

BHC receives grants for lighting on fields

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BULLHEAD CITY — The Baseball Tomorrow Fund, a foundation established by Major League Baseball and its players association, has awarded Bullhead City a \$181,000 grant to be used to fund field lighting on three youth athletic fields at Rotary Park.

The Baseball Tomorrow Fund is a joint initiative between the Major League Baseball Players Association and Major League Baseball designed to promote the growth of youth baseball and softball throughout the world by awarding grants to support field renovation and construction projects, equipment and uniform purchases, coaches training material and other selected program expenses.

Since its formation by the MLBPA and MLB in 1999, BTF has awarded more than 800 grants totaling more than \$29 million to nonprofit and tax-exempt organizations in the U.S., Canada, Latin America, the Caribbean, Europe, Africa and Asia. BTF also facilitates league-wide initiatives including the collection and distribution of new and gently used equipment to organizations in need as well as field maintenance education clinics.

The lighting equipment to be installed in Bullhead City will be provided at a significant discount through a partnership between BTF and Musco Lighting, a leader in the sports lighting industry and BTF preferred provider.

The city is currently constructing three new fields at Rotary Park to provide additional baseball and softball capacity to meet the needs of the growing community. Musco Lighting equipment will be installed on these three youth baseball and softball fields. This project will encourage participation by providing a centralized location in a safe environment for all youth baseball and softball programs.

“The City of Bullhead City and our youth partners are delighted that BTF has chosen us for this most significant grant,” City Manager Toby Cotter said. “Thousands of Bullhead City children will grow up playing under these lights for years to come. This investment in our community’s youth is sincerely appreciated.”

“The Baseball Tomorrow Fund is pleased to support the construction of the youth baseball and softball fields in Rotary Park,” said Cathy Bradley, executive director of the Baseball Tomorrow Fund. “On behalf of Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association, we thank the City of Bullhead City and the local leagues for providing opportunities for children to learn the game on safe, quality fields. A special thanks our partner, Musco Lighting, for its generous

support of much-needed projects like this one across the country.”

“We’re proud to support the efforts of the Baseball Tomorrow Fund, as it continues to help cities like Bullhead City offer youth a great place to play America’s favorite pastime,” said John Abney, Arizona sales representative for Musco Lighting. “The new lighting system will help expand usage of the fields and provide a safer playing environment for young athletes.”

A grant of \$150,000 from the BHHS Legacy Foundation also has been awarded for the project.

“We could not have completed this project without the generous support of our sponsors.” Cotter said. “The Legacy Foundation does amazing work in Bullhead City.”

Other major supporters of this project include the American Youth Soccer Organization, the Amateur Softball Association and Bullhead City Little League.

For more information on The Baseball Tomorrow Fund, visit baseballtomorrowfund.com. For more about Musco Sports Lighting, visit www.musco.com.