NEW ENGLAND SWIMMING
COVID-19 RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM
ANNOUNCEMENT

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The 2020 Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak has sparked an unprecedented worldwide pandemic. Local, State, and National government agencies have called for a halt to normal business operations and group gatherings which affects clubs in every state within the New England Swimming LSC (MA/NH/VT/RI).

In response to the financial impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency on small businesses, the New England Swimming LSC Board of Directors is offering the opportunity for independently owned clubs in our LSC to apply for a one-time relief grant to allow for continued operations in the globally disrupted economy.

The New England Swimming LSC Board of Directors has approved total funding of up to $200,000 from the LSC's reserve for this COVID-19 Relief Grant Program. This immediate relief is intended to help club leaders and coaches react and adapt to the changed landscape of local youth sports during the COVID-19 pandemic. Grant relief is intended to "bridge the gap" between the time this major catastrophe hit and when a club has secured longer term financial resources. Our goal for this bridge funding is to help the clubs in our LSC that might not have the financial infrastructure of a larger organization supporting them so that we may maintain the unique vibrancy of the New England LSC.

Funds from the New England Swimming COVID-19 Relief Grant Program may be used to cover operating expenses such as employee compensation, office rental, insurance, supplies, existing accounts payable, website costs, video conferencing, and similar expenses. Awarded grant amounts are expected to be in the range of $2,000 to $5,000 but will ultimately depend on the total number of eligible applications received.

PROGRAM TIMELINE:

- Application Available Online — April 10, 2020
- Application Deadline — April 16, 2020 at 11:59PM EDT
- Grant Recipients Announced — on or before April 30, 2020

If you have any questions about the New England Swimming LSC COVID-19 Relief Grant Program, please contact Bill Glass, Financial Vice Chair (wjgswim@gmail.com).

ABOUT NEW ENGLAND SWIMMING

New England Swimming, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit amateur sports organization that involves approximately 9,400 athletes and 103 teams in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Vermont with a mission to "provide opportunities for all to achieve their highest potential in competitive swimming". New England Swimming is an Eastern Zone swimming committee (LSC) of USA Swimming, the National Governing Body for swimming in the United States.