



Magnolia Little League  
3213 West Wheeler Street #143  
Seattle, WA 98199-3245  
June 21, 2016

Suzanne Simmons  
Grants and Contracts Coordinator  
Seattle Parks and Recreation  
City of Seattle

Dear Ms. Simmons:

On behalf of Magnolia Little League, an all-volunteer organization that provides community-based youth development baseball, girls softball and tee-ball for 540 children that reside or attend school in Magnolia, I am writing to support the City of Seattle's application for both the Youth Sports Facilities Grants (YSFG) application and Washington State RCO Playfield/Park grant application.

The 2016 season has been a tremendous success for Magnolia Little League. Our league registrations have increased each year for the last 5 years totaling 540 children (aged 5-14), 105 volunteer coaches playing on 50 teams this year. Additionally, 150 children play in our recreational Summer Ball program. This success has created a number of challenges that renovation of Smith Cove Playfields would address, namely more fields. Currently Magnolia Little League's field capacity is at 90%. This means that as a league scheduling and access to practice and games times has become a premium. With the current upward trends in our neighborhood, we anticipate Magnolia Little League to be serving 600 children by 2018. This will mean we will not have enough play fields to serve our community.

A full-sized playfield that could accommodate the needs of baseball, girls softball, soccer and lacrosse at Smith Cove is greatly needed. Providing this playing field would greatly help our mission of teaching life lessons through support, developing character and promoting active American values of citizenship.

Little League was granted Federal Charter July 16, 1964, by unanimous act of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson. The Charter of Federal Incorporation is the highest honor the federal government can accord to any organization. Magnolia Little League takes this obligation seriously and works to provide places to play for all children within our league boundary. We look forward to supporting the Smith Cove renovation in any way that we can.

Sincerely,

Max Effgen

Magnolia Little League President