



THE NEW MEXICO SENIOR SPORTS FOUNDATION

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GRANT POLICIES, CRITERIA AND EVALUATION PROCEDURES *For Awards Made in 2011*

Grant Policies

The general policy of the NM Senior Sports Foundation is to allocate funds to organizations and groups whose purpose and continuing work is in the area of health and fitness through sports. Eligible organizations must serve the State of New Mexico.

Foundation grants are generally not made to individuals, for political or religious purposes, to retire indebtedness, for the payment of interest or taxes, annual campaigns, endowments, emergency funding, to influence legislation or elections, to private foundations and other grant-making organizations, or to organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, creed, or gender.

Grants are normally made for a one-year period. The Foundation does not consider more than one proposal from an organization within a twelve-month period. Grant requests must be \$500 or less.

Criteria

In order to make the best use of available funds, programs that are unique, address needs of underserved populations, are collaborative, and/or strongly community oriented will receive the highest priority. Foundation grants are made for new or expanding programs, exceptional existing programs, and pilot projects. A high priority is placed on changing and emerging community needs. Evidence of the following will be used to assess the merit of proposals:

Impact: Projects that serve a wide segment of the community and assist people not being adequately served by existing resources.

Innovation: Pilot projects providing practical approaches for dealing with specific community problems.

Leverage: Projects which lever or generate other funding and resources.

Management: Applications are evaluated for management capacity, taking into consideration staff qualification, composition of the governing board and capability for service or delivery.

Non-duplication: Projects that do not duplicate existing services or programs.

Evaluation and Procedures

All grant recipients must report on the expenditure of grant funds and the results of the supported project. Any funds not expended for the specific purpose of the grant must be returned to the New Mexico Senior Sports Foundation and cannot be diverted to other uses without the express approval of the Foundation.

A nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization may serve as fiscal agent for a community group. The fiscal agent must contact the Foundation for instructions before submitting an application and must clearly demonstrate their relationship to the sponsored group.

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