



NORTH CAROLINA AMATEUR SPORTS

Youth Sports Grants (Equipment & Facility Upgrades/Enhancements)

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1. Eligibility

Applicants must qualify as follows:

A. Local Government Agency:

A North Carolina City, County or Town local government agency, including local school administrative units.

B. Nonprofit Organization:

A North Carolina nonprofit organization exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

2. Funding Guidelines

Up to \$20,000 per North Carolina county is available in state fiscal year 2024-25 and up to \$10,000 per North Carolina county will be available annually after state fiscal year 2024-25 for the following:

A. Purchase of Youth Sports Equipment:

To purchase sports equipment that will be used for youth sports and programs.

B. Public Facility Upgrades or Improvements Which Would Benefit Youth Sports:

To upgrade, or improve public sports facilities that will primarily benefit youth sports.

3. Applications

Applications are available here: [Click here for applications.](#)

There will be two application deadlines: November 1 and April 1. Applicants will be notified if their request has been approved no later than 8 weeks after the application deadline. Applicants will be required to provide proof of their 501(c)(3), or local government agency status along with a project budget, quotes for purchases, timeline and additional information. An organization may only submit one application per grant cycle. Previous grant recipients must have submitted all of their supporting documentation for the previous grant before being eligible to receive another grant. See #7 for required documentation.

4. Grant Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by the N.C. Amateur Sports Grants Committee. Selection criteria will be developed by the committee and will place priority on projects that have the greatest impact on youth sports participation.

5. Grant Awards

Recipients will be notified of the status of their application within 8 weeks of the application deadline. Grant awards will be sent to the recipient organization with 45 days after being approved. Payments will be made through ACH payments. Recipients will be required to provide their bank account information to receive funds. Applications will no longer be accepted from a county until the following year if \$20,000 has been awarded to the county in state fiscal year 2024-25. Check the youth sports grant webpage to determine if your county has already reached the \$20,000 award cap in state fiscal year 2024-25. Up to \$10,000 per county will be awarded annually after state fiscal year 2024-25.

6. Expenditure

- A. **Timeline:** Grant awards must be expended within one year of receiving the funds. Any unused funds must be returned.
- B. **Improper Expenditure:** Should a grant recipient expend funds improperly or without approval, N.C. Amateur Sports may require a full refund of the grant award.

7. Grant Reporting

Within 30 days of expending your grant funds you are required to provide the following to N.C. Amateur Sports:

A. Proof of Payment

For each purchase using grant funds you must submit a receipt for the purchase.

B. Photographs

Recipients must submit photographs with participants of the youth sports equipment, or facility upgrades/enhancements that we may use on our website, social media and/or in our other marketing materials. Before and after photographs of the project are also requested.

8. Unspent Funds

Unspent grant funds must be returned to N.C. Amateur Sports within 30 days of the grant completion deadline. North Carolina Amateur Sports will be authorized to debit your account for any unspent funds and/or grant funds that receipts were not provided per the above guidelines.