

La Rinconada's Former Fire Station Remodeled to Become *La Paz* Sports Center

La Rinconada City Council

PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN INTEGRATED LOCAL ELECTRONIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. CO-FUNDED BY THE *NEXTGENERATIONEU* FUNDS VIA SPAIN'S *RECOVERY, TRANSFORMATION AND RESILIENCE PLAN*, regulated by Order TER/836/2022, of 29 August, approving the regulatory basis for subsidies for the digital transformation and modernization of local entities within the framework of the *Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan*, and opening the call for 2022. Co-funded by the Provincial Council of Seville and La Rinconada City Council.

BEFORE	AFTER
 1. FORMER FIRE STATION	 2. LA PAZ SPORTS CENTER

1. INTRODUCTION

La Rinconada City Council has set out to transform the former fire station into the innovative *La Paz Sports Center*, located at 4 Joaquín Flores Márquez Street, San José de la Rinconada. This project aimed to revitalize a disused building to turn it into a multi-functional facility focused on sporting and community activities.



3. LOCATION OF LA PAZ SPORTS CENTER

This 800 m² center is strategically located in La Paz neighborhood—which, until now, lacked a dedicated sports facility—and is expected to play a key role in encouraging sports and physical activity among neighbors. La Paz neighborhood has a mixed urban environment, surrounded by both residential and commercial areas.

The goals of this project are well-defined:

- Improving the building's efficiency and energy savings.
- Improving the neighbors' quality of life by reusing existing infrastructures.
- Creating a versatile space that combines sports and community activities.
- Equip the building with adequate installations, such as a multi-sport court, a multipurpose room for activities like Pilates and yoga, and supplementary areas such as dressing rooms, a medicine cabinet and storage space.

The proposed building adaptations include removing mezzanines to make space for sporting activities, a concierge's office to monitor access to the building, and improvements in regards to energy savings, such as a new thermal and acoustic insulation, as well as renovated climate control systems.

2. BUDGET

The total investment for this project amounts to €717,726.39, of which 80% has been funded by the *NextGenerationEU* funds. It is worth noting that the VAT amount—€124,564.08 in total—has been fully funded by *NextGenerationEU*; by the Provincial Council of Seville, via Council Presidency Resolution no. 7774/2024, of 20 November, within the framework of the call for subsidies aimed at local governments within the Province of Seville with the goal of encouraging their participation in calls for European funds; and by La Rinconada City Council's own funds.

TOTAL GRANTED BUDGET	PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIAL SUBSIDY	La Rinconada City Council	PIREP (<i>Public Building Rehabilitation Boost Plan</i>) NEXT GEN SUBSIDY
€850,174.98	€142,775.85	€35,693.96	€671,705.17
Total Implemented Budget	PROVINCIAL COUNCIL	La Rinconada City Council	PIREP (<i>Public Building Rehabilitation Boost Plan</i>) NEXT GEN CERTIFICATE
€721,259.61	€113,846.29	€28,461.57	€578,951.76

This initiative has a significant impact in the recovery, transformation and resilience of the city by remodeling the former fire station in La Rinconada to be used as a sports center. This project will not only transform a former fire station into a modern sports and civic center, but also strengthen social cohesion and the welfare of the local community by providing a key space for personal and community development in La Rinconada.

3. COMMUNICATION MANUAL

According to Article 9 of Order HFP/1030/2021, of 29 September, the Member State must ensure that specific, coherent, efficient and proportional information is provided to multiple audiences, including the media and the general public, by meeting the following requirements:

- Develop a strategy to promote and ensure that the RRF's contribution to Europe's recovery and, specifically, to the twin green and digital transition, is known and acknowledged.
- Create and maintain a dedicated website that provides information about the RRF and related projects, and send a direct link to the Commission.
- Ensure that the final recipients of the EU funding in the RRF framework acknowledge the origin of said funds, so as to guarantee the visibility of the EU funding.

The materials for the communication and awareness actions about this project have been specified in the contract, co-funded by *NextGenerationEU*, and distributed by La Rinconada City Council.

It is important to note that all communications issued display all the elements required by the EU reference standards: the EU emblem, the *NextGenerationEU* co-funding statement, and the *Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan* statement. These elements are displayed clearly in this report, as well as in any and all advertising spots, documents, videos, invoices, etc.



4. PIREP REMODELING SIGN BY THE ENTRANCE (I)



5. PIREP REMODELING SIGN BY THE ENTRANCE (II)

La Rinconada City Council



6. LA RINCONADA CITY COUNCIL WEBSITE (EUROPEAN FUNDS)

Link (in Spanish): <https://www.larinconada.es/fondos-europeos/next-generation/periodo-2020-2026/proyectos-prtr/palanca-1--agenda-urbana-y-rural/c1-plan-de-movilidad-sostenible-en-entornos-urbanos/pirep-parque-de-bomberos-la-paz>



7. LA RINCONADA CITY COUNCIL WEBSITE (NEWS)

Posted on 14 May 2024

Link (in Spanish): <https://www.larinconada.es/noticias/13726/las-obras-del-nuevo-pabellon-deportivo-en-la-antigua-sede-de-bomberos-estaran-listas-en-el-mes-de-julio>

Opening ceremony, 27 September 2024



8. LA RINCONADA CITY COUNCIL WEBSITE (NEWS)

Link (in Spanish): <https://www.larinconada.es/es/noticias/13996/el-nuevo-pabellon-deportivo-de-la-paz-abre-sus-puertas>



9. VIDEO OF THE OPENING CEREMONY IN THE CITY COUNCIL'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Link (in Spanish): [New Sports Center in La Paz Neighborhood Officially Open to the Public \(YouTube\)](#)

4. PLANNED RENOVATIONS

Structure and Envelope

- **Removal of mezzanine:** the current mezzanine will be removed to allow the vertical space to be used to practice sports in the new center.
- **Installation of ventilated facade:** a ventilated facade using polymer concrete panels will be installed on the envelope of the building, which will provide thermal and acoustic insulation. With regard to the lateral common wall, where insulation cannot be installed from the outside, it will be instead insulated from the inside.
- **Roof renovation:** the existing roof will be improved by the installation of thermal insulation on top of the current plates, finishing with a weatherproof sheet to ensure comfort and save energy.

Space Distribution

- Ground Floor:
 - **Concierge's office:** located near the entrance to monitor access to the facilities.
 - **Dressing rooms:** equipped for the center's users.
 - **Medicine cabinet:** for emergencies and first aid treatments.
 - **Storage:** space designated to store sports equipment.
- First Floor:
 - **Multipurpose room:** designed for coordinated activities, club and association meetings, and theory classes for sports students.

System Installation

- **Climate control:** the building's climate control systems will be renovated, opting for more efficient systems that will allow for a more comfortable environment with less energy consumption.

5. INNOVATIVE ASPECTS AND ENERGY SAVINGS

Energy Savings and Thermal Insulation

- **Efficient Envelope:** the envelope of the building will be improved in order to limit energy consumption and ensure comfortable indoor climatic conditions throughout the year.
- **Sustainable materials:** the construction materials and systems employed will be weatherproof and reduce airborne moisture, which in turn will prevent the appearance of condensation-based mold as well as contribute to saving energy.

Sustainability and Water Management

- **Water saving and management:** water saving and management systems will be installed in dressing rooms and restrooms. This will ensure the supply of safe, potable water, as well as prevent potentially contaminated water from getting back into the network.
- **Water drainage:** independent drainage systems for rain and wastewater will be installed.
- **Protection against noise.**
- **Acoustic insulation:** soundproofing elements will be installed, which will prevent loud noises from affecting users' health, as well as allow activities to be carried out in a satisfactory way.

Functionality and Accessibility

- **Functional design:** functionality in the building will be prioritized, with an efficient distribution of its rooms and spaces.
- **Accessibility:** both the entrance and common areas of the building will be designed to be accessible for people with limited mobility, in compliance with the specific legislation.

Safety

- **Structural safety:** damages that could compromise the building's stability and mechanical resistance will be avoided.
- **Fire safety:** users will be able to evacuate the building safely. The staff will work alongside the firefighting and rescue teams' to allow them to do their job effectively and limit the extent of the fire.

Habitability

- **Health standards:** every room and space in the building will comply with the current regulations and requirements regarding habitability, health standards, energy savings, and functionality.
- **Waste management:** the building will have the means to manage and dispose of waste according to the current public waste collection system.
- **Proper ventilation:** proper ventilation will be ensured in order to remove pollutants from the air and provide enough air circulation and renewal.

6. OUTCOME

This project has led to the creation of a modern sports center that complies with all energy efficiency measures in order to ensure that the building is completely sustainable in terms of materials used for its construction, waste management, and energy savings compared to its previous iteration. This sports center contributes to improving the environment and it does not emit greenhouse gases. Furthermore, the building has the capacity for fulfilling the sporting needs of La Paz neighborhood, which is crucial, as it is considered one of the most vulnerable in the city.

7. PHOTOGRAPHIC REPORT



10. ACRYLIC PLAQUE INSTALLED IN LA PAZ SPORTS CENTER



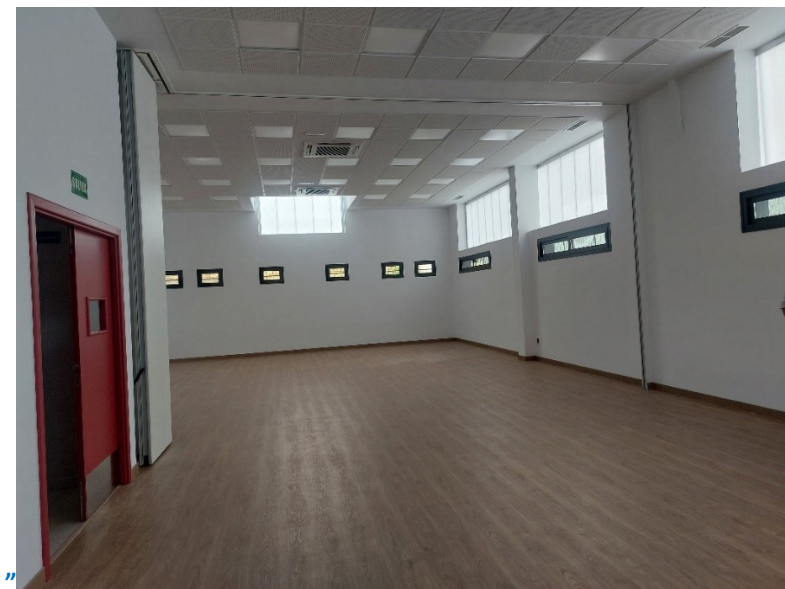
11. LOCATION OF THE ACRYLIC PLAQUE WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT



12. EXTERIOR OF LA PAZ SPORTS CENTER



13. INTERIOR OF LA PAZ SPORTS CENTER



14. INTERIOR OF LA PAZ SPORTS CENTER (II)



15. LA PAZ SPORTS CENTER OPENING CEREMONY (I)



16. LA PAZ SPORTS CENTER OPENING CEREMONY (II)



17. LA PAZ SPORTS CENTER OPENING CEREMONY (III)



18. ACRYLIC PLAQUE COMMEMORATING THE SPORTS CENTER OPENING CEREMONY

Report translated by Laura Jiménez Torres