

# **Attachment A**

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**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

May 22, 2025

**Funding Application for 2024-2025 Fiscal Year**

1. **Name and address of Organization:** Foundation for Girsh Park – address 7050 Phelps Road Goleta, CA 93117
2. **Total Request:** \$5,000
3. **Non-Profit 501 (c)3 Tax ID#:**77-0498372
4. **Regular business of the agency:** The Lester A. and Viola S. Girsh Park is a cooperative community effort that is owned and operated by The Foundation for Girsh Park a 501(c)(3) nonprofit foundation. It is our mission to develop, maintain and enhance Lester A. Viola S. Girsh Park to provide all community members with affordable, high-quality park and recreational facilities in a safe, attractive and healthy environment.

The Foundation for Girsh Park is a private non-profit organization that operates on four major sources of funding. These sources include user fees, fundraising, our endowment, and a strong partnership with the City of Goleta. The City subsidizes our maintenance budget by providing financial support each year. This unique non-profit, public/private partnership remains a model for successful community recreation in Santa Barbara County.

Girsh Park has served the community's active recreational needs since 1999. The Park was built by Wynmark Company in conjunction with the Camino Real Marketplace construction. After the County of Santa Barbara respectfully declined the donation offer to own and operate the Park, the Camino Real Park Foundation, a non-profit 501 (c) (3) foundation, was created.

5. **Executive Director:** Ryan Harrington  
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6. **Board President:** Dan Terry / [danterry@aol.com](mailto:danterry@aol.com)
7. **Years Agency has been in operation:** Founded in 1999.
8. **Other funding secured for this activity:** Various local businesses and community member support. To date, more than \$100,000 has been raised for the campaign, with a goal to raise \$200,000 for the full cost of the project. <http://girshpark.org/ditch-the-diesel/>
9. **Identify which target population will ultimately benefit from your strengthened organization:** The funding will support lighting improvement at the soccer fields at Girsh Park which is heavily utilized by youth soccer leagues

in the Goleta Valley. The transition to new LED lighting will also eliminate the use of diesel generators, which causes air pollution and noise for the surrounding neighborhood. It will also reduce operating costs for the Foundation in the long-term.

10. **Please state the name of the program for which funding is being requested and describe overall goals that you are proposing:** The Ditch the Diesel Campaign, a bold step toward bringing permanent, on-grid field lighting to the Girsh-Hochman Soccer Field at Girsh Park. For years, our soccer programs have relied on noisy, polluting diesel-powered generator lights to run youth soccer programs after dark. While this temporary solution has kept the game going, it's time for a lasting, sustainable upgrade. After more than a decade of planning and persistence, we are closer than ever to realizing this dream, and we need your help to cross the finish line.

There's real urgency. Global supply chain issues, increasing material costs, and the looming threat of new tariffs could soon make this project significantly more expensive. Every week we wait risks higher costs and fewer opportunities for the kids and families who rely on this field. By donating today, you're not just helping complete a vital project, you're helping us lock in current pricing and avoid costly delays.

We certify that the information in this application is true and accurate to the best of our knowledge and is submitted with our Board of Director's Governing Body's full knowledge and endorsement. We also certify that we will use the requested funds as set forth and for the purposes identified in this application if the Board of Supervisors approves this application.

Dan Terry  
Foundation Board Chair

Ryan Harrington  
Foundation Executive Director