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TO : Frederick County Municipalities
FROM: Bob Failor, Capital Programs Administrator *Bob*
DATE: May 11, 2006
SUBJECT: News Release - FY'2007 Community Grant Program

A news release on Frederick County's Annual Community Grant program is enclosed for your information. While municipalities themselves or projects developed on municipal parkland are not eligible for funds from this program, there may be organizations in your community which may be interested in applying for the funds. Please post this information and/or make it available to community groups.

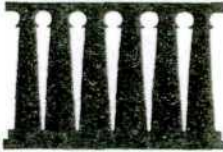
Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks for your attention.

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NEWS RELEASE

Subject: FY'2007 Community Grant Program

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COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM- RECREATION FACILITY GRANTS

Frederick County, through its Parks and Recreation Commission (FCPRC) is accepting applications from eligible non-profit community organizations that provide recreation opportunities for county residents, for funding from its Community Grant Program for fiscal year 2007 (beginning July 2006). The following organizations are eligible and may apply for grants: Homeowners Associations, Civic/Community Associations, Athletic Associations and Recreation Councils. Grants are for the purpose of improving existing recreation facilities or constructing new ones on land owned or utilized by the organization. Funding is not allowed on land owned by municipalities and Frederick County. Funds will be provided prior to project construction and can be applied towards the cost of materials, equipment and contracted labor. Construction labor may be provided by any combination of volunteer service by the organization and/or paid contractors. Grants are not intended to meet the annual maintenance needs for existing facilities. Projects must be completed within two years of July 1st of the funding year (For FY'2007 this will be June 30, 2008). Fiscal 2007 will begin the twenty-fourth year of the Community Grant Program. The first grants were awarded in July 1983. Approximately \$1,010,000 has been awarded to 64 organizations during the previous twenty-three years of its operation.

A single application summary page with the appropriate attachments is completed and serves as the organization's presentation of their project. A FCPRC sub-committee objectively evaluates the application

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and project. Scores are assigned according to the following criteria: 1) Recreational and Community Value, 2) Project and Planning, 3) Site Plan/ Master Plan and 4) Local Contribution. The sub-committee's recommendation is forwarded to the FCPRC who makes the final decision. Applicants are provided a copy of the Project Evaluation Form, which indicates scores and comments, by the evaluators. Projects may not be started prior to the notice of award. Organizations may be funded no sooner than every two years.

Additional information and applications are available by contacting the Department of Parks and Recreation's offices at (301) 694-1646. Applications must be received by 4:30pm., Wednesday, August 2, 2006. It is expected that organizations will be notified by November regarding grant awards. A budget of \$100,000 has been requested for FY'2007.

Project sites have been located throughout the County. Most of the funding has been used for the improvement and construction of organized youth ballfields (due to the shortage of these playfields) and for development of playgrounds managed by Homeowners and Community Associations. The Glade Valley Athletic Association has installed bleachers at the Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company ballfields for use by girl's softball teams. A new baseball field was completed at the Jefferson School by the Jefferson Valley Baseball Association. The United Civic Association (Shookstown) undertook ballfield renovations and installation of playground equipment, a picnic pavilion, a volleyball court and horseshoe pits. The Winding Ridge Community Association also installed playground equipment, surfacing and timber borders. Once construction begins many groups are able to obtain additional donations of materials, equipment and labor from local contractors, individuals and other organizations. Project sites are inspected and organizations must submit reports which detail expenditures, volunteer time and donations for the project.