

Grant Opportunities

The following grant opportunities are now available! Please note the opportunities listed here are NOT managed or administered by NRPA and are being provided for informational purposes only. Any questions should be directed to the organization managing the particular grant program you are interested in. For more information, please follow the links provided.

Athletics and Wellness Support Grants

Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation Grants

Deadline for Applications: Rolling Deadlines

The Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation provides a variety of grants to community groups and schools that meet our eligibility requirements, in order to support the growth of youth baseball and softball, as well as promote character growth in children. Please visit the title link for information about the grants and downloadable applications.

<http://www.ripkenfoundation.org/grants/grant/>

NIKE Bowerman Track Renovation Program

Deadline for Applications - Ongoing through May 31, 2009

The Bowerman Track Renovation Program provides matching cash grants to community-based, youth-oriented organizations that seek to refurbish or construct running tracks. The program distributes approximately \$200,000 in matching grants each year.

Recipients of a Bowerman Track Renovation grant are encouraged, but not required, to use Nike Grind technology to resurface their track. Nike Grind material is made of recycled athletic shoes sliced and ground into rubber granules, providing a superior, environmentally conscious all-weather track surface. To learn more or apply, visit [Nike Bowerman Track Renovation Program](#).

Rapides Foundation Re-Opens Walking Trail Mini-Grant Program

Deadline for Applications: Open

The Rapides Foundation funded twenty-seven walking trails from 1999-2004 throughout the foundation's Central Louisiana service area as a part of its mission to improve community health. The foundation has re-opened the program and is currently seeking to fund additional trails. The program is designed to promote regular exercise through the creation of publicly accessible walking trails in both urban and rural settings. The Walking Trails Mini-Grant Program provides support to nonprofit organizations for short-term projects that require no more than \$10,000 in funding support. Each award will be made for a year or less. [Click here](#) for more information.

USA Football Equipment Grants

Deadline for Applications: TBD

In 2007, the USA Football Equipment Grant provided youth leagues and high school programs from across the United States with over \$500,000 worth of new football equipment. The application is not yet available for 2009, but you may register to receive notification when the application goes live later this year at [USA Football Equipment Grants](#)

The Finish Line Youth Foundation
Deadline for Applications: Open

The Finish Line Youth Foundation strives to make a difference in the lives of youth in the communities where employees and customers live, work and play. The Finish Line Youth Foundation financially supports opportunities for participation in youth programs that place an importance on youth development and an active lifestyle. Learn more at [The Finish Line Youth Foundation](#)

LPGA-USGA Girls Golf Program
Deadline for Applications: Open

LPGA-USGA Girls Golf provides an opportunity for girls, ages 7 to 17, to learn to play golf, build lasting friendships and experience competition in a fun, supportive environment, preparing them for a lifetime of enjoyment with the game. Girls are learning values inherent to the game of golf, such as practice, respect, perseverance, and honesty, preparing them to meet challenges of today's world with confidence. Learn more at [LPGA-USGA Girls Golf Program](#)

United States Golf Association Grants
Deadline for Applications: Open

The USGA is committed to providing opportunities for personal development through golf and its values. To this end, the USGA launched an aggressive grant making program in 1997 to help organizations develop introductory golf programs and alternative golf facilities for youth from disadvantaged backgrounds, minority youth, girls and individuals with disabilities. Through June 2007 the USGA has dedicated more than \$58 million to positively impact hundreds of thousands of children and people with disabilities. Having provided more than \$21 million to The First Tee and its Chapters, the USGA is the largest single supporter of The First Tee Network. The USGA is committed to this significant annual grants initiative through at least the end of this decade.

The USGA also instituted the Fellowship in Leadership and Service in 1997. This two-year program provides professional development opportunities for recent college graduates and instills in them a passion for volunteerism and philanthropy. The paramount experience of USGA Fellows comes through working as grants program staff members. Learn more at [USGA Grants](#)

Women's Sports Foundation Grants
Deadline for Applications: Open

GoGirlGo! Campaign to maximize the use of sport/physical activity as an educational intervention and social asset in order to enhance the wellness of girls as they

navigate between childhood and early womanhood. Learn more at the [Women's Sports Foundation](#) website.

Tony Hawk Foundation Skatepark Grants

Deadline for Applications: October 1, 2009 (awards announced December 2009)

Tony Hawk Foundation grants are awarded for the construction of free, public skateparks in disadvantaged communities in the U.S. and its territories and has awarded over \$2-million to 365 communities since 2002. The primary mission of the Tony Hawk Foundation is to promote high-quality, public skateparks in low-income areas throughout the United States. The foundation believes that local officials should treat public skateparks the same way they treat public basketball courts or tennis courts, meaning that anyone may show up and use them anytime, unsupervised.

The Tony Hawk Foundation awarded over \$250,000 in grants to 29 communities in the fall of 2007. Grants range from \$1,000 - \$25,000. The foundation expects to award another \$250,000 for the Spring 2008 round of funding. The deadline to apply for the spring round of funding in 2008 is March 1, 2008.

Municipalities, public agencies, and community nonprofit organizations working on public-skatepark projects should go to the grant application at the [Tony Hawk Foundation](#) website.

For more information, send an email to contact@tonyhawkfoundation.org

The Wal-Mart Foundation Grants

Deadline for Applications: Open

The Wal-Mart Foundation has adopted four areas of focus: Education, Job Skills Training, Environmental Sustainability and Health. While the Wal-Mart Foundation encourages funding requests that align with its four areas of focus – programs that do not align with the four areas of focus will also be given full consideration.

Learn more and apply at [The Wal-Mart Foundation](#) website.

United States Soccer Foundation Program & Field Grants

Deadline for Applications: Open from August 1 2009, to October 15, 2009

As the major charitable arm of soccer in the U.S., the United States Soccer Foundation has invested more than \$48 million in the game, supporting hundreds of projects in every state in the country. The Foundation annually provides grant support to local communities and soccer organizations aimed at achieving the mission to enhance and grow the sport of soccer. The primary focus is providing grants to projects and programs that develop players, coaches, and referees in economically disadvantaged urban areas encompassing populations of 50,000 or more. The Foundation also provides assistance to develop fields, including state-of-the-art synthetic grass surfaces, irrigation and lighting. To learn more or apply, visit www.ussoccerfoundation.org/grants

FSF Junior Golf Grants

Deadline for Applications: Open

The Florida Sports Foundation (FSF) has established the Florida Youth Golf Program from the proceeds of the Florida Golf License Plate. Developed by the State of Florida in 2002, the plate has helped to promote Florida's thriving Golf Industry and to help the FSF establish a golf grant program that would benefit youth golf programs throughout Florida. The FSF Junior Golf Grant Program is designed to assist organizations in the State of Florida for the benefit of youth, introduce young people to golf, instruct young people in golf, teach the values of golf, and stress life skills, fair play, courtesy, and self-discipline. Additionally, the Grant Program is intended to help organizations that provide junior golf programs that serve economically disadvantaged youth, children with special needs and the general population. To learn more or apply, [CLICK HERE](#).

Dick's Sporting Goods Sponsorships and Donations

Deadline for Applications: Open

Dick Stack, founder of Dick's Sporting Goods, believed that sports play a vital role in teaching children fundamental values like a strong work ethic, teamwork, and good sportsmanship. And he understood that supporting the organizations that make youth sports possible is the best way to promote those values.

This year, through its Community Youth Sports Program, Dick's will donate more than 56,000 coach's equipment kits to youth baseball, football, soccer, basketball, lacrosse and hockey organizations across selected markets - reaching over 1.1 million kids.

Dick's community efforts focus on traditional team sports and outdoor related activities and events. If you are interested in submitting a request for a donation or sponsorship, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Baseball Tomorrow Fund

Deadline for Applications: Open, applications are awarded quarterly

The Baseball Tomorrow Fund is intended to provide funding for incremental programming and facilities for youth baseball and softball programs, not as a substitute for existing funding or fundraising activities.

Baseball Tomorrow Fund generally considers projects that include capital expenditures for youth baseball and softball programs such as baseball/softball equipment and uniforms, basic baseball/softball field renovations and construction (e.g. infield mix, sod/seeding, bases, dugouts, fencing, field lighting, irrigation system, grading, etc.)

To learn more, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Additional Grant Opportunities

Did we miss something? If you know of other grant funding opportunities and would like to share your information, please email us at programs@nrpa.org.

[Click here](#) to learn more about grants related to health, youth, senior citizens, the arts, federal funding, natural resources and gardens.