



2024-2025 Youth Sports Grant Application - Part One

For Equipment and Facility Upgrades

You must review the [Grant Guidelines](#) posted on the North Carolina Amateur website before beginning the application process. After reviewing and agreeing to the Grant Guidelines, you will need to complete Part One and Part two of the application. To complete Part One, answer the following questions, each with a 1,500 character limit. Once you have completed the questions, you will be provided with instructions on where and how to upload your answers and complete Part Two of the application process. Do not create a separate PDF file with your answers. If you are applying for a grant for a 501(c)(3) organization, you will also be required to upload the following items during Part Two of the application process:

- A list of the organization's Board of Directors and their affiliation/occupation
- Letter of Determination from the IRS verifying your organization's 501(c)3 status

All uploaded files must be in PDF format. Incomplete and/or incorrectly submitted applications will not be considered. Grant recipients are required to submit a full accounting for how the grant funds were expended along with a progress report within 30 days after expending any approved funds.

The application deadline is 11:59 p.m. PST on April 1, 2025. Applications will be reviewed by the NCAS Endowment Fund Committee and applicants will be notified of their status no later than May 31, 2025. Check the [County List](#) to determine the amount of funding that is available in your County for this grant cycle. Email ncas@ncsports.org for any questions.

1. Provide an overview of the organization that is applying for the grant. (1,500 character limit)

The City of Wilmington is a municipal government organization located in southeastern North Carolina. The Parks and Recreation Department provides parks with both passive and active recreation facilities and recreation programming for youth, adults, and seniors. The athletics program offers three coed youth sports leagues (basketball, flag football, and t-ball/coach pitch), summer camps (basketball, archery, t-ball/coach pitch, and sports camp), home school sports programs, and an innovative Junior Officials program, in which teens are trained to work as officials and are taught life skills, and then are hired to work in the program. Athletics program staff also supports various adapted sports programs, including Wheel Serve Tennis, wheelchair basketball, and an annual Adapted Sports Expo.

The City of Wilmington is excited to open a brand-new gym at the MLK Center in the summer of 2025. This will be the second gym at the MLK Center and the third in the City of Wilmington, and will be the largest of the three, with regulation high-school basketball court dimensions.

2. Give a brief description of the funding request and an explanation of how the grant funds will be used.
(1,500 character limit)

The City of Wilmington is requesting \$10,000 to support the purchase of new sporting equipment, some of which will replace older, used equipment, and some of which will provide new training opportunities for youth sports participants.

Staff plan to purchase basketballs, softballs, and footballs of various sizes for use in open gym, clinics, and leagues. This will improve the program by providing ample balls for each age group to learn with age-appropriate equipment. Used basketballs and footballs will be donated to youth in the community.

Equipment in this request that will be new to the athletics program include basketball shooting trainers, shooter trainer rubber basketballs, basketball racks, a pitching machine, football throwing nets, reusable tournament bracket posters, agility ladders, an extra-large clock, and a scoreboard control panel.

The Athletics Program offers coach pitch baseball, but does not currently have a pitching machine, preventing the program from expanding to older age groups. The basketball shooter trainers, agility ladders, and football throwing nets will promote the growth and experience of youth athletes by providing top of the line practice equipment.

This funding request will take the City of Wilmington's Athletics Program to the next level by helping to provide quality equipment to accompany the quality staff and instruction.

3. What are the objectives of the project in measurable terms?(1,500 character limit)

The goal is to improve the Athletics Program by providing quality equipment for training and games. The objectives for meeting this goal vary by particular equipment requests and are listed below.

- Replace 50% of Program's basketballs with new equipment.
- Increase registration in coach pitch league by 50% and add a machine-pitch team by 2026.
- At least 75% of coaches will use the agility ladders during practices across all sports.
- Develop an equipment data base and replacement schedule for all sports equipment.

4. Provide a timetable for the project and the expenditure of the requested funds.(1,500 character limit)

(All funds must be expended within one year of receipt unless otherwise stated.)

All items will be ordered, purchased, and received within 4 months of receiving the funds. Within thirty days of items, receipts and photos of each item will be sent to granting agency. Old equipment will be removed and new items recorded within database within 2 months of receiving items.

Basketballs will be used immediately for open gym and summer camps. Smaller basketballs and shooter trainer balls and equipment will be used in the 6U and 7U basketball program beginning September 2025. Pitching machine will be used starting in October 2025. Footballs, football throwing target, agility ladders, large timer, and dry erase bracket will be used in summer camp in 2025.

5. Provide a description of the staff involved and the qualifications of individuals involved in carrying out the project. (1,500 character limit)

The Athletics Program staff consists of one Supervisor, two Coordinators, and two Specialists. The Supervisor has been a Recreation Professional at the City of Wilmington since 2016 and has been the Athletics Supervisor since 2023. All other staff have been Recreation Professionals with the City of Wilmington for approximately one year. Recreation Supervisor will purchase all equipment and will oversee equipment storage, record keeping, and utilization.

Recreation staff will work with a Senior Accountant who specializes in grants to ensure that federal, state, and local guidelines are followed.

6. Provide an itemized financial breakdown of the expenditures for the funding that is being requested.
(1,500 character limit)

FOR BASKETBALL PROGRAM:

Basketball Carts \$154.89X6=\$929.34

29.5" Wilson Evolution Bball \$79.99X15=\$1,199.85

28.5" Wilson Evolution Bball \$79.99X15=\$1,199.85

27.5" Wilson NBA Forge Bball \$29.99X15=\$449.85

Bball Shooting Trainers \$17.99X20=\$359.80 Shooter

Trainer Rubber Bballs \$19.99X20=\$399.80 Molten

FIBA Composite Bballs \$44.79X6=\$268.74

FOR T-BALL/BASEBALL/SOFTBALL:

Jugs M6000 Lite-Flite Pitching Machine \$650.00X2=\$1,300.00

9" Kevlar Stitched Baseballs \$39.99X6=\$239.94

Baden Raised Seam Baseballs \$34.99X6=\$209.94

FOR FLAG FOOTBALL PROGRAM:

Baden Composite Game Footballs \$19.99X32=\$639.68

GoSports 6 x 6 ft Football Throwing Net \$60.07X2=\$120.14

OTHER:

Copy King Reusable Dry Erase 32-Team Bracket Poster \$22.95X3=\$68.85

13 Rung Agility Ladder \$13.99X6=\$83.94

7. Would you accept partial funding for this request? If so, prioritize the funding request in order of preference. (1,500 character limit)

The City of Wilmington would accept partial funding. Staff would prefer to decrease the quantity of items overall. By sport, basketball is the highest priority, as that is the largest league and most frequently-used equipment. Baseball/softball equipment would be second, with football equipment being the lowest priority.

Once you have answered all of the questions above, download and save the completed PDF. This PDF will be uploaded during Part Two of the application process. Click here to view [Part Two](#).

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2024-2025 Youth Sports Grant Application - Part Two

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Application Form

To apply, please complete Part Two of the application below which will include uploading the PDF of your responses from Part One. Applications must be submitted before 11:59 p.m. PST on April 1, 2025 and will be reviewed by the NCAS Endowment Fund Committee. Applicants will be notified of their status no later than May 31, 2025.

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EMAIL *

FIRST NAME *

LAST NAME *

ADDRESS *

CITY *

STATE *

ZIP CODE *

PHONE NUMBER *

COUNTY *



The amount of funding available is listed next to each county. If your county is not showing in the drop down, all funding has been awarded at this time. You will need to wait until the 2025-2026 application period to submit an application.

Project Information

APPLYING ORGANIZATION NAME *

ARE YOU A LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR 501(C)(3) NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION? *

☒ Local Government☐ Public School☐ 501(c)(3) Non-profit Organization

HAS YOUR ORGANIZATION PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A YOUTH SPORTS GRANT FROM NORTH CAROLINA AMATEUR SPORTS? *



PROJECT TITLE *

AMOUNT OF REQUEST *

Reminder, the maximum grant amount that can be awarded can be found on the [County List](#).

TOTAL COST OF PROJECT *

DO YOU HAVE THE ADDITIONAL FUNDING COMMITTED IF ADDITIONAL FUNDING IS NEEDED FOR THE PROJECT? *

N/A - additional funding is not needed for this project. ▼

NUMBER OF YOUTH PARTICIPANTS UP TO AGE 18 THAT THE FUNDING WOULD BENEFIT ANNUALLY. *

Please provide a breakdown of the youth participants that will be impacted based on the following age categories.

AGE 1-5 *

AGE 6-14 *

AGE 15-17 *

Application Documents

Part One Responses

UPLOAD YOUR PART ONE RESPONSES HERE. *

No file chosen

File must be in PDF format.

☐ By checking this box, I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is truthful. *

APPLICANT SIGNATURE (PLEASE TYPE YOUR NAME.) *

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