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The Office of Community Revitalization' Community Connect is an e-mail communication intended to provide Palm Beach County residents and all interested parties with information regarding grant opportunities.

We appreciate your feedback and patience. Please let us know what your thoughts are. We also appreciate it if you can keep us informed on how you are using the information provided, and what type of initiatives and/or improvement projects you have been able to implement as a result.

Please share *Community Connect* with your neighbors and partners, and feel free to send us relevant information that you consider beneficial to those who are trying to make a difference in their community.

If you have any questions, comments and/or suggestions about OCR's "Community Connect" publication or if there is something you would like to see, contact Audley Reid, Senior Planner, at 233-5567 areid@pbcgov.org or call the OCR at 233-5311. To unsubscribe, please reply to this e-mail with the word "Remove" on the subject line. Thank you.

FOUNDATION NOTICES

Foundation eligibility requirements typically require a 501(c)(3) designation or a partner.

Arts and Culture

SpreadMusicNow

Purpose/Description: To fund music programs that foster continual learning and put students on a clear path to college, career, and life success. Through this program, the funding agency seeks to modernize music education initiatives by supporting projects aligned with the following strategic priorities:

- Expanding access to high-quality music education in and out of school
- Building awareness and support for music and arts education
- Strengthening the capacity of the nonprofit and public music education sectors

In addition to demonstrating a commitment to funding agency strategic priorities, supported projects should build strong connections between in-school and out-of-school learning experiences, which contribute to a child's overall well-being as well as the development of musical skill.

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit music, arts education, and youth development organizations; Public school systems; Higher education institutions; Cultural institutions and venues

Deadline: Mandatory grant inquiries are accepted on a rolling basis. Grant inquiries must be submitted online at www.spreadmusicnow.org.

Grant inquiries must include: Applicant's name, email, and organization; Inquiry type; and Project information. Applicants submitting successful grant inquiries will be invited to submit a full proposal.

Range/Average of Assistance: An unspecified amount of funding is available to support awards through this program. Multiyear awards will be considered. **Contact Information:** Questions should be directed to the program staff. Grant inquiries must be submitted online at www.spreadmusicnow.org

Program Staff
(203) 938-9000
admin@spreadmusicnow.org

Educational/Training Grants

NRA Foundation Grant Program (Part A): General Grants

Purpose/Description: To promote, advance, and encourage firearms, shooting sports, and hunting safety among youth, women, law enforcement, veterans, the disabled, and the general public. Funding will support efforts that educate individuals regarding firearms, firearms history, participation in the shooting sports, hunting safety, and marksmanship. Additionally, funding may be used to conduct research to advance improvements in firearms safety and marksmanship facilities and techniques.

Funded projects must also support the following program purposes:

- Promote, advance, and encourage firearms, the shooting sports, and hunting safety
- Educate individuals, including youth, with respect to firearms, firearms history, participation in the shooting sports, hunting safety, and marksmanship, and with respect to other subjects that have importance to the well-being of the general public
- Conduct research in furtherance of improved firearms safety and marksmanship facilities and techniques
- Support activities of the National Rifle Association of America, but only to the extent that such activities are charitable, educational, or scientific, or foster national or international amateur sports competitions.

Eligible projects may involve:

- General shooting
- Competitive shooting
- Education, training, and safety
- Hunting and conservation
- Community outreach
- Range improvements
- Historical education

The purpose of the General Grants component is to support the acquisition of supplies, equipment, air rifle range supplies, and consumables. Funding will generally support an event, educational program, or similar project that aligns with the overall program purposes.

Supported equipment for events must provide a benefit to the public.

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit organizations Governmental entities, including law enforcement agencies, public ranges, public schools, and public universities.

Nonprofit organizations are not required to have 501(c)(3) status; however, they must be registered nonprofit organizations within their state or must provide an IRS 501(c) determination letter.

Applicants are not required to be members of or have association with the National Rifle Association (NRA) to be eligible.

Boy Scout troops, venture crews, or naval sea cadet units may not apply directly for funding, but may apply through a sponsoring organization that meets the eligibility requirements for this program.

Members-only clubs are eligible as long as requested funds will provide substantial public benefit.

Deadline: Application due dates will vary according to the state and/or county served by the proposed project. Please utilize contact information for specific deadline dates.

Applications must be submitted online at www.grantrequest.com.

Applications must include:

- Online application
- W-9 Form that has been signed and dated within the past two years
- Bylaws, code of conduct, code of ethics, or SOP
- Financial statement, which may include an operating budget, treasurer's report, previous year's Form 990 or similar income and expenditure report, or recent checking account statement
- Organization board information, such as chain of command information or a list of officers
- Funding request ID
- IRS 501(c) determination letter (if applicable)
- Articles of incorporation, articles of organization, charter, or constitution (if applicable)

Submitting both the governing documents and IRS determination letter, if applicable, may expedite the review and approval of the application.

Range/Average of Assistance: An unspecified amount of funding is available to support awards through this component. The average award ranges from approximately \$5,000 to \$6,000.

The project period is one year, and multiyear funding requests are not supported. Funding awarded in one year does not guarantee funding in subsequent years.

Funds may not be used for:

- Certain trap machines that are considered range improvements, as described on page 3 of the NOFA file.
- Deficit financing, including compensation for items that have already been purchased, work that has already been completed, or events that have already been held
- Projects for commercial ventures
- Projects that require membership in the NRA or in the applying club or group
- Administrative fees, office overhead, or similar charges
- Raffle items or prizes
- Landscaping or related equipment
- Duty ammunition for law enforcement
- Archery-only requests

Other Information: Ineligible applicants include:

- Labor organizations
- NRA Foundation state fund committees
- Friends of NRA committees
- Private businesses and enterprises, including LLCs
- Organizations that discriminate
- Organizations or groups that have not been assigned a Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) by the IRS
- Organizations or groups that have not submitted a final report for a previous award

Contact Information:

Program Staff: grantprogram@nrahq.org

Questions should be directed to the program staff, or to the appropriate field representative listed online at fieldreps.nra.org. Applications must be submitted online at www.grantrequest.com.

Environmental/Preservation Grants

Clif Bar Family Foundation: Small Grants

Purpose/Description: To support innovative small and mid-sized groups working to strengthen food systems and communities, enhance public health, and safeguard the environment and natural resources. Preference will be given to applicants that address, with a holistic perspective, the following priorities of the funding agency:

- Protecting Earth's beauty and bounty:
 - Preserving wild places and backcountry
 - Reducing waste and advancing renewable energy
 - Keeping climate action on the front burner
- Increasing opportunities for outdoor activity:
 - Conserving open spaces
 - Developing pedestrian- and bike-friendly towns and cities
 - Enabling more Americans to enjoy nature
- Reducing environmental health hazards:
 - Improving air quality
 - Cleaning up water supplies
 - Reducing other exposures to toxic materials
- Building stronger communities:
 - Supporting effective innovation in education
 - Creating safer, healthier housing
 - Generating green jobs and small businesses
 - Increasing youth access to arts and culture
- Creating a robust healthy food system:
 - Expanding organic food and farming
 - Reconnecting farms to families
 - Safeguarding seeds
 - Rolling back hunger and malnutrition

Preference will also be given to applicants that:

- Operate with clearly defined objectives and viable plans to achieve them
- Demonstrate strong community ties and operate at the community level
- Promote positive change through both the projects and their implementation process

Eligible Applicants: 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations or organizations fiscally sponsored by 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations.

For national organizations with local chapters, awards will be issued to either the national organization or to the local chapter located in Northern California.

Ineligible entities include:

State agencies
Religious groups

Deadline: Applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. ET on October 1, 2018

Applicants are required to complete an eligibility quiz online at www.cybergrants.com prior to submitting an application. Eligible applicants will be directed to the online application.

The contents of the application will become available upon initiation of the online application process; however, applicants should be prepared to upload an organizational budget and a P&L or 990 document for the most recent year or two. Applicants seeking funding for a specific project should also be prepared to upload a detailed project budget.

Range/Average of Assistance: An unspecified amount of funding is available through this program to support awards averaging approximately \$7,000 each. Awards issued during a particular cycle will be announced at the beginning of the following cycle.

Other Information: Funding will not support:

- Seminar, media, or fundraising events that are not an integral part of a broader program
- Capital construction
- Endowment funds
- Deficit funding
- Team sponsorships
- Research projects

Contact Information: Questions should be directed to the program staff. Program Staff
(510) 596-6383

familyfoundation@clifbar

Applications must be submitted online at www.cybergrants.com following completion of an eligibility quiz.

The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation (FTPF): Orchard Grants

Purpose/Description: To provide for the planting of fruit trees in places such as community gardens, public schools, city and state parks, low-income neighborhoods, Native American reservations, and animal sanctuaries. The goals of this program include alleviating hunger, fighting global warming, strengthening communities, and improving the surrounding air, soil, and water.

Through this program, orchards are donated to applicants that pledge to care for the trees and use them for a charitable purpose. The funding agency provides high-quality fruit trees and shrubs, equipment, on-site orchard design expertise and oversight, horticultural workshops, and aftercare training and manuals. The funding agency also subsidizes deer fencing and drip irrigation as needed and incorporates these installations into the tree-planting event day. The funding agency also helps coordinate all aspects of the planting and offers an educational experience for volunteers interested in learning more about trees.

Successful applicants must:

- Be fully committed to caring for the trees in perpetuity with a clear goal to use the orchard to further their charitable mission
- Have a horticulturally appropriate planting site capable of hosting a grove of generally at least 15 to 20 fruit trees planted at approximately 12- to 15-foot intervals
- Either own the planting site, have a long-term lease in place, or work with a nonprofit or government entity that owns the planting site with a long-term usage agreement in place
- Have a reliable source of year-round irrigation nearby
- Help coordinate the attendance of local volunteers on planting day

Schools may participate in the Fruit Tree 101 program, which includes an hour-long lesson in school regarding the importance of trees for the environment, in addition to the orchard-planting activities.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants are:

- 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations
- Registered non-governmental organizations (NGOs)
- City, county, state, federal, and tribal government entities
- Public or nonprofit schools
- Public universities and nonprofit private universities

Deadline: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and will remain on file until there is an opportunity to provide an award. Applications must be emailed to the appropriate address provided in the Contact section.

To access an online copy of the application, go to <http://www.ftpf.org/apply.htm>

Applications must include:

- Application form
- Digital photos of the proposed planting site
- Existing site plans (optional)
- Donation agreement
- 501(c)(3) documentation (if applicable)
- Fruit Tree 101 curriculum approval (if applicable)

Range/Average of Assistance: There are no stated matching requirements for this program; however, applicants must own the planting site, have a long-term lease in place, or collaborate with the entity that owns the orchard site.

Applicants must also help coordinate the attendance of volunteers for the day the orchard is planted.

Applicants must detail whether they would be willing to contribute \$250 toward a drip system in the application. The drip system will be subsidized and installed by the funding agency.

Rather than providing monetary awards, this program provides high-quality fruit trees and shrubs, equipment, on-site orchard design expertise and oversight, horticultural workshops, and aftercare training and manuals. The funding agency will also subsidize deer fencing and drip irrigation for the project.

Donated trees and fruit harvested from trees may not be sold, exchanged, or otherwise used for any for-profit enterprise.

Contact Information: Program Staff (831) 621-8096 Fax: (831) 621-7978 info@ftpf.org Questions should be directed to the program staff. Applications must be emailed to the address provided.

The required application can be obtained at: <http://www.ftpf.org/apply.htm>

Product Donations

US Lacrosse: First Stick Program

Purpose/Description: To assist schools and community organizations in offering lacrosse activities to youth. Award recipients will receive free lacrosse equipment so that they can provide affordable and accessible youth lacrosse activities to their students and participants. In addition to receiving equipment packages, award recipients will benefit from a one-year affiliation with the funding agency and complimentary funding agency memberships for up to two adult coaches and up to 20 youth or high school players.

Ultimately, this program aims to expand participation in lacrosse beyond traditional boundaries and to inspire kids to play hard, dream big, and act responsibly within the sport of lacrosse and the game of life. The program intends not only to encourage children to play the sport, but to also enhance values, such as confidence, teamwork, sportsmanship, and leadership, which can be developed through lacrosse.

Both starter kits and team grant kits (for both boys and girls) are available through this program for children ages 5-18. Different kits are available for different age levels and school grades. Kits will include player equipment, goalie equipment, and other items necessary for lacrosse teams. Starter kits will provide equipment for up to 30 players, and team grant kits will provide equipment for up to 20 field players and 1 goalie. Refer to the Financial section for additional information regarding the items included in each available kit.

All equipment provided through this program must be earmarked for the continued use of the award recipient organization to grow lacrosse in their communities. Equipment is not intended to be taken home by players at the end of the lacrosse season.

Coaches offered membership to the funding agency through this program must complete a National Center for Safety Initiatives (NCSI) background screening and a funding agency Level 1 online course (free with membership).

Preference will be given to organizations that work with both boys and girls throughout the year. Award recipients must agree to provide photos, anecdotes, and/or quotes upon request so that the funding agency can promote the recipient and showcase the program to the national lacrosse community.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants are schools and community organizations offering lacrosse to youth. Community organizations must be 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations.

All applicants must:

- Directly serve youth between the ages of 5 and 18
- Serve youth in economically disadvantaged areas
- Operate an organized sport, recreational activity, or fitness program that offers consistent and structured opportunities for lacrosse play to large groups of children
- Demonstrate ability to deliver sports/physical activity programming through experienced and committed leadership
- Deliver a minimum of six weeks of sports/physical activity, with preference given to organizations working consistently with both boys and girls throughout the year

Not all award packages are available for all eligible applicants. Nonprofit organizations are only eligible for starter kits. This may be a great option for YMCAs, Boys and Girls clubs, or any before- and after-school lacrosse programming. Additionally, awards for kindergarten-age children are restricted to starter kits. Refer to page 3 of the Application file for details regarding eligible award packages according to the grade level and type of applicant school.

Each applicant may submit only one application through this program, and each applicant must choose to apply for either a starter kit or a boys' or girls' team grant. Applications may include a request for both girls' and boys' equipment, as long as both teams are in the same age bracket. The same applicant may not apply for both youth and high school packages.

For-profit organizations are not eligible to apply.

Deadline: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. All applications received by the first of each month will be reviewed by the 15th of the same month.

Applications must be emailed to the address provided in the Contact section. Mailed and faxed applications will not be accepted.

Applications must include:

- Award package request
- Primary contact information
- Organization profile
- Short-answer section:

- History/background
- Geographic area served
- Contact list
- Project length and cost
- Equipment plan
- Participants
- Competition
- Final thoughts
- Submission date
- Copy of IRS designation letter (if applicable)

Application emails must only include two attached documents, one being the application form and the other being the IRS designation letter.

Range/Average of Assistance: Rather than providing monetary awards, this program provides lacrosse packages to award recipients. Awards are available in three packages:

- Starter kits: 30 field player sticks (15 boys' sticks and 15 girls' sticks), two dozen soft "practice" balls, two 3'x3' goals, complimentary "youth level" memberships for up to 30 new players, and complimentary "coach level" memberships for up to two adult coaches
- Team grants for girls' teams: 20 field player sticks, 20 pairs of protective eyewear that meet current standards, goalie items, complimentary "youth level" memberships for up to 30 new players, and complimentary "coach level" memberships for up to two adult coaches
- Team grants for boys' teams: 20 field player sticks; 20 pairs of shoulder pads; 20 pairs of arm pads, 20 pairs of gloves, 20 approved helmets with facemasks and chinstraps; goalie items; complimentary "youth level" memberships for up to 30 new players; and complimentary "coach level" memberships for up to two adult coaches

Eligible applicants may request items for both girls' and boys' teams, as long as both awards are in the same age bracket.

Other Information: Previous award recipients include:

- Arcadia Lacrosse (Phoenix, AZ)
- Temecula Valley High School (Temecula, CA)
- Girls Athletic Leadership Schools (Denver, CO)
- Mandarin Athletic Association (Jacksonville, FL)
- Springfield Public Schools (Springfield, NJ)

Contact Information: Questions should be directed to the program staff using the information provided, or to the appropriate regional manager listed online at www.uslacrosse.org/chapters/chapter-regions. Applications must be emailed to the address provided.

Program Staff:

(410) 235-6882; Fax: (410) 366-6735
 sportdevelopment@uslacrosse.org

TechSoup: Adobe Software Donation Program

Purpose/Description: To provide organizations and public libraries with access to a range of creative Adobe software products. Product donations may be used to edit images, design websites, publish newsletters, create video and audio productions, and more. Applicants may request up to four individually titled software products annually, and may receive discounted rates for an unlimited number of individual Creative Cloud All Apps plans, Creative Cloud Photography plans, and Acrobat Pro DC memberships.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants are:

- 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations
- Public libraries

Public libraries must have 501(c)(3) nonprofit status or be listed in the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) database. Applicants with multiple branches or locations may submit individual donation requests for each location or branch.

Applicants are eligible to place requests each fiscal year. In addition, applicants may be eligible to place more than one donation request in a fiscal year from different donation programs managed by TechSoup. A list of donation programs and eligibility information is provided online at www.techsoup.org/restrictions.

The following entities are not eligible to apply:

- Other types of nonprofits or non-governmental organizations, such as 501(c)(6) organizations
- Public schools
- Organizations that discriminate on the basis of age, ethnicity, gender, national origin, disability, race, size, religion, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic background

Deadline: Donation requests will be accepted on a rolling basis. To initiate the donation request process, applicants must become members of TechSoup by signing up online at www.techsoup.org/joining-techsoup.

Once signed up, applicants are required to complete an eligibility quiz online at www.techsoup.org/EligibilityQuiz.

Following the eligibility quiz, applicants will be able to register online at www.techsoup.org/Login. Once registered, applicants must submit donation requests through the online member portal.

Range/Average of Assistance: Rather than providing monetary awards, this program provides donations of the latest version of Adobe software. Applicants may receive up to four individually titled software products per fiscal year, beginning on July 1, and ending on June 30. In addition, organizations may request an unlimited number of individual Creative Cloud and Document Cloud memberships.

Contact Information: Questions should be directed to the program staff online at www.techsoup.org/about-us/Contact-Us.

To initiate the donation request process, applicants must become members of TechSoup by signing up online at www.techsoup.org/joining-techsoup, and must register online at www.techsoup.org/Login. Final donation requests will be submitted through the online member portal.

Toys"R"Us, Inc.: Toys"R"Us Children's Fund: Charitable Giving

Purpose/Description: To support nonprofit organizations that address children's issues. The funding agency provides products and grants to those nonprofit organizations that have a focus area other than the focus areas actively supported through partnership with a national partner organization. Additional information on the funding agency's national partners can be found online at www.toysrusinc.com/charitable-giving/partners.

Eligible Applicants: 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations.

Local organizations that overlap efforts with any of the funding agency's current national charitable partners are not eligible for funding through this program. Organizations with a similar focus area to a national partner organization should direct donation requests to that national partner organization. Details regarding the funding agency's current national charitable partners can be found online at www.toysrus.com/charitable-partners. Organizations that discriminate are not eligible for funding through this program.

Deadline: Mandatory donation requests are accepted on a rolling basis and must be received at least 90 days prior to the date on which the donation is needed. Donation requests must be emailed to the address provided in the Contact section.

Donation requests must include:

- Tax ID number and state where applicant is registered as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
- Summary of organizational activities and primary source(s) of funding (200 words max)
- Specific donation request and purpose
- Who will benefit
- Link to applicant's website

Donation requests must be submitted without attachments of any kind. Select applicants will receive a response requesting additional information and documentation.

Range/Average of Assistance: An unspecified amount of funding is available to support awards through this program. In addition to monetary awards, this program may provide products as in-kind donations.

Projects for focus areas similar to those of the funding agency's current national charitable partners will not be supported. Details regarding the focus areas of the funding agency's current national charitable partners can be found online at www.toysrus.com/charitable-partners.

Funding may not be used for:

- Projects that do not focus their efforts on children's issues
- Religious purposes
- Capital expenditures
- Political or partisan programs
- National ceremonies, memorials, conferences, fundraising dinners or lunches, testimonials, or similar events

Contact Information: Program Staff TRUCF@toysrus.com. Questions should be directed to the program staff. Donation requests must be emailed to the address provided.
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