



CLEVELAND TOUCHDOWN CLUB CHARITIES LEO MURPHY MEMORIAL FIELD & EQUIPMENT GRANT

About the CTCC Leo Murphy Memorial Field & Equipment Grant:

Through the generosity of our many sponsors, donors and the hard work of our members fundraising efforts throughout the year, Cleveland Touchdown Club Charities is pleased to once again accept applications for the Leo Murphy Memorial Field & Equipment Grant.

This program provides:

- Financial support for a non-profit youth football organization or school in the Greater Cleveland area and connecting counties to be used for equipment or facility upgrades up to \$5,000.
- Recognition of the grant recipients through the CTCC website and literature.

Started in 2012, the CTCC Leo Murphy Memorial Field & Equipment Grant was established to allow CTCC to give back directly to youth football programs in the Greater Cleveland area. Named after Leo Murphy, the longtime trainer for the Cleveland Browns and Honorary Lifetime Member of CTCC, this grant provides local youth football programs with the opportunity to secure the proper equipment and resources they need to play the game safely.

Grants will only be awarded to 501(c)(3) non-profit youth organizations or school districts fielding middle/junior high and/or high school programs. Grant funds must be used to make improvements to program's equipment and/or facilities and to help improve the safety and overall quality of that program. Eligible expenses are listed within this guide for reference.

This application guide contains tips to direct applicants through the CTCC Leo Murphy Memorial Field & Equipment Grant application process. Please read this guide carefully and consider all requirements before beginning this year's Leo Murphy Memorial Field & Equipment Grant application.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

Applications will be accepted between November 1, 2024, and January 24, 2025. Grant determination will be made by March 14, 2025, with a public announcement the week of March 31, 2025.





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Who is eligible?

- Only 501(c)(3) non-profit youth programs or school districts fielding middle/junior high and/or high school programs are eligible to apply.
- In order for a youth football organization to be eligible for CTCC grant funding, it must be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization at the time of application submission. If 501(c)(3) status is in the processing stage, the organization is not eligible to receive a grant. If paperwork is not available or is pending, then the organization is not eligible to receive a grant.
- Middle/junior high or high school programs do not need to provide proof of non-profit status.
- Applicants must be located in the Greater Cleveland area, defined by the following counties: Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage and Summit.

What are the requirements?

- **All grant proposals must include:**
 - A copy of the your organization's 501(c)(3) determination letter (required for youth football programs; not required for middle/junior high and/or high school programs).
 - A completed grant application form including the program budget.
 - A completed W9.
- Grants will only be paid directly to 501(c)(3) non-profit youth or school districts fielding middle/junior high and/or high school programs – not to individuals.
- Grants must be used for non-salary or non-staff related costs (i.e.: purchase of new football helmets or equipment, helmet or equipment reconditioning, football field refurbishments, etc.). Grant funds may be used to provide a stipend for a certified athletic trainer, whose defined role is to assist in the prevention and treatment of injuries during play, and to be present on the field during practices and games.
- Recipient organizations (the youth football and/or middle/junior high and/or high school programs) are required to report back to the CTCC board on the use of grant funds, which must coincide with the approved proposal.





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Important notes:

- All requirements of the application must be submitted, or the submission will be disqualified.
- CTCC Leo Murphy Memorial Field & Equipment Grant will only cover financial needs up to a maximum of \$5,000.
- Organizations are eligible to receive grant funds once every three years; however, you are welcome to apply as many times as you would like during this time.

Applications must be postmarked or emailed by January 24, 2025.

Mail completed applications to:
Cleveland Touchdown Club Charities
c/o 2025 Leo Murphy Grant
P.O. Box 81103
Cleveland, OH 44181

Or submit via email to: ctcc1938@gmail.com

If selected to receive a grant:

- A primary contact representing the awarded organization must sign the CTCC grant terms and conditions.
- All receipts showing how the CTCC Leo Murphy Memorial Field & Equipment Grant was used must be submitted on a grant evaluation report.
- The evaluation report must be received within 90 days of when the grant monies were issued.





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**2025 Application For
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Please print clearly

Name of Organization: _____
Contact Name: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____ 501(c)(3): Yes No

Grant Amount Requested: _____
W-9 Attached: Yes No 2025 Budget Attached: Yes No

Please circle one or more of the following to specify how Field & Equipment Grant funds will be spent, if awarded (please select at least one):

- Purchase New Football Helmets
- Helmet Reconditioning
- Purchase New Football Equipment
- Equipment Reconditioning
- Stipend for Certified Athletic Trainer
- Purchase New Football Uniforms
- Purchase Field Items
- Field Refurbishment
- Field Fees
- Renovations to Locker Room
- Renovations to Weight Room
- Purchase or Refurbish Scoreboard
- Support Youth Football Participation Fees

Describe below how you will track your goals for this grant and evaluate progress:





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Provide an estimate of the ethnic breakdown of athletes served through the organization or high school:

Option	Percentage
Caucasian	
African American	
Hispanic	
Asian/Pacific Islander	
Native American	
Other	

Organizational Background:

Provide a brief description your youth football organization or middle/junior high and/or high school programs:

Describe the population characteristics of the youth in your football program:

Estimated total number of youth or High School football participants: _____

Local population in 2023: _____

Male/Female ratio: _____

Median resident age range: _____

Estimated median household income in 2023: _____

Provide an estimate age range of the athletes served by the youth football organization, middle/junior high or high school program: _____





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Staffing:

- Total number of coaches on staff: _____
- Number of paid full-time coaches on staff: _____
- Number of paid part-time coaches on staff: _____
- Number of volunteer coaches on staff: _____
- Number of certified athletic trainers on staff: _____

Budget:

- Provide a 2025 tentative operating expense budget for your football program.
- Include a list all funding supporters secured or currently being solicited for the 2025 football season.

Form W9:

Cleveland Touchdown Club Charities, Inc., is responsible for maintaining accurate grantee information in its database. All grant requests submitted to Cleveland Touchdown Club Charities, Inc., now **requires** the submission of a W9 form:

To ensure your CTCC Leo Murphy Memorial Field & Equipment Grant is processed in a timely manner, please make sure that the following information is provided:

- Organization Name and Contact Information
- Alternative payee name or DBA
- Tax ID number for your organization & completed W9
- The withholding status of your organization
- Your remit to address

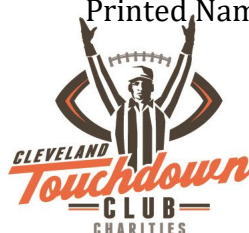
Acknowledgement & Signature:

I authorize the use and disclosure of my name, image or likeness, including a still photo, as well as of the organization I represent, including the use and disclosure of its name, image or likeness, including still photos, provided to or taken by the Cleveland Touchdown Club Charities, Inc.

Signature

Printed Name

Date





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**CTCC Leo Murphy Memorial Field & Equipment Grant
2025 Financial Evaluation Form**

Name of Requesting Organization: _____
Contact Name: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____ 501(c)(3): Yes No

Grant Amount Received: _____

Please circle specify how Field & Equipment Grant funds were spent (please select all that apply):

- Purchase New Football Helmets
- Helmet Reconditioning
- Purchase New Football Equipment
- Equipment Reconditioning
- Stipend for Certified Athletic Trainer
- Purchase New Football Uniforms
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If your use of funds differs from your original application request, please attach an explanation describing the reasoning for the variance.

Please provide copies of paid invoices/receipts within 90 days of receipt of funds that coincide with items identified above and return to ctcc1938@gmail.com or via U.S. Mail to:

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Cleveland Touchdown Club Charities (CTCC), its members and its sponsors will not be operating the youth, middle/junior high and/or high school programs that may receive grants through this program and will not have any liability or responsibility for any claim arising in connection with the participation in recipient football organizations.

