Dear Applicant:

The Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation prioritizes three areas of need in our state — homelessness and low-income housing; indigent health care and youth development. Within youth development, sports and particularly baseball and softball are of significant interest to the foundation. Therefore, the Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation has introduced a category of funding specific to youth baseball and softball called the “D-backs Give Back” - Youth Baseball Fund.

One major aspect of this Fund is the “Diamonds Back” Youth Field program, which builds or renovates a signature field each year, with matching funds from APS and a contribution from a D-backs player. The demand for quality youth baseball and softball fields is growing throughout our community. Together with APS, we want to do our part to provide these fields and encourage participation in our great game.

A panel of the Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation Board of Directors, the Executive Director of the Diamondbacks Foundation, Arizona Diamondbacks staff and APS staff will review grant applications. Each year, one organization will be chosen as a recipient of a “Diamonds Back” youth field.

The deadline for the “Diamonds Back” Youth Field Building grant application is July 31 of each calendar year. Grants must be postmarked or received in our offices on or before July 31st. Grants will be awarded prior to December 1 of the same year.

Thank you for considering the Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation. We hope we can assist you in your worthwhile endeavors for youth baseball and softball. If you have any questions, you can call me at (602) 462-6522.

Sincerely,

Jeff Jacobs
Director, Financial Management
**Guidelines for Grant Applicants**

- It is preferred that applications are typed. Legibly handwritten applications are also acceptable. Please utilize the allowable space on the following form or an identical format.

- Applications should be mailed to: Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation Field Building, 401 E. Jefferson Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004; Attention Jeff Jacobs.

- Applications must be exempt under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or other comparable tax exempt status.

- Applicant field location must serve Arizona youth.

- Application should be for field construction/refurbishment, not for land acquisition, design fees, permits, labor or other expenses related to a project. Requests for purposes of debt retirement or operational deficits will not be considered.

- Grant application requires the endorsement or participation of the land owner (i.e. Parks and Recreation Department; School District, etc.).

- Special consideration will be given to matching funds or “sweat equity” effort initiated by the local youth baseball/softball organization.
“Diamonds Back” Youth Field Building Application

Application Date: ____________________________________________

Applicant Program/Organization: ____________________________________

Contact Name: ___________________ Phone Number: _____________

Email Address: ___________________ Fax Number: _______________

Address: ______________________________________________________

Non-profit status and number: ____________________________________

1. This grant request is for the following purpose: (choose one)
   - New Field/Facility Construction □
   - New/Replacement Lighting □
   - Other □

2. Please provide a brief description of your proposed project (new build or renovation), the current condition of the field (if applicable), and list the specific needs for this field.
3. Organizational background: Provide a brief description of your organization/league and describe the constituency it serves. Include any partnering entities and their roles.
4. Demographics: Describe the socio-economic nature of the neighborhood location and what impact this field will have on the community.

5. Usage: Who uses this field? (Leagues, organizations? Who determines usage?)

6. How many children use this field?

7. Location: Give directions/major crossroads.

8. Is this an existing field, or a brand new site? ________________________________

9. Type, size of field: (ie. Little League, Softball, Regulation) ____________________

10. Owner of field: (ie. Individual, City, County, Church, League)

Owner Contact: ____________________  Phone Number: _________________________

11. Who will maintain the field? Is maintenance budgeted?
12. In addition to the proposed site, are there any other baseball/softball fields currently serving this league/community? (Please list with names and locations)

13. What improvements have been done and by whom? When?

14. What other funding have you applied for?

15. What other funding have you secured?

16. What type of in-kind donations (labor, equipment, materials) has/can your organization secure(d)?
17. What is the timetable for this project?

18. Additional Narrative: What other conditions or circumstances, additional information can you give to support your application? (Please use space available).

Please attach any photos, plans, budget projections, estimates, pledges etc. for this project.

Please submit this application to: The Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation

Attn: Jeff Jacobs
401 East Jefferson Street
Phoenix, AZ 85004