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RICHFIELD, UT 84701  
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## Rural School Sports Facilities Grant Program

Application for Funding – FY2026

### SECTION 1: Applicant Information

School District: Sevier School District

District Superintendent: Cade Douglas

Contact Person for Application:

Name: Chad Lloyd

Title: Business Administrator

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### SECTION 2: Eligibility Confirmation

Please confirm that the applying school meets at least one of the following eligibility criteria:

Located in a 4th, 5th, or 6th class county

School district has fewer than 3,000 students enrolled

Name of Eligible School: Richfield High School

### SECTION 3: Project Description

Type of Project:  New Construction       Refurbishment

Facility Type:  Indoor       Outdoor       Both

Primary Uses:

Richfield High School Football, Soccer, and Track Facility

## Project Narrative:

The District is moving forward with a comprehensive renovation of the Richfield High School Football Field and Track. This project focuses on three primary objectives, outlined below:

### **1. Replacement of Bleachers**

The current bleachers are outdated, unsafe, non-ADA compliant, and lack sufficient seating capacity. The District will remove the existing decades-old bleachers and replace them with a modern, ADA-compliant seating system that enhances safety, comfort, and accessibility while accommodating an appropriate number of spectators.

### **2. Installation of Artificial Turf Field**

Richfield High School currently lacks an adequate facility for boys' and girls' soccer games and practices. For several years, teams have relied on a grass area at Red Hills Middle School, which lacks locker rooms, restrooms, and proper spectator viewing areas. Additionally, this shared field is used for middle school physical education and recess, limiting maintenance and raising safety concerns.

To address these issues, the District will replace the existing grass football field at the high school with an artificial turf surface. This upgrade will create a durable, all-weather field suitable for football, soccer, and other athletic events. It will also provide student-athletes with safe, high-quality playing conditions and convenient access to nearby locker rooms and facilities.

### **3. Track Replacement and Expansion**

The existing track has reached the end of its useful life and no longer meets the standards required to host official region meets. As part of this project, the District will replace the track surface and explore design adjustments—such as updated fencing and layout improvements—to allow for the installation of a regulation-size track with sufficient lanes. This will enable Richfield High School to host competitive meets while improving training conditions for student-athletes.

## **SECTION 4: Demonstration of Need**

Attach or describe the following:

**- Evidence of current facility limitations or lack of access (include pictures as applicable):**

The existing Richfield High School field and track facilities no longer meet the needs of the student population, athletic programs, or community spectators. The football field's natural grass surface has deteriorated due to heavy use, weather conditions, and limited maintenance opportunities. Its uneven surface restricts practice and game schedules—especially during wet seasons—and presents ongoing safety concerns.

The current bleachers are another significant limitation. They are outdated, structurally unsafe, and do not meet ADA accessibility standards. Seating capacity is insufficient for the size of crowds that regularly attend football and soccer games, forcing many spectators to stand or watch from outside fenced areas. This not only reduces the overall fan experience but also presents safety and accessibility challenges for families, older patrons, and community members with mobility limitations.

Additionally, Richfield High School lacks a dedicated soccer facility. Boys' and girls' soccer teams must travel to Red Hills Middle School to use an undersized grass field that was not designed for competitive play. The space lacks essential amenities such as locker rooms, restrooms, and designated seating for spectators. Its shared use for middle school physical education and recess prevents consistent maintenance and increases wear and tear, further limiting its safety and usability.

**- Impact on student health, participation, or safety:**

The limitations of the current facilities directly impact student health, safety, and participation. Uneven, poorly maintained playing surfaces increase the risk of injuries such as sprains and strains. Limited access to quality practice and competition spaces reduces training opportunities and overall program competitiveness.

The proposed artificial turf field and new track will create a consistent, safe, and year-round playing environment for multiple athletic programs, physical education classes, and community activities. Currently, the grass field is used only a few days per year—typically for about five home football games—because it cannot withstand regular practices or multi-sport use without significant turf damage. By installing an artificial turf surface, the field will be available for daily use by football, boys' and girls' soccer, and other school and community activities. This increased usability transforms the field from a limited-use facility into a high-value, multi-sport complex that maximizes the District's investment and provides lasting benefits for students and the community.

These improvements will reduce injury risk, expand participation opportunities, and enhance student well-being through greater physical activity and engagement.

**- Community support or partnerships (if applicable):**

The Richfield community has demonstrated strong support for improving the high school's athletic facilities. Parents, alumni, and local organizations recognize the importance of safe, accessible, and high-quality facilities that foster student success and community pride.

Approximately seven years ago, District leadership collaborated with **Snow College** in a mutually beneficial land exchange. This partnership provided Snow College with expanded parking capacity to better accommodate events at the Sevier Valley Center, while the District gained additional acreage adjacent to the high school. This strategic land swap made it possible to expand the bleacher area and move forward with the

planned renovations. Snow College continues to be a valued partner and strong supporter of this project, reflecting the shared commitment between the District and local higher education institutions to strengthen opportunities for students and the broader community.

### **SECTION 5: Budget and Timeline**

Estimated Total Project Cost: \$ 4,000,000

Amount Requested from Grant Program: \$ 500,000

Other Funding Sources (if any): Local capital funds

Estimated Start Date: January 1, 2026

Estimated Completion Date: August 1, 2027

See the attached budget and timeline

### **SECTION 6: Project Planning and Financial Analysis**

Estimated Annual Maintenance Costs: \$ 5,000-\$15,000

Estimated Life Cycle Replacement Timeline:

Turf Field – 15 Years

Track Surface – 10 Years

Bleachers – 40 Years

Anticipated Annual Revenue: Current Revenue averages \$20,000 per year. With the new facility we are hoping to increase these revenues to around \$33,000 through current lost gate and increased attendance/participation.

### **SECTION 7: Certification and Signature**

I certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if awarded, the district will be required to submit progress reports and updates to the Utah State Board of Education.

Authorized Signature:



Name: Chad Lloyd

Title: Business Administrator

Date: 10/30/2025



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## Richfield High School Field & Track Renovation Project

### Project Timeline

Phase	Description	Dates
Planning & Design	Finalize plans, engineering, ADA review	January 2026
Contractor Bidding	Bid advertising, evaluation, awarding	April 2026
Procurement	Order long-lead items (bleachers, etc.)	May 2026
Demolition & Prep	Remove bleachers/field, grading, utilities	March 2027
Construction	Install bleachers, turf, track	April 2027
Final Completion	Inspections & punch-list	July 2027
Ready for Use	Open for 2027-28 season	August 2027

### Project Budget Summary

Category	Estimated Cost
Bleachers (Home & Visitor)	\$1,000,000
Artificial Turf Field	\$1,250,000
Track Replacement/Expansion	\$850,000
Site Improvements	\$250,000
Contractor OH & Management (15%)	\$525,000
Design/Engineering/Contingency	\$350,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,225,000</b>