What is the purpose of the Diversity & Inclusion Chapter Grant?
The purpose of the Minnesota Lacrosse Association’s Diversity and Inclusion Chapter Grant is to provide access to our sport in underserved populations within the state of Minnesota.

Who is eligible to apply for a Chapter Grant?

Eligibility
Local lacrosse organizations within the State of Minnesota are eligible to apply for this grant. Preference will be made to those organizations with US Lacrosse membership and those with non-profit status, but it is not a requirement.
Organizations may not unlawfully discriminate as to race, religion, income, gender, disability, or national origin.

Grants may provide financial support for the following purposes:
• Coaches Education Program (CEP) training for coaches
• Camps or clinics geared toward underserved populations
• In-house loaner gear provided free of charge to youth participants
• League or tournament fees
• Officials fees
• Game/practice equipment or in-house uniforms
• Operations cost to host a lacrosse event/tournament for underserved youth
Grants may not be utilized for the following purposes:

- 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)

When do D & I Grant Requests need to be submitted?
Diversity and Inclusion Grant requests may be submitted quarterly during the calendar year. Grants submission dates include:

- January 15th
- April 15th
- July 15th
- October 15th

How do I apply for a D & I 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.)
    - State how the grant will be utilized and identify your target audience
  - Executive Summary
    - Provide information pertaining to the formation of your organization, (when incorporated, why, etc.)
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- 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
    - 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

Is there a limit to the number of annual D & I Grant requests my organization can make in a calendar year?
Yes. Organizations may not submit more than (1) Diversity and Inclusion Chapter Grant to the Minnesota Lacrosse Association per calendar year.

Additional Diversity and Inclusion Grants are available through the national US Lacrosse D & I program. Please refer to “Additional Diversity & Inclusion Grant Opportunities” for more information.

When will I know if my group has been approved for a D & I Grant?
Grant applicants will be notified by USPS mail within 45 days of the submission deadline.
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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 Diversity & Inclusion Grant Opportunities
US Lacrosse provides a variety of Diversity & Inclusion Grant opportunities on a national level. These grants include:

- Girls Initiative Grant
- Urban Outreach Grant
- Community Impact Grant
- Event Support Grant
- Disability Access Grant
- BRIDGE Grant

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/diversity-inclusion/diversity-inclusion-national-grant-program.aspx.