



2018 USA Volleyball Diversity & Inclusion Grant

POPULATION TO BE SERVED:

The grant is intended to serve and give special emphasis to those groups or communities that are most in need. This will include programs that give special attention to sectors of the population known to be underserved or underrepresented by current volleyball programs because of gender, race or ethnicity, economically disadvantaged, geographic location, and physically challenged or developmentally disabled population.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE GRANTS PROGRAM:

Grants are one of the principal ways of furthering the diversity aims of USA Volleyball and its 40 geographic regions known as Regional Volleyball Associations (RVAs). Through grant awards and other targeted programs, we intend to further the heritage of volleyball excellence and ensure a greater diversity for the sport in the United States of America. To assure that the Diversity & Inclusion Grant funds serve these purposes, the Grant Committee will review each application and make a funding decision. Grantees will be expected to provide a summary report of the program and related expenses demonstrating how these grant funds helped further diversity in volleyball.

PROGRAM RELATED CRITERIA:

1. **POTENTIAL IMPACT: Quantity** – Other things being equal, priority will be given to programs that will reach or impact large numbers of underserved or underrepresented populations. The current objective of the Grant Committee is to grant financial assistance to organizations that provide or envision structured volleyball sport programs combining the essential elements of teaching, learning, and competition to a diverse population.
2. **POTENTIAL IMPACT: Quality** – The Grant Committee will give particular consideration to programs that meaningfully impact their participants by enhancing their health, physical abilities, sense of pride in self, cooperativeness and sense of respect for others and furthers the cause of diversity. The use of grant funds for purchase of land, capital construction or debt reduction will not be considered.
3. **QUALITY OF STAFF:** Grant proposals should describe in detail the nature and credentials of staff who will deliver the funded programs. For all staff working with youth a USAV Membership, SafeSport Certification training, Background Screening and IMPACT coaching certification are required.

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4. **ELIGIBILITY:** The Diversity & Inclusion Grant will be available to non-profit organizations rather than individuals. Grants will be made only to organizations with open, non-restrictive membership, regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, religious belief, or gender.

CRITERIA FOR ASSESSING GRANT REQUESTS:

The attached form is required for grant application. The attached format is provided for use by applicants to assure that a consistent set of information is provided and assessed by the Grant Committee. Similarly, the Grant Committee will use the form and associated contents to monitor and evaluate the use of the grant funds by grantees.

GRANT APPLICATIONS PROCESS:

1. It is important to note that all requirements outlined in the grant application must be adhered to. In the tradition of providing the best experience possible for participants, we will require anyone in your program working with youth (under 18 years old) to have a USA Volleyball membership, background screening, SafeSport Certification, and IMPACT (basic level volleyball coaching course). It is also strongly encouraged that you affiliate with your USA Volleyball Region as your Region has a wealth of information and resources available to help strengthen your programming.
2. Grantee will furnish USAV a list of all program participants working with youth for verification of all requirements listed above prior to any funds being dispersed.
3. Grantee will promote USAV by providing photos of program activities, posting to USAV's social media platforms and submitting a follow-up report on program outcomes within 12 months of the date of the award.

Proposals are accepted at any time on a first-come, first-served basis and may be granted anytime in 2018 until funds no longer remain.

Grants awarded in amounts of \$500 - \$3,000 depending on project and need.

Please send an electronic copy of your inquiry or proposal to: GrowGrants@usav.org

2018 USAV DIVERSITY & INCLUSION GRANT APPLICATION

Project title: _____ Date of Application: _____

Organization requesting the grant funds: _____

Organization Not-for-Profit Federal Tax ID #: _____

Project Director: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email address: _____

USAV Region Membership # (if applicable) _____

Project Beginning Date: _____

Geographic Area the Project is intended to serve:

Population, which the Project is intended to serve:

Project Funding Sought: \$ _____

Total Project Budget: \$ _____

Stage of Project: [] New Project [] On-going Project

Project Narrative

Provide a short (no more than 3 pages), specific, and detailed description of the Project, its aims, objectives and method of implementation. Provide a budget, including supplies, equipment, facilities rental, expected revenues or other in-kind assistance anticipated. Be certain to address the potential continuation of the project once USAV grant funding has been expended. Explain how the success or effectiveness of the project will be measured.

Thank you for Growing the Game!