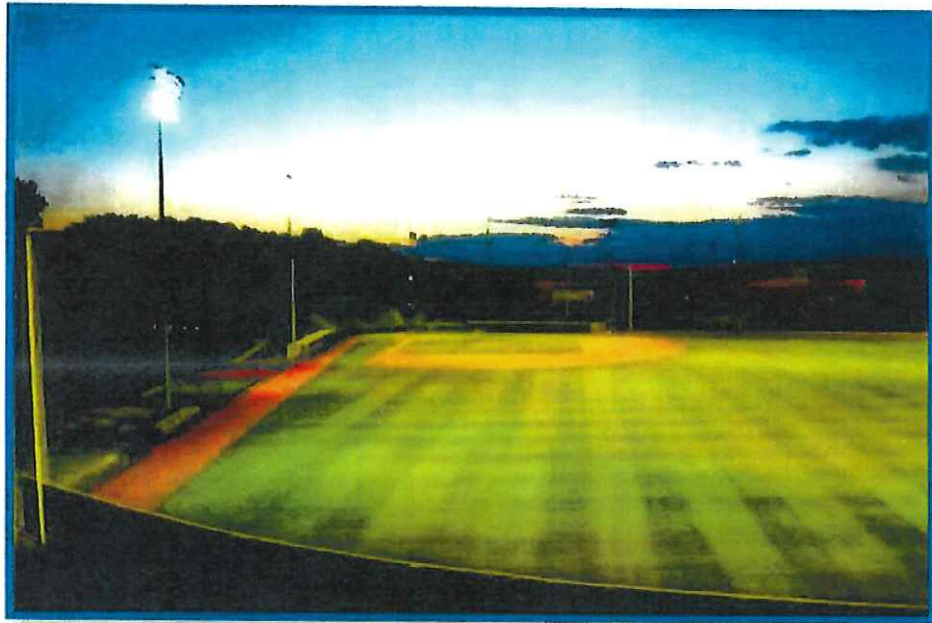
SUBMIT THE ORIGINAL AND TWO COPIES OF THE ENTIRE APPLICATION TO:

Fremont & Dodge County Convention & Visitors Bureau
529 N. Main Street, Ste. 1, Fremont, NE 68025
(402) 753-6414 Fax (402) 721-1511

PROJECT

DREAM FIELD

"IF WE REBUILD IT, THEY WILL COME."



70 years ago, the Town of Hooper had a vision. Realizing the advent of night baseball would be the wave of the future, leaders in the community made the bold decision to add lighting to its baseball field. Through their aggressive efforts, sufficient funds were raised to purchase a state of the art lighting system. Those lights have provided evening baseball and softball entertainment for Hooper and the surrounding area since 1950. Hooper has always had a rich tradition of baseball excellence bringing two (2) American Legion State Championships, one (1) State runner up, and numerous Dodge County League Titles to the City due to its unwavering support of its baseball programs. Those proud accomplishments were spawned under the lights of Hooper's baseball field.

In recent years, however, the field has been in decline, and the original lighting system has become a safety concern. Nighttime play may soon have to be abandoned.

Recognizing the urgent need to upgrade its facilities, a group of citizens formed a committee to determine which areas require specific attention. A former native of Hooper, inspired by Kevin Costner's 1989 movie, "Field of Dreams," also expressed a lifelong desire to renovate the field by pledging matching funds which would elevate it to a first-class playing facility.

With the theme, "If we rebuild it, they will come," the committee has endorsed a plan to renovate the entire field.

Five (5) major areas were identified as the core of the project: 1. Lighting, 2. Seating, 3. Fencing, 4. Scoreboard, 5. Dugouts and press box. Those subjects were addressed in detail, with cost estimates for each area, to establish the overall scope of the project. From that analysis, the Committee has determined the total cost of the renovations will be approximately \$330,000.

A project of this magnitude will require considerable funding from outside philanthropic agencies to reduce the City's financial commitment in its fund raising endeavors. It is hoped that nearly half of the project costs will be provided by grants.

With the quest for grant funding currently in progress, the Committee is launching a community campaign to raise the remaining funds for the project. It will be soliciting all individuals, businesses, and organizations in the community and surrounding area. Matching funds, as defined in the Project Funding, have also been pledged to the campaign. Upon successfully achieving both campaign goals, the renovations will commence with an estimated completion date of June 2020.

When Project Dream Field becomes reality, Hooper will be the beneficiary of a new state of the art baseball facility at a fraction of the cost to its citizens and businesses. It will provide a premier playing venue for its youth and young adults in the community while being an asset proudly showcased for many years to come. Officials in the Region, seeking sites for future baseball and softball events, will find Dream Field to be a most attractive choice.

Just as the City of Hooper had a vision 70 years ago, the community is again being challenged to enthusiastically embrace this much needed and worthy project.

"IF WE REBUILD IT, THEY WILL COME."



Committee Members

Al Hagerbaumer	Jason Korman
Dick Havekost	Roxanne Meyer
Garrett Johnson	Bob Weisenberg
Dave Hingst, HACF Rep.	

FUNDING CAMPAIGN

GOAL: \$80,000 (IND. / BUS. / ORG.)

Donor Levels

HALL OF FAME CLUB
 MVP CLUB
 ALL-STAR CLUB
 GRAND SLAM CLUB
 HOME RUN CLUB
 EXTRA BASE CLUB
 RBI CLUB
 LINE DRIVE CLUB



\$10,000 & Up
 \$7,500 & Up
 \$5,000 & Up
 \$2,500 & Up
 \$1,000 & Up
 \$500 & Up
 \$250 & Up
 \$100 & Up

Payment

Make checks payable to:
 HOOPER AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (HACF)

Mail Checks to:
 Hooper Area Community Foundation
 P.O. Box 26
 Hooper NE 68031

HACF is a 501(c)3 non-profit org. All donations are tax-deductible.

PROJECT FUNDING

Project Cost	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000
Grants Required	\$158,000	\$149,000	\$140,000
City Pledge	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Ind./Bus./Org. Donations	\$72,000	\$76,000	\$80,000
*Matching Funds	\$90,000	\$95,000	\$100,000
Total Funding	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000

* Matching Funds Pledged — \$1.25 for each \$1.00 of Ind./Bus./Org. donations raised (Max. match of \$100,000).

PROJECT COSTS

Lighting

Metal Poles	\$27,000
Fixtures	\$48,000
Installation	\$75,000
Power Upgrade	\$15,000
Borings	\$4,500
	\$169,500

Seating

Structure	\$34,000
Seats	\$18,500
	\$52,500

Fencing & Railing \$30,000

Scoreboard \$25,000

Dugouts, Press Box & P.A. System \$12,000

Sidewalks \$5,000

Sun Awning \$11,000

Site Preparation & Drainage \$25,000

TOTAL COSTS \$330,000