

**CITY OF OBERLIN COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION  
FUNDING APPLICATION  
Calendar Year 2021**

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\*\*\*Is your organization part of a larger Federal,  
State, or Other Agency, Organization, or Group?



YES



(Circle one)

If YES, what is the name and total annual budget  
of the larger Agency, Organization, or Group?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Budget: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your local organization's annual budget? \$ 20,000

What amount/percentage goes towards Administration \$ 0 % 0

Prior year (2020) City of Oberlin funding: \$ 8,045

Current year (2021) request: \$ 12,000

Estimated number of individuals you expect to serve: 200

How many are Oberlin City residents 190 What is the % of total 95 %

Cost related to serving Oberlin residents: \$ 20,000

If circled "yes" to the above question identified with \*\*\*, what amount of funding is received to serve Oberlin residents from Federal, State or Other agency?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Do other Cities, Townships, Villages, or other governmental unit (not already identified above) provide funding to your organization?

YES

(Circle one)

**If YES, on a separate attachment list all governmental units, including the amount of funding and funding purpose.**

What specific program(s) or service(s) do you intend to provide with the City's funds, if granted, and/or what would be cut or reduced if the City funding was not granted?

**PLEASE ATTACH YOUR RESPONSE, INCLUDING A SUMMARY AND  
DETAIL DESCRIPTION – please limit to 1 page.**

Did your organization receive City of Oberlin funding in the prior calendar year (2020)?

YES

NO

(circle one)

**IF YES, on a separate attachment, indicate how the funding was used, provide indicators of your success as a result of receiving City of Oberlin funding, AND provide an accounting of any funds remaining from your prior award. Also, please include any collaborative measures you have taken over the past year.**

Are these programs or services currently also provided by some other agency, group or organization in Oberlin?

YES

(circle one)

If YES, what program or service, and by what agency, group or organization and how does your organization complement or extend the program or service?

## **Oberlin Baseball Softball Federation**

### **2020 Annual Report**

The Oberlin Baseball Softball Federation (OBSF) provides the Oberlin City School District, County of Lorain, State of Ohio, a mechanism for maintaining and promoting organized baseball and softball programs for the boys and girls of the Oberlin School District and Oberlin Community.

As we all know, 2020 was a very challenging year for so many people due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. It hurt so many on so many levels and OBSF was no different. We started off the year hopeful that things would get better and well they did not. In fact, they got worse, forcing the cancelation of the Lorain County Hotstove Season. Prior to that OBSF and Lorain County Hotstove Board was prepping and planning to play a season.

- Registrations were being filled out and completed
- Registration fees were collected
- kids were fitted for uniforms and the uniforms were purchased for all who were registered.
- Baseballs and Softballs were purchased as was other equipment.
- Umpires were being sought out
- Background checks were being done
- feet were hitting the pavement in an effort to see if our normal sponsors would be returning.

In May the County Hotstove Board decided it was in the best interest to cancel the season. After all those purchases were made, after the team fees were submitted, the season was canceled. Parents were asking about refunds, sponsors had opted not to donate because they too had been affected and could not help out. It was a very rough year for OBSF.

### ***Participation***

For the 2020 season, OBSF had 5 baseball teams slated to play and 3 softball teams. These teams were comprised of about 110 players from ages 5-18 and 31 coaches and volunteers. These teams did not play in 2020. The only kids who were able to play were a handful of kids from a baseball team and a softball team who had to play in a different community due to the Hamilton Recreation Complex and Fields being closed because of Covid-19. The Hamilton Recreation Complex is a well-liked complex throughout the county. OBSF Board members along with coaches continue to strongly be in favor of the City of Oberlin hosting County Hoststove Tournaments.

### ***Financial***

The financial situation for OBSF continues to be a struggle. For the 2020 season, we started with \$1,200 in our account. This was our beginning balance because at the end of the summer 2019 season there was no end of year banquets held, there were no trophies given out, there were no tournaments to play in. As the recently elected President of the board, it is my mission to get this program back on track financially and competitively on the field.

In the last couple of years, we have looked for ways to lower uniform costs, prioritize purchasing equipment, sometimes having to put off purchasing equipment, and tried to raise additional revenue through sponsorship and fundraisers. We struggle yearly with increased costs (Equipment, Hotstove Fees, Ump Fees, Uniforms) while trying to keep our registration fees low. Oberlin currently has the lowest registration fees in the county. The average registration fee is \$150. We do this in an effort to

get as many boys and girls out to play as possible and we do not want finances to be a burden for them and the only reason they do not get to play. We have even had coaches and parents reach into their own pockets to provide extra equipment and perks that the league has been unable to provide in recent years.

In 2020, the Oberlin Baseball Softball Federation (OBSF) requested \$10,750 and received \$8,045. We appreciated the grant. Baseball and Softball are expensive sports to fund and play. The equipment needs to be updated regularly for the safety of the players, uniforms have to be purchased yearly due to the kids growing out of them, Umpire fees continue to increase as does the cost of insurance. All the money that was received from the city went to uniforms and equipment. Thankfully, we did not have to pay umpires due to the season being canceled or we would have possibly not had enough funds or just enough.

OBSF appreciates the City's help, without the kind support from the city to help assist us, we would have to look to alternate ways to raise money which would, unfortunately, include raising registration fees, asking for more from our generous sponsors and we would likely have to stop providing registration fee waivers for those families who can't afford the fee.

The funds that we would receive from this grant would assist us in the 2021 season to be able to purchase the following:

- PPE for every team (Disinfectant wipes, masks, Hand Sanitizer, Sanitizing spray)
- Additional Baseball and Softball Teams (more kids will be playing which means more teams)
- New equipment (for safety reasons)
- Umpires (Umpires cost \$40 per Umpire per game, most games have 2 umpires)

### ***Mid-Year Report***

The Oberlin community fielded a softball team ages 12-13 to the North Ridgeville League that was created to allow the kids to still be active and participate in a sport over the summer. Additionally, 4 kids from the GG Team ages 11 went to play baseball in Lagrange due to them having a league and open fields. The email to cancel the season was delivered to the Hotstove Communities on May 1st, 2020. The first anticipated game for the 2020 Hotstove season was scheduled for one week after that. Following that email from the County Hotstove Board, an email was prepared and sent out to parents of registered kids informing them of the County's decision.

### ***Accomplishments***

While there was not a season, no child was turned away due to financial reasons. All kids that wanted to play were able to get registered. The fee was either waived or adjusted so it was easier for the family to afford. Coaches stayed in contact with their teams and encouraged them to stay fit and try to play as much as they can so they continue to get better and improve for the next season. The Softball team that played in North Ridgeville ended with a 6-4 record and one of those victories came against a 14-Year-old travel team! The boys that played in Lagrange had fun and won many games as well. They made new friends while being socially safe and adhering to all safety guidelines and would like to keep in contact with them.

### ***Goals for 2021***

- HAVE A SEASON!
- Retain our kids (losing kids to other communities)
- Increase participation and volunteerism
- Field more baseball and softball teams than the year before
- Continue to add revenue to the program via adding sponsors and having fundraisers
- Continue to work with the City to provide a safe, fun, enjoyable experience for all who participate.

## Intentions of Use of Funds for 2021

For the 2021 Baseball/Softball season we would use the funds granted by the City of Oberlin in as many different ways as we could to ensure that all kids are able to play safely. We would begin by ensuring that all Coaches and Volunteers who interact with the kids have background checks completed. After background checks are completed we would then ensure that each team is equipped with proper personal protective equipment (PPE). We would outfit every dugout with touchless hand sanitizer machines for the players to use. We would also make sure that every team has a thermometer for coaches to measure their player's temperatures upon arrival to practice and games. We would make sure that each player has their own mask/face covering and a back up one along with a face shield. After the PPE is purchased and all teams are outfitted with their own set, we then play the games. Along with playing the games come with paying umpires. Umpires are expensive and prices vary depending on their availability. Some of our funds would go to paying the umpires to ensure that the games can be played and played safely with integrity.

For the 2021 season, we would love to be able to get some of these teams some updated equipment. Most of our teams have not had updated equipment in over 6 years. Some of the equipment is broken or pieced together and some of it is also past the safely able to use dates (Catchers Equipment). After the season ends we would love to get back to having an end of season banquet of some sort along with getting the participants plaques and trophies. The kids enjoy this part of the season, it kind of brings closure to the season and they get to spend one more time with their teammates. If we were to not receive the funds, we would have to resort to using the outdated gear and equipment. We would have to figure out how to raise additional funds to help pay for umpires, coaches would not be reimbursed for doing their background check, a very real possibility that some kids would not be able to play due to us not having enough funds to allow Registration Fee Waivers or Assistance.

If given assistance from the City of Oberlin for 2021 these above-mentioned items would be where we as an organization would spend our funds.



Oberlin Baseball Softball Federation

2021 Proposed Budget

Income		2021		
	Contributions	\$0.00	-->	Note: None as of now
	City Support	\$12,000.00	-->	Note: Anticipated Amount
	Registration Fees	\$5,000.00	-->	Note: Anticipating on more kids signing up
	Sponsor Fees			
	Fundraising	\$160.00	-->	Note: Hat Sale
	Lorain County Hot Stove Tournament	\$0.00		
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$17,160.00</b>		
Expenses				
	Background Checks	\$630.00	-->	Note: estimated reimbursment to coaches
	Equipment	\$0.00	-->	Note: No new gear purchased due to lack of funds, will seek out donations
	Personal Protective Equipment	\$1,500.00		
	Miscellaneous	\$250.00		
	Printing/Copying/Promotion	\$500.00		
	Team Resgistrations Fees:			
	<i>Baseball</i>	\$2,000.00	-->	Note: 6 Baseball Teams
	<i>Softball</i>	\$2,625.00	-->	Note: 5 Softball Teams
	Tournament	\$0.00	-->	Note: We only get income from tournament if we host
	Trophies and Plaques	\$1,100.00		
	Offset Cost of Registration Waivers	\$1,000.00	-->	Note: This is an average amount of the past 10 years
	End of year banquet	\$1,100.00		
	Umpires	\$9,100.00	-->	Note: Umpire Fees are subject to change depending on avalibility of them
	Uniforms			
<b>Total Expenses:</b>		<b>\$17,305.00</b>		
<b>Net Income:</b>		<b>-\$145.00</b>		

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