



CAROLINA REGION/USAV FACILITIES UPGRADE GRANT FUND DESCRIPTION AND INSTRUCTIONS

The mission of the Carolina Region/USAV is to promote the development and improvement of the sport of volleyball throughout the state of North Carolina. In order to further this mission and better serve the Region membership, the Region Board of Directors has created an annual grant fund for the purpose of upgrading volleyball tournament facilities and providing equipment for North Carolina volleyball clubs. Since inception, the Carolina Region has invested over \$160,000 towards improving facilities and equipment through the Grant Program! In the past, grants for the improvement of tournament sites have benefited the Region membership by providing safer, higher quality equipment for use at sites operated by tournament hosts. Hosts have likewise benefited by obtaining these facility/equipment improvements in exchange for agreements to allow tournaments to be held at their sites by the Region. By formally creating an annual fund for this purpose, the Region Board of Directors intends to standardize the process for developing these agreements and disbursing grant funds to applicants.

Proposals from applicants for the current fiscal year should be received by the Region Office by the firm deadline of May 1, 2023 and must specify the following:

- Part 1 - the name, address, owner and contact person/phone # of the facility to be upgraded (if the applicant is not the facility owner/operator then give details of the relationship between the two);
- Part 2 - the nature, estimated cost and desired schedule of the proposed upgrade (ex.: nets, standards, floor plates, referee stands, divider nets, etc. Provide quotes from contractors/suppliers if you have them);
- Part 3 - the benefit which the proposed upgrade will provide to the Region membership relative to its cost (be specific). Proposals may involve outright grants, low or no interest loans, tournament/league fee sharing, in-kind services provided or other grant reimbursement, as the applicant sees fit.

Proposals will be evaluated by Carolina Region staff with a recommendation to the Region Board of Directors for a decision in conjunction with the next year's budget cycle (applicants usually notified by August/September). Please note that this fund and the staff's time are not unlimited. Therefore, proposals which are well organized, concise and return the greatest benefit to the Region membership will be given the highest consideration. **Grants will not be considered until after the closing date for the current year's applications – May 1, 2023.** **NOTE: The Region reserves the right to not award any grants in any particular year based on factors such as the fiscal needs of the Region and the quality/needs of that year's applicants.**

If a grant is awarded to your organization, a dollar amount will be approved by the Board of Directors up to a maximum of the award grant to be used for the project. Applicants will need to order the equipment/work within an agreed upon time frame to remain eligible for the grant. Normally, funds will not be paid to the applicant organization. Once approved, the applicant organization should have the vendor invoices sent to the Carolina Region Office for payment. Payment will be sent directly to the vendor in amounts up to the award grant. In order to be eligible for a facility grant, the facility must agree to post a Carolina Region Banner in their facility that will be provided by the Carolina Region. For additional information on the facility grant program, please contact the Carolina Region (office@carolinaregionvb.org).

PART 3: GRANT SPECIFICS

1. What amount of Grant are you seeking?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Up to \$250 | <input type="checkbox"/> Up to \$1250 | <input type="checkbox"/> up to \$2500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Up to \$500 | <input type="checkbox"/> Up to \$1500 | <input type="checkbox"/> Up to \$3000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Up to \$750 | <input type="checkbox"/> Up to \$1750 | <input type="checkbox"/> Up to \$3500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Up to \$1000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Up to \$2000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Amount \$ _____ |

2. What type of Grant are you seeking?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Outright grant | <input type="checkbox"/> No interest loan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low-interest loan | <input type="checkbox"/> Tournament/League fee sharing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In-kind services provided | <input type="checkbox"/> Other grant reimbursement |

Explain any grant reimbursements checked above (repayment schedule, interest rates, tournament dates, etc.):

3. How would the Carolina Region's membership benefit by this upgrade relative to the cost of the grant (be specific)?

Mail/Fax Completed Application and Quotes by May 1, 2023 to:

Carolina Region/USAV Fax: 336.766.3501
Attn: Grant Application
P.O. Box 1757
Clemmons, NC 27012-1757

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY!

DATE RECEIVED: _____

GRANT APPROVED: Y ___ N ___

AMOUNT OF GRANT: \$ _____