

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Approval of Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association Mini-Grant Project
DEPARTMENT: Communications & Intergovernmental Relations
PRESENTED BY: Joyce Nichols, C/IR Director

PROBLEM / ISSUE STATEMENT:

The Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association is requesting \$5,000 in 2006 Mini-Grant funds for a joint project with the Ridgecrest Elementary PTA to install new, safe, creative playground equipment at the elementary school. The new equipment will be accessible to all children of the Ridgecrest neighborhood. The selected equipment is for children ages 5-12.

Ridgecrest Elementary School PTA has been planning new playground equipment and fundraising for two years. They have raised approximately \$15,000 from the community for this project, and Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association Board voted to partner with the Ridgecrest PTA and is requesting \$5,000 in 2006 Mini-Grant funds.

The existing outdoor playground equipment has been on site at Ridgecrest Elementary School for more than 20 years. The remaining pieces of the original installation are old and tired. The scope of the project includes funding and volunteer labor to dismantle and dispose of the existing out-dated equipment, reconfiguring the existing play area, and purchasing and installing new equipment that meets ADA standards and is both mentally and physically challenging for elementary school and neighborhood children ages 5-12.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

City Council authorized \$30,000 in the 2006 budget to fund Neighborhood Mini-Grants. This is the first 2006 Mini-Grant submitted for approval. The project budget is included in Attachment A.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Council approve \$5,000 in Mini-Grant funds for the Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association to partner with Ridgecrest Elementary School PTA in the purchase of new playground equipment.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney _____

INTRODUCTION

The Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association is requesting \$5,000 to purchase and install new playground equipment at Ridgecrest Elementary as a joint project with the Ridgecrest PTA. New up-to-date equipment will provide encourage creative play for children of all abilities from the neighborhood, providing a tangible neighborhood improvement.

The group proposes to provide a match with both the \$15,000 raised by the Ridgecrest PTA and a volunteer match in the form of "sweat equity." Volunteers have spent more than 300 hours in the last two years raising funds for the project by staffing a holiday bazaar, bake sales, dunk tank, summer craft fair, as well as grant-writing and fundraising mailings. Volunteers will also spend approximately 400 hours to demolish the old equipment, remodel the play area and install the new equipment.

Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association has successfully completed other Mini-Grant projects that include neighborhood signage, holiday lights and decorations, and extensive street tree plantings and beautification.

BACKGROUND

Resolution No. 54 established the Neighborhood Mini-Grant program, with the process and administration of the funds to be handled by Neighborhoods staff. The allocation of the total funds available is determined from year to year by appropriation of the City Council. All such grants to individual neighborhood associations are governed by rules approved by the City Council on October 7, 1996 and amended on November 23, 1998. Grants must be approved by City Council prior to their implementation.

The Mini-Grant program provides equal grants of up to \$5,000 to each of the active organized, qualifying neighborhood associations in the City of Shoreline. Neighborhood associations are required to match Mini-Grant funds. A match may be generated from co-sponsoring groups, businesses, organizations, schools, media, in-kind donations and/or "sweat equity".

Mini-Grant project categories include the following:

- Projects that create or enhance a tangible improvement in the neighborhood;
- Projects that disseminate information and increase awareness of the goals and mission of the neighborhood association to the neighborhood community;
- Projects that directly benefit a public agency or organization and its immediate neighborhood, and that require the active involvement of both the public agency and members of the neighborhood in planning and carrying out the program.

ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

The Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association is requesting approval for a \$5,000 Mini-Grant to replace the dated play equipment at Ridgecrest Elementary school. The goal of the Ridgecrest Mini-Grant is to create a tangible improvement for children at the elementary school and in the community.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Council approve \$5,000 in Mini-Grant funds for the Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association to partner with Ridgecrest Elementary School PTA in the purchase of new playground equipment.

ATTACHMENTS

- A - Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association 2006 Mini-Grant Budget
For Ridgecrest Elementary School Playground Equipment
- B – Picture of new playground equipment
- C – Photo of existing playground equipment
- D – Grant Agreement Ridgecrest Elementary School PTA and Shoreline School
District
- E – Shoreline School District letter of support

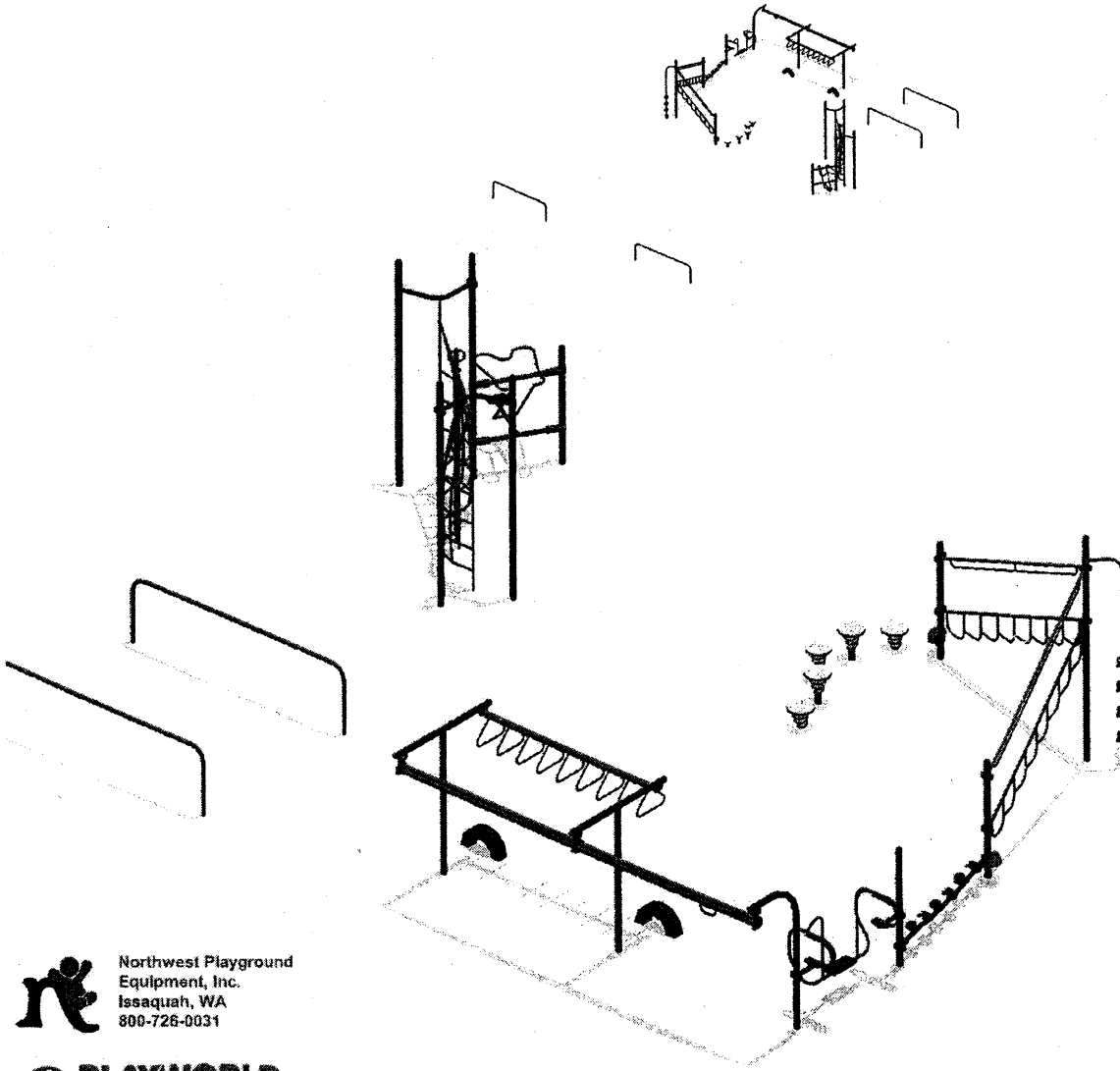
**Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association
2006 Mini-Grant Project Budget
Ridgecrest Elementary School
Playground Equipment**

<u>Project / Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Ground play structure: monorail, ubounce, horizontal loop ladder, stationary buttons, critter crossing parallel bars, matrix, lift me up	\$10,368
New surfacing for entire area	\$7,210
Installation of posts, supervision of overall installation	\$2,151
Tax	<u>\$1,785</u>
Total Project Cost	\$21,514

Project Match

The group proposes to provide a match with both the \$15,000 raised by the Ridgecrest PTA and a volunteer match in the form of "sweat equity." Volunteers have spent more than 300 hours in the last two years raising funds for the project by staffing a holiday bizarre, bake sales, dunk tank, summer craft fair, as well as grant writing and fundraising mailings. Volunteers will also spend approximately 400 hours to put in the equipment. Tasks to be completed by volunteers include: demolishing the old equipment, remodeling the play area and installing the new equipment (under the supervision of the manufacturer's representative).

ATTACHMENT B
RIDGECREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



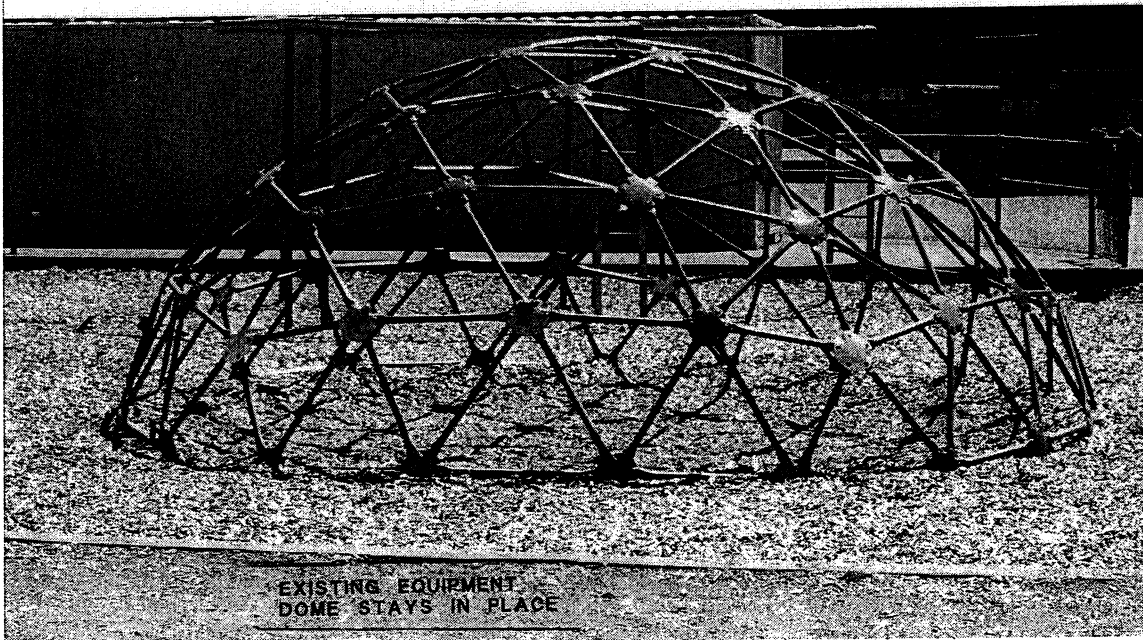
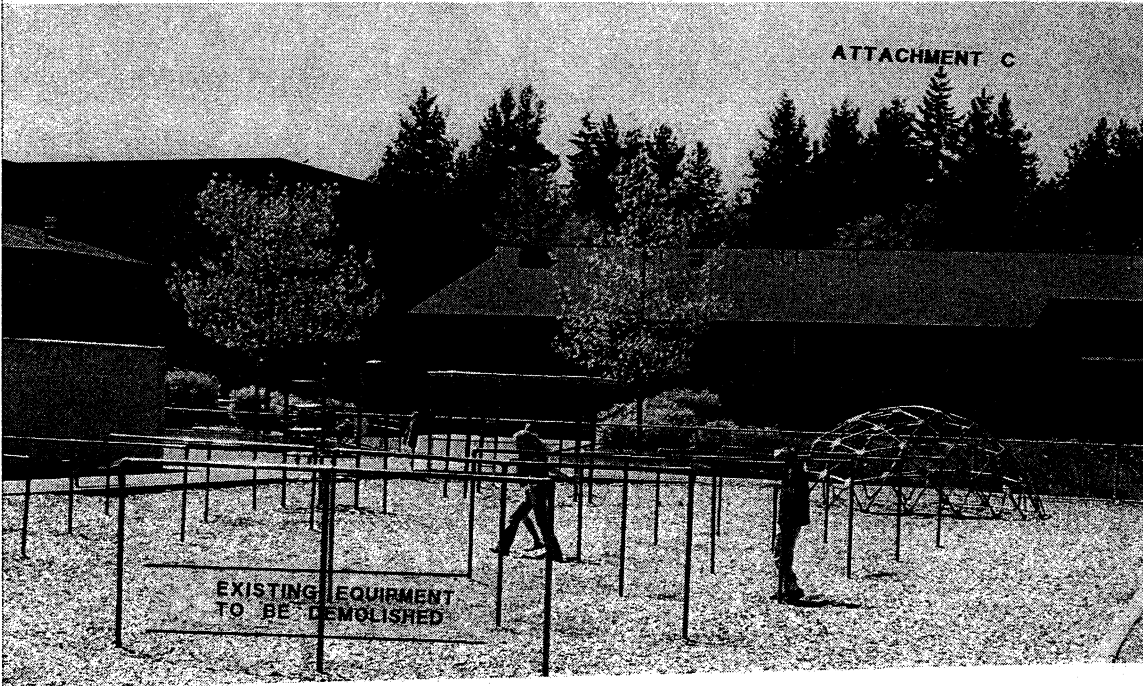
Northwest Playground
Equipment, Inc.
Issaquah, WA
800-726-0031



**PLAYWORLD
SYSTEMS.**

When trust matters.

ATTACHMENT C



Grant Agreement

Ridgecrest Elementary School PTA

6.12.60

Ridgecrest Elementary School PTA hereby gives to the Shoreline School District a monetary grant in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$15600.00) by check number 3345. This grant is for the sole and express purpose of: Purchasing and installing a new playground at Ridgecrest Elementary School.

It is agreed that the grant funds will be spent for the stated purpose on or before: June 30, 2006 or the funds will be refunded to the Ridgecrest Elementary School PTA. Any unused or unexpected funds will be refunded to the Ridgecrest Elementary School PTA. The Shoreline School District will provide a complete accounting of the expenditure of the grant funds to the Ridgecrest Elementary School PTA.

The Shoreline School District agrees to maintain the above-described property at Ridgecrest Elementary School for a period of not less than 20 years from the date of purchase.

Date: 4/21/06

Gay L. Willis
PTA Officer

Date: 4/28/06

Sharon Dwyer
PTA Officer

John
Superintendent (or authorized signer)

Brian Paul
Principal (or authorized signer)

Revenue: 8379-0509.26
Exp: 79-01-27-900.26 / 8305-09



May 10, 2006

City of Shoreline
Communication and Intergovernmental Relations Department
17544 Midvale Avenue N.
Shoreline, WA 98133

RE: Letter of Support - Playground Equipment @ Ridgecrest Elementary School

I am very pleased to be able to write a letter of support for the installation of playground equipment at Ridgecrest Elementary School. Our school facilities enhance the local neighborhood areas and are used recreationally by children and families. The Shoreline School District works hard to enhance the quality of life for our community. Children and adults use our facilities and playground areas while playing, exercising, participating in team sports, etc. throughout the community. Your support of this grant would be in partnership with the goals of the district.

The Shoreline School District grants permission for the installation of playground equipment, assumes liability for the playground equipment, and will maintain the playground equipment in accordance with State rules and regulations.

We wholeheartedly support the school and community efforts to raise the funds to create a playground to benefit our students and members of the community. If you have any questions, please contact me at (206) 361-4404.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James E. Schwob".

James E. Schwob,
Director of Accounting
Shoreline School District