



## **US Lacrosse Community Impact Grant**

### **What is the purpose of the Community Impact Grant?**

The Community Impact Grant is designed to be sufficiently flexible to enable applicants to address needs unique to their lacrosse community. These programs are working to ensure that all children have access to lacrosse participation in quality after-school and community centers. The Community Impact Grant is for community programs or sports-based youth development groups that provide direct service for underrepresented youth in lacrosse.

### **Who is eligible to apply for the grant?**

*Programs must:*

- Provide youth lacrosse programming for underrepresented youth ages 19 and under with life skills enrichment (Examples: tutoring, mentorship, college guidance, character education etc.) in an after-school, recreation or community center environment.
- Demonstrate their ability to deliver ongoing participation opportunities through experienced and committed leadership.
- Deliver a minimum 8-week lacrosse program with preference given to organizations working consistently with participants throughout the year.
- Commit to growing the game effectively and responsibly using US Lacrosse national standards and best practices.

### **The grant may provide financial support for the following purposes:**

- Support the direct costs of youth lacrosse programs and/or education clinics in the area.
- To establish lacrosse within an active recreation or club.
- To establish a new after-school lacrosse program.
- To expand or improve an existing community lacrosse program.
- To undertake a new collaborative effort in the lacrosse community.
- To obtain facilities or equipment necessary for a communal lacrosse program.



### **What is the amount of the grant?**

There are grants available for up to \$5,000 for an awarded organization. Grants are awarded on an annual basis. Awardees must re-apply the following year for re-consideration.

### **US Lacrosse is particularly interested in:**

- Organizations providing opportunities for ongoing lacrosse participation.
- Organizations whose activities provide direct services to individuals and produce tangible results, rather than those that are policy oriented.
- The potential impact of the program/project and the number of people who will benefit.
- The organization's fiscal responsibility and management qualifications.
- The ability of an organization to obtain the necessary additional funding to implement a program or project and to provide ongoing funding after the term of the grant has expired.
- Programs that conduct necessary outcome and metrics data at two or more time intervals throughout the year.
- Programs that provide long-term play opportunities beyond elementary school.
- Nonprofit organizations with a 501(c)(3) designation.

### **US Lacrosse will not accept:**

- Organizations that unlawfully discriminate as to race, religion, income, gender, disability or national origin.
- Applications that are incomplete or late.
- Applications requesting funding towards the purchase of land, construction of buildings or event sponsorships.
- Applications requesting funding for costs associated with capital projects.
- Applications requesting funding for costs associated with building or resurfacing of fields.
- Applications requesting funding towards non-playing/participation equipment (for example, public address systems, banners, trophies, videos, sunshades, carpet/limo, clubroom items, wicket covers, GPS).

### **Awardee Grant Requirements:**

- Demonstrate a continuous dedication to providing opportunities for active lacrosse participation in diverse communities.
- Program must demonstrate the impact of the program and the number of people who receive direct benefit from their services.
- Commit to growing the game effectively and responsibly using US Lacrosse national standards and best practices.



- Organization must demonstrate organization's fiscal responsibility and the ability of an organization to obtain ongoing funding and sustainability.
- Provide program statistics, photos and updates upon request.
- Serve as informational reference or representative for the grant when called upon by US Lacrosse and Diversity Grant Selection Task Force.
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**What are the deadlines and other relevant dates?**

All grant applications must be completed online. Deadlines and other important dates are stated on the National Diversity Grant Program page

(<http://www.uslacrosse.org/diversity-inclusion/diversity-inclusion-national-grant-program>)