# COVID-19 Relief Guidelines:

# New Mexico Swimming (NMS)

# Covid-19 Virus Relief Grant

# #SupportOurClubs

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The 2020 Corona virus (COVID-19) outbreak has sparked an unprecedented worldwide pandemic. Local, State, and National government agencies urged a nationwide halt to normal business operations and group gatherings. In the sport of swimming, this includes cancellation of swim events worldwide. In New Mexico, every locality is experiencing suspension of team training and practices. Widespread government-mandated pool facility closures have occurred to the NMS teams throughout the state. The immediate financial impact on our US economy, especially small businesses, is dramatic. Clubs/teams are experiencing an urgent need for support through this abrupt and unforeseen cessation of training fee revenue. The impact on coaches is immediate as employers and business owners are forced to make difficult staffing and facility decisions. However, to lose even one club to COVID-19’s immediate aftermath would be a tragic loss for the LSC.

The NMS LSC Board of Directors offers the opportunity to apply for a one-time relief grant to allow for continued operations in the globally disrupted revenue period of May 1 – June 30, 2020 disaster. This expenditure is approved up to an amount of $35,000 and will come from the budgeted Athlete Travel, The Western Zone Travel account and the Awards account.

This will be awarded with the following priorities:

1. If a team received a grant from USA Swimming, NMS will ensure that the sum of the NMS Initial Grant and the 2nd Grant is equal to the USA Swimming Grant. Evidence of the grant award from USA Swimming will need to be sent to Linda Corliss along with the application for the 2nd grant.
2. Teams who do not qualify under item 1 can apply for the NMS Second COVID Relief Grant which will be funded per available funds of either $15/currently registered attached swimmer as of March 31st, 2020 or $10/currently registered attached swimmer as of March 31st, 2020 depending on funds available after all awards have been satisfied from item 1.

**NMS COVID-19 RELIEF GRANT GUIDELINES:** The NMS’ mission is “Providing opportunities throughout New Mexico for swimmers to succeed in and out of the water.” This grant aligns with our vision by providing fiscal relief so clubs can continue their work to support our swimmers. This immediate relief is intended to help club leaders and coaches find time to 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/team has secured longer term recovery resources, such as sufficient profits from a revived business, receipt of payments on insurance claims or larger federal disaster assistance. This is not intended as long-term support, business loan, or is in any way indicative of future support.

**NMS COVID-19 RELIEF GRANT TIMELINE:**

June 1, 2020 -Grant applications open at 5pm MST

June 8, 2020 -Grant applications due at 5pm MST

June 15-30, 2020 – Grants disbursed

**COVID-19 RELIEF GRANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

1. NMS Clubs in Good Standing with both NMS and USA Swimming.
2. Only one grant awarded per team not per branch.
3. Only Year around teams are eligible.
4. Team must apply for the Grant by the deadline.
5. Team has engaged in BOD/HOD meeting or have attended one of the 5 championship meets within the last year

# GRANT Application Form

NMS Team Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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email Application form to: lalcorliss@aol.com

Amount awarded will be based on number of registered swimmers attached to the team as of March 31, 2020