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NFL AND LOCAL INITIATIVES SUPPORT CORPORATION ANNOUNCE \$2.5 MILLION IN FIELD GRANTS AS PART OF NFL GRASSROOTS PROGRAM

Grants are part of 11-Year, \$25 Million NFL Commitment Enhancing Low-Income Communities

The National Football League Grassroots Program is supporting the development and renovation of community fields with 17 new grants totaling more than \$2.5 million being directed to schools, parks and facilities across the country, it was announced today.

A partnership between the NFL, the NFL Players Association and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), the Grassroots Program has awarded \$25 million in grants over 11 years to local nonprofits focused on the health and welfare of their communities, particularly with regards to their young people. The latest round of grants supports new and upgraded fields in the following NFL markets:

Team Affiliation	Field Location
Arizona Cardinals	Glendale, AZ; Arizona Youth Football Federation
Atlanta Falcons	Gainesville, Georgia; Boys and Girls Club of Hall County
Baltimore Ravens	Baltimore, MD; Living Classrooms Foundation
Buffalo Bills	Buffalo, NY; Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy
Carolina Panthers	York, SC; York School District One
Chicago Bears	Chicago, Illinois; Academy for Urban School Leadership
Cincinnati Bengals	Clarksville, OH; Clinton-Massie Local School District
Cleveland Browns	Cleveland, OH; ParkWorks
Indianapolis Colts	Indianapolis, IN; George Washington Community High School
Kansas City Chiefs	Kansas City, MO; NECCO Raiders Youth Football Team
Minnesota Vikings	Minneapolis, MN; Friends of South High Foundation
New Orleans Saints	New Orleans, LA; G.W. Carver High School for the Arts
New York Jets	Morristown, NJ; Morristown High School
Pittsburgh Steelers	Pittsburgh, PA; Pittsburgh Public Schools
San Diego Chargers	Oceanside, CA; Oceanside Unified School District
Seattle Seahawks	Aberdeen, WA; Aberdeen High School

In addition, the Los Angeles Unified School District will receive an NFL Grassroots grant for the installation of a new field at Fremont Senior High School. This project will allow for increased athletic competitions, afterschool activities and community events.

"These fields help us make an impact where assistance is most needed and provide a tangible sign of our Youth Football Fund in action," said NFL Commissioner **ROGER GOODELL**, who also is a member of LISC's

national board of directors. “We are proud to support projects that give youngsters a safe place to play and bring families and neighborhoods together.”

The NFL Grassroots Program, a partnership between the NFL Youth Football Fund and LISC, the nation’s leading community development support corporation, has resulted in the construction or renovation of 170 football fields nationwide in the past decade. Fields are newly built or significantly renovated, with improvements such as irrigation systems, lights, bleachers, scoreboards, goal posts and turf. Grassroots grants are issued once established funding thresholds are reached for each project.

“At LISC, we are focused on helping distressed communities become good places to live, work, do business and raise families,” said Michael Rubinger, LISC president and CEO. “We call it Building Sustainable Communities, and developing sound recreational opportunities is a key piece of our work. The NFL has been a committed partner in helping make that happen in neighborhoods all over the country.”

About the NFL Youth Football Fund

Established in 1998 by the NFL and the NFL Players Association, the NFL Youth Football Fund seeks to use football as a catalyst to promote positive youth development, support youth and high school football needs nationwide and also ensure the health of grassroots football in future generations. Through the YFF’s youth football initiatives and support programs, youngsters are provided with opportunities to learn the game of football, get physically fit and stay involved in productive after-school activities with adult mentors

About LISC

LISC combines corporate, government and philanthropic resources to help nonprofit community development corporations revitalize distressed neighborhoods. Since 1980, LISC has raised more than \$9 billion to build or rehab more than 244,000 affordable homes and develop 36 million square feet of retail, community and educational space nationwide. LISC support has leveraged nearly \$28 billion in total development activity. For more information, visit www.lisc.org.

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