



US Lacrosse Disability Access Grant

What is the purpose of The US Lacrosse Disability Access Grant?

US Lacrosse supports innovative projects that help participants with disabilities or physical and/or mental limitations to participate in the sport of lacrosse. US Lacrosse aims to support projects that create tools that help break down barriers to participation and increase opportunities for participants with disabilities entering the sport. The Disability Access Grant is intended to serve as a funding resource for leagues, teams and programs in their efforts to improve access and opportunity for participants with disabilities.

Who is eligible to apply for the grant?

Programs must:

- Provide lacrosse programming for participants with demonstrated physical or mental disabilities.*
- 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.
- Demonstrate successful efforts to recruit and retain a diverse population of individuals with disabilities.

**A person with disabilities is any person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities and has a record of such impairment, or is regarded as having such impairment.*

The grant may provide financial support for the following purposes:

- To introduce lacrosse to participants with disabilities or physical/mental limitations.
- To host ongoing lacrosse clinics and/or camps with emphasis on active recruitment and support of players with disabilities.
- To create an ongoing equipment or scholarship fund.
- To promote the full-inclusion of participants with disabilities alongside their peers without disabilities, and promote inclusive, competitive participation opportunities.
- To provide professional development and/or coaches education scholarship opportunities for coaches/staff working with disabilities or physical/mental limitations.



What is the amount of the program?

There are grants available for up to \$2,000 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.
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- 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.
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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>)