



## **US Lacrosse Girls Initiative Grant**

### **What is the purpose of the Girls Initiative Grant?**

US Lacrosse created The Girls Initiative Grant to give young women, particularly those in underserved communities, access to lacrosse. This grant supports lacrosse teams or organizations seeking to add or expand existing program participation opportunities for underserved population of girls, particularly girls of color\*.

The Girls Initiative Grant provides funding for a lacrosse team or organization that promotes play opportunities for minority girls ages 19 and under. These programs must combine lacrosse instruction with leadership development and life skills programming.

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

*Programs must:*

- Provide girls lacrosse programming for underserved youth ages 19 and under with life skills enrichment (Examples: tutoring, mentorship, college guidance, character education etc.)
- Deliver a minimum 8-week lacrosse program with preference given to organizations working consistently with girls throughout the year.
- Commit to growing the game effectively and responsibly using US Lacrosse national standards and best practices.
- Provide lacrosse participation opportunities in which a majority of the participants or intended recipients are people of color.

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

- Athletic equipment or uniforms
- Travel
- Coaches training
- Academic support
- Camps or clinics
- Scholarships and/or program administration expenses
- Supplies
- Facility rentals
- Officials fees
- League/tournament fees



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

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

*\*The National Demographics Corporation defines people of color in the following categories:*

- American Indian / Alaska Native—A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America.
- Hispanic/Latino—A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.
- Asian—A person having origins in any peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, Indian Islands, Thailand and Vietnam.
- Black / African American—A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
- Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander—A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

### **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 (i.e., 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 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>)