



COVID-19 Relief Program for Teams Grant Guidelines – Round Two

Purpose

USA Swimming has pledged \$1.5 million in round two of grants to support clubs and members impacted economically by the COVID-19 pandemic, funded by the USA Swimming Foundation.

Grant Award Amount

Clubs are eligible to be considered for a relief grant of up to \$5,000. Based on the number of clubs impacted and the desire to maximize organizational benefit, USA Swimming may be unable to honor every eligible request for assistance. The expected average grant amount is \$3,000.

Recommended Uses for Grant Funds:

- Assisting member families with relief from club dues obligations
- Retaining local counsel to advise of re-opening concerns
- Facility rental fees
- Offset club operating expenses, not to include staff payroll expenses or purchase of equipment

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for a USA Swimming COVID-19 Relief Program Round Two Grant, a club must have:

- Suffered demonstrable financial losses as a result of the economic effects of COVID-19;
- Developed a plan to assist families in need with relief from club dues obligations;
- Incurred continued operating expenses, not including payroll; and
- Established a comprehensive return to swimming plan through use of the grant and other resources.

Grant Review Considerations

Each request will be considered individually, and strongest consideration will be given to those requests which, in the collective opinion of the reviewing panel, demonstrate the most significant need. In evaluating grant requests, the reviewing panel will consider the following:

- Whether the grant proposal clearly and effectively presents a strong case for immediate support.
- Whether the club has achieved Safe Sport Club Recognition status. Secondary consideration will be given to those clubs which have initiated achieving Safe Sport Club Recognition Status.
- Whether the grant proposal sets forth a plan to support families in need to return to participation in swimming with the club.
- Whether the club received grant funding from the USA Swimming Relief Program for Teams – Round One.

Additional Information

Per IRS regulations, USA Swimming must also have a current W-9 form on file for any club receiving funds. A W-9 will be required at the time the application is submitted.

Timeline

- Applications must be received by July 10, 2020.
- Grant award application reviews will be completed by USA Swimming by July 22, 2020.
- Grant awards are expected to be announced and distributed the week of August 10, 2020.

Application Process

- Apply at: https://usaswimming.smapply.io/prog/usa_swimming_covid-relief_grant/
- Clubs will be asked to register their organization within the software and will be asked for their Employee Identification Number (EIN).
- After creating an account, proceed with filling out the USA Swimming COVID-Relief Grant application. Make sure you are applying for this program and not another existing program.
- The application requires the applicant to fill out a W-9 to ensure the fastest possible turnaround time.
- Please save the W-9 as: LSC_ClubName.doc (Ex: US_USASwimClub.doc).

Further questions about the USA Swimming COVID-19 Relief Program can be sent to clubgrantrelief@usaswimming.org