



# COUNTY OF UNION

March 9, 2018

**FREEHOLDER TRUST FUND  
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Mayor Al Morgan  
Borough of New Providence  
360 Elkwood Avenue  
New Providence, New Jersey 07974

**Re: Level the Playing Field Grant Program**

Dear Mayor Morgan,

On behalf of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, we are pleased to inform you that your municipality has been awarded a playground grant through the **Level the Playing Field grant program**.

This first time grant is a part of Freeholder Chairman Granados' "Moving Union County Forward" initiative, to assist in providing recreational opportunities for individuals both with and without special needs throughout the County of Union. The County of Union has accessible playgrounds, and accessible playground elements, throughout the county park system. Helping to address this need on the municipal level will propel our county forward as a model for others throughout the State of New Jersey.

The Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund allocated \$300,000.00 in grant funds for the creation, enhancement, and/or replacement of recreational components in municipalities that will specifically address the special needs community. When this Freeholder Board received grant applications from every single municipality in Union County, we understood that the need is real and the commitment of our municipal partners matches ours. For that reason, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholder decided to add \$200,000.00 to this grant allocation, making \$500,000.00 available in non-matching funds.

**The Union County Level the Playing Field grant that will be awarded to your municipality is \$ 25,470.00 .**

Again, we are so pleased to have the opportunity to partner with your municipality. We look forward to working with you in the months ahead, and congratulate you on your commitment to your community.

Sincerely,

Alexander Mirabella, Chairman  
Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation  
Trust Fund

Sergio Granados, Chairman  
Union County Board of Chosen  
Freeholders

**Cc: Business Administrators, Recreation Directors**