

## **Application of Criteria for Pima County Bond Project Proposals**

Directions: The Pima County Bond Advisory Committee adopted criteria for project inclusion. For each resubmitted and new bond project proposal, please answer how the project meets the criteria below. If certain criteria do not apply to the project, please answer not applicable. The total response for each project should be no longer than two pages in Arial size 11 font. Please do not submit exhibits or attachments.

**Project Name:** The First Tee of Tucson Youth Golf and Life Skills Center at Crooked Tree Golf Course

1. **Broad Demonstrated Support by Public:** The First Tee of Tucson and The Tucson Conquistadores have identified the need to expand program locations to the Northwest Communities for The First Tee of Tucson programming. Positive support has been demonstrated by current and future participants and program volunteers with transportation barriers. Our El Rio Golf Course and Learning Center is at capacity after school and on weekends. An addition of a new program location and learning center at Crooked Tree would be celebrated by families and volunteers in the Northwest Community
2. **Has Regional Public Benefit:** Crooked Tree Golf Course the former Arthur Pack County Golf Course is a Regional Facility and highly acclaimed public golf course. The First Tee of Tucson Youth Golf and Life Skills Center at Crooked Tree Golf Course will offer golf and life skills programming and homework help to the entire Northwest area. One of the key outcomes of a chapter of The First Tee network is to be part of the solution to the ever growing problems facing today's youth. One in four public school children drop out before they finish high school. The First Tee programming delivers much-needed life skills and character education to positively influence our community's young people, preparing them for success in high school, college and life. The First Tee is more than a game. Research indicates that positive youth development programs such as The First Tee curriculum promotes a sense of physical and emotional safety, includes setting goals, managing emotions, and building confidence.
3. **Partnerships:** Partners in this project the Tucson Conquistadores, Conquistadores Youth Golf Fund dba The First Tee of Tucson a chapter of the National First Tee Organization part of the World Golf Foundation, Pima County and the private operator of the County owned Crooked Tree Golf Course.
4. **Other Funding Sources or Matches:** The available land for this project at Crooked Tree Golf Course is County owned. The Tucson Conquistadores and The First Tee of Tucson are committed to a structuring a public private partnership to benefit our community's youth. Proceeds from the Champions Tour event and an annual campaign with The First Tee of Tucson will fund the project.

5. Education and Workforce Training: Through our computer lab and life skills curriculum we plan to offer homework help and tutoring service to our participants enrolled in The First Tee. The First Tee A/B Honor Roll program encourages all participants to excel academically and to stay on track for eligibility in The First Tee Scholars program. Participants of all ages who earn A's and B's (or equivalent) on their report cards will receive certificates signed by Joe Louis Barrow, Jr., chief executive officer of The First Tee. Honor Roll certificates are distributed twice per year.
6. Advances Board Adopted Principles of Sustainability and Conservation: Installation of artificial turf will reduce water use. Reclaimed water is currently on the site. Additionally, the 9 hole par 3 course will not need to be over seeded with rye grass therefore reducing water use.
7. Previously Authorized Large-scale Bond Projects or Programs that are Now Short of Funding: Not applicable.
8. Phasing of Large Projects: Not applicable.
9. Impact on Operating and Maintenance Costs for Governments and Commitment to Fund These Ongoing Costs: Operating costs would be paid for by the private golf course operator and The First Tee of Tucson.
10. Project or Program is a Capital Improvement, Not a Repair or Maintenance Project: This project and program is a new capital improvement project.