What is the purpose of the Minnesota Lacrosse Association Chapter Grant Program?
The purpose of the Minnesota Chapter Grant Program is to provide resources, services, and opportunities for local lacrosse organizations to better serve their members.

Who is eligible to apply for a Chapter Grant?

Eligibility
Local lacrosse organizations within the State of Minnesota

Grants may provide financial or in-kind donation support for the following purposes:
- Coaching education and training subsidies
- Official and Umpire education and training subsidies
- Sponsorship or support of a charitable event

Grants may not be utilized or issued for the following purposes:
- Individual team equipment, league dues, uniforms
- Coaching fees or stipends
- Staff salaries
- Booster club fees
- Capital projects
- Projects associated with building or resurfacing of fields
- Non-playing/participation equipment (e.g. trophies, videos, banners, public address systems, sunshades)
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**When do Chapter Grant Requests need to be submitted?**
Chapter Grant Requests are due annually on the 3rd Sunday of July by 11:59 PM.

They may be submitted as a word or pdf document to the Chapter email address: mnchapterlacrosse@gmail.com

**How do I apply for a Chapter Grant?**
Applicants are required to provide a formal grant request, which contains the following information:

- Cover letter which includes a contact name and mailing address
- Request Document must include the following headlines and supporting information:
  - **Grant Request Statement**
    - Specifically state what you are requesting (financial support, in-kind donation, equipment, etc.) and how this request reflects the strategic goals of US Lacrosse
    - State how the grant will be utilized and identify your target audience
      - Also detail how receipt of this grant will further your organization’s mission
  - **Executive Summary**
    - Provide information pertaining to the formation of your organization, (when incorporated, why, etc)
    - Provide non-profit status, EIN number (if applicable), and USL membership number
    - Mission statement
  - **Organization Information**
    - Provide names, titles, and affiliations of your board of directors or other volunteer members
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- Identify any salaries or stipends paid out to members of your board or paid staff
- Detail all avenues of financial support you receive
  - Donations, fundraising events, other grants

  - Summary of organization’s most recent initiatives
    - Are participants USL members
  - Summary of upcoming year goals and objectives

When will I know if my organization has been approved for a Chapter Grant?
Organizations will be informed of their award status (accepted or denied) by November 1st each year. You will not be informed of a monetary award value at that time.

If your organization is granted a monetary award, the final award amount will be determined during the 1st quarter of the upcoming year. This notification period is contingent upon US Lacrosse's annual Chapter budget allocations and fiscal time-line.

Awardee Grant Requirements:

Grant awardees are required to meet all Restricted Gift directives as indicated in the grant award letter.

Once funds are utilized by the organization, the Grant Follow-Up Form located on the Minnesota Lacrosse Association website must be completed and emailed (mnchapterlacrosse@gmail.com) to the MLA within 60 days. Failure to complete this form will make the organization ineligible to apply for a grant the following calendar year.
Additional Grant and Program Opportunities
US Lacrosse provides a variety of Grant and Program opportunities on a national level. These offerings include:

- New Start Program
- First Stick Program
- Gold Stick Program
- AED Grant Program
- Physical Education Workshop
- Soft-Stick Program
- Sportsmanship Grant
- Diversity Programs

These grants are processed through US Lacrosse and each has specific criteria, guidelines, and submission dates. To learn more about these opportunities, please visit [http://www.uslacrosse.org/resources/programs-grants.aspx](http://www.uslacrosse.org/resources/programs-grants.aspx).