



The Multnomah Athletic Foundation’s grant guidelines are intended to provide an understanding of our current grantmaking process.

General Grant Focus

The Multnomah Athletic Foundation provides community grants that support confidence and character-building opportunities with an emphasis on athletic participation for youth. We strive to increase access to opportunities and participation. The Foundation gives highest priority to activities that provide greater access to youth who are economically disadvantaged, underrepresented and underserved.

Geographic Area of Grant Focus

We support nonprofit organizations providing services in the Portland, Oregon metropolitan area. We focus on the following counties – Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas.

Applicant Eligibility

An organization that is certified as tax exempt under Section 501(c) (3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and is not a private foundation as defined in section 509(a) of that Code is eligible for consideration.

Grant Cycle and Deadline

- June 1 with funding decisions in mid-September
- Online application submissions must be received on or before the grant cycle deadline.

Financial Documentation

- Organization budget for the most recently completed fiscal year.
- Project or program budget related to the grant request

Grant Expectations

An organization will be expected to complete an annual report with photos and other supporting materials. The report should describe the organization’s impact on athletic participation for youth. Multnomah Athletic Foundation will grant an additional award annually to recognize one organization’s impactful work in the community.

Organizations who have received grants from the Multnomah Athletic Foundation must fulfill final reporting obligations before any new grant funds will be distributed.

Grant Funding Expectations

The Multnomah Athletic Foundation funding will be unrestricted, starting in 2024. This approach is fundamentally about recognizing and addressing power imbalances in service of a healthier, more equitable, and more impactful nonprofit sector. This requires a commitment to relationships based on transparency and mutual learning – both internally within our organization and externally with our grant partners. We will ask about your initiatives and projects that the funding will support.

We support organizations that:

- Are established, well-managed, financially viable, and operate effective programs that primarily serve youth with limited access or from underserved or under represented communities;
- Have developed short and long-term strategies for addressing identified organizational needs and;
- Need financial support to meet the demand for core programs and services and effectively administer programs.

Projects and initiatives may include:

- Funding for program development and the continuation/expansion of existing programs
- Creating a viable fundraising and sustainability plan.
- Operation support that enables an organization to carry out its core mission by strengthening organizational capacity and program sustainability
- Specific projects with capital expenditures, such as equipment and facilities
- Funding can be requested for operational support or administrative expenses like staffing and training expenses

Grant Duration

Multnomah Athletic Foundation grants are awarded for one year. Generally, grantees can re-apply at the end of their grant period for a new grant provided they have filed their final report. The deadline for the grant report is on or before the new grant application deadline.

Funding Amounts

The typical grant amount ranges from \$3,000 - \$10,000.

Applicants should request a grant amount that is consistent with a thoughtful and sustainable development strategy. Based on individual circumstances, the Foundation's Board of Directors will use flexibility and apply individual judgment to each request.

While requests are reviewed on a case-by-case basis, applicants should be note that typically the Foundation does not the full request of an organization new to us. Partial funding may be provided.

Grant Limitations

Grants are specifically not made:

- To individuals. The group must be a registered and certified a tax exempt 501c3 nonprofit organization.
- To fiscal sponsors. The group must be a registered and certified a tax exempt 501c3 nonprofit organization.
- For endowment funds.
- For prior deficits or debt reduction.
- For PTO/PTA organizations.
- For Political organizations.
- For the collection of funds for regranting to other nonprofit groups.

Contact Information

Completed applications are accepted approx. two months before the submission deadline. If you have questions or comments, feel free to contact the foundation office at info@MultnomahAthleticFoundation.com or 503-517-2350.