



ROCHESTER SPORTS FOUNDATION COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

PURPOSE: Assist local sports organizations by providing matching funds to improve facilities, purchase needed equipment or secure future events that directly increase economic impact to the Rochester Sports community.

CRITERIA: The grants are only intended for Rochester MN based private non-profit sports organizations. Funds are not intended for financial assistance or scholarships to individuals. For financial assistance or individual scholarship information, please contact the specific sports program. Priority will be given to grants that will directly help increase sports tourism to the community.

FUNDING: 100% of all profits raised at the Rochester Sports Annual Sports Banquet auction will be made available through this grant.

- There is a maximum of \$5,000 per application/organization annually.
- This is a matching grant program requirement.
- The amount requested may be no more than one half of the project total.
- Applicants must provide complete project information including applicants' investment in the total project.
- If approved, RSF will provide matching funds as described above based on grant funds available at the time the application is received.
- The RSF Grant Program has a maximum annual award total of \$10,000 per year.

ADMINISTERED BY: Rochester Sports Foundation Board of Directors. Each Grant recipient may be required to provide an update concerning the use of the Grant funds as requested by the Board.

FOLLOW UP: Each Grant recipient may be required to provide an update concerning the use of the grant funds as requested by the Board.

NOTABLE PROJECTS: The Community Grant Program has supported community sports organizations by awarding more than \$50,000 to improve sports facilities in Rochester including the following projects:

- Rochester Swim Club: Funding diving boards at Rochester Rec Center - 2016 (\$15,000)
- Rochester Youth Fastpitch Softball: Funding electronic scoreboard – 2016 (\$13,000)
- Rochester Pickleball Club: Funding court development. – 2016 (\$2,500)
- Official Love Referee Organization – 2018 (\$1,500)
- Sports Mentorship Academy – 2022 (\$5,000)
- Rochester Youth Fastpitch Softball and fencing – 2019 (\$13,500)

All Grant applications must be submitted by September 1st of the calendar year. All grants will be determined on or by January 1st. All grant recipients will be announced at the Rochester Sports Annual Banquet as well as posted on the Rochester Sports Foundation web site.

FURTHER DETAILS: Application available at www.rochsportsfoundation.org

Applications can be submitted to Ed Hruska at ehruska@rochsports.com or by mailing them to:

Rochester Sports Foundation – Grant Request

32793 Lakeview Drive

Lake City, MN 55041



ROCHESTER SPORTS FOUNDATION
GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

PROGRAM PURPOSE: The Rochester Sports Foundation (RSF) grant program is intended to help local amateur sports organizations with matching funds to improve facilities, purchase needed equipment, remove accessibility barriers or secure future area economically impactful events that are beneficial to the sport in the Rochester area community. The matching funds are subject to a limit that is based on the available funds at the time the application is received. This limit will be adjusted as necessary and posted on the RSF Grant details page on the web site.

Award Criteria and Selection: The grants are only intended for Rochester MN based private non-profit sports organizations. Funds are not intended for financial assistance or scholarships to individuals. For financial assistance or individual scholarship information, please contact the specific sports program. Priority will be given to grants that will directly help increase sports tourism to the community.

SELECT OPTION:

_____ Matching dollars up to \$5K can be granted to a youth sports organization's facility that can assist in creating a positive sport experience by fostering an inclusive and supportive atmosphere for all athletes by enhancing improvements to assist athletes that may deal with accessibility barriers. In addition, extra funds can be raised through the RSF web site by solicitating donations – raised, designated and allocated to your group only – by listing and marketing the project to the community

_____ Matching dollars up to \$5K can be awarded by RSF in support of your sports facility project if it fits the above criteria and directly helps increase sports tourism to the community. In addition, extra funds can be raised through the RSF web site and by solicitating donations – raised, designated and allocated to your group only – by listing and marketing the project to the community

Your Organization: _____

Organization address: _____

Contact name: _____ Position/Title: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Answers may be attached separately if additional space is required. All information requested is mandatory for application to be considered for funding.

Project Title: _____

Project Description: _____

Project Total: \$ _____ Amount Requested: \$ _____

Because this is a matching grant program, please list the total for the project and the amount requested, which can be no higher than half of the project total.

Please describe how funds will be used. Be specific. _____

In a separate attachment, please include an itemized listing of intended funding use. Include dollar amounts. Quotes and photos are encouraged when appropriate.

If funding is approved, an invoice or statement demonstrating proof of purchase must be received before funds are released.

List other sources of funding for project, if applicable. _____

How does your organization measure effectiveness of program(s) and/or use of funds? Be specific.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- Funds exempt from payment of income tax? **YES NO**
- If yes, a copy of organization's 501(c)(3) must be attached.
- Is the organization's 501(c)(3) form attached to the application? **YES NO**
- Please provide a copy of the organization's financial statement(s) from the most recent year. Is a copy of financial statement(s) attached? **YES NO**
- Does RSF have permission to publicize the Grant Award? **YES NO**

Name of Organization: _____

Signature of Representative: _____ Date: _____

Please submit this application to:
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Lake City, MN 55041
or via email to ehruska@rochsports.com