

## Ohio Sports Injury Funding Opportunities

### Athletic training and sports medicine grants

#### Advocates for Injured Athletes

<http://www.injuredathletes.org/programs/grants.html>

Advocates for Injured Athletes is currently fundraising to provide grants that enable high school and club sports programs to hire certified athletic trainers. Check back for updates.

### Equipment grants

#### Baseball Tomorrow Fund

[http://web.mlbcommunity.org/index.jsp?content=programs&program=baseball\\_tomorrow\\_fund](http://web.mlbcommunity.org/index.jsp?content=programs&program=baseball_tomorrow_fund)

The mission of the Baseball Tomorrow Fund is to promote and enhance the growth of youth participation in baseball and softball throughout the world. BTF funds programs, fields, coaches training and uniforms, equipment and other selected program expenses.

#### Good Sports

<http://www.goodsports.org/equipment/apply/>

We want to help kids in need stay active! If you or your team is in need of equipment, Good Sports may be able to help.

#### Ohio Ophthalmological Society – Play Hard. Don't Blink.

<http://playhardgear.com/default.php>

The Ohio Ophthalmological Society's Play Hard. Don't Blink. sports eye safety program works with leagues and individuals in Ohio to promote the use of protective eyewear to reduce the number of sports eye injuries in Ohio's young players. From baseball and softball helmets with face masks to sports goggles, including prescription sports goggles, you can get the eye injury protection you need to prevent youth sports eye injuries at no cost.

#### US Rugby Foundation

<http://www.usrugbyfoundation.org/site/pp.asp?c=9fLHJV0xHmE&b=275547>

The United States Rugby Football Foundation is proud of the fact that through the numerous grants they have provided over the years, thousands of children have been exposed to the sport of rugby in the United States. Start Up Kit Grants are available to acquire much needed rugby equipment to assist in practice and game day preparation.

#### USA Football

<http://usafootball.com/help/grants>

As the sport's National Governing Body, and Official Youth Football Development Partner of the NFL, the NFL Players Association, and all 32 NFL teams, USA Football is committed to enhancing the football experience for all at the youth and amateur levels through our Equipment Grants Program. USA

Football enables eligible youth football organizations and school-sponsored football programs to apply for the following grants:

- Youth Football Equipment Grant (retail value approximately \$1,000)
- High School Equipment Grant (retail value approximately \$1,500)

**United States Tennis Association**

<http://www.usta.com/About-USTA/USTA-Awards/AwardsandGrants/>

The United States Tennis Association offers a variety of grants to help grow the game of tennis in many ways including equipment and facility grants.

**Athletic facility grants**

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**Bikes Belong**

<http://www.bikesbelong.org/grants/>

The Bikes Belong Grant Program is aimed at providing funding to those who strive to improve bicycling in America through things such as the building of trails and paths, or through promoting general bicycling advocacy and awareness.

**Cincinnati Reds Community Fund – Field Renovation Program**

[http://cincinnati.reds.mlb.com/cin/community/rcf\\_field\\_renovation.jsp](http://cincinnati.reds.mlb.com/cin/community/rcf_field_renovation.jsp)

Since 2006 the Reds Community Fund Field Renovation program has underwritten expenses for improvements to area youth baseball fields throughout Reds Country. Upgrades include new ball dirt for infields, turf upgrades in the outfields and backstop and fencing repairs just to name a few. To date more than 350 fields have been renovated throughout Reds Country, creating a safer and positive recreational outlet for area youth.

**Cleveland Indians – Diamond Improvement Grant**

[http://cleveland.indians.mlb.com/cle/community/programs\\_recreational.jsp](http://cleveland.indians.mlb.com/cle/community/programs_recreational.jsp)

Cleveland Indians Charities (CIC) continues its \$50,000 youth baseball and softball grant program each year. The Baseball Diamond Improvement Grant benefits Northeast Ohio leagues in need of new bleachers, backstops, fences and other equipment. The goal of the program is to assist league funding, programming and renovation of playing fields.

**Crew Soccer Foundation**

<http://www.thecrew.com/community/crew-soccer-foundation>

The Crew Soccer Foundation utilizes soccer as a vehicle to serve at-risk youth through education, field development and healthy lifestyles. Our core areas of philanthropic focus are:

- Literacy and scholarships
- Soccer field creation, refurbishment and programming in underserved communities
- Heart disease risk and prevention, concussion awareness and childhood obesity

**Finish Line Youth Foundation**

<http://www.finishline.com/store/youthfoundation/guidelines.jsp>

The Finish Line Youth Foundation focuses funding on organizations that provide opportunities for youth participation in youth athletic programs and camps. The Finish Line Youth Foundation also awards Legacy Grants to qualifying organizations in need of improvements and/or renovations to existing buildings, grounds, and property or for new facilities and/or grounds.

**Tony Hawk Foundation**

<http://www.tonyhawkfoundation.org/skatepark-grants/apply/>

The primary mission of the Tony Hawk Foundation is to promote high quality, public skate parks in low-income areas throughout the United States.

**United States Soccer Foundation**

<http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org/>

The U.S. Soccer Foundation annually awards grants to support both soccer programs and field building initiatives in underserved areas nationwide.

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**Coaches training grants**

**Baseball Tomorrow Fund**

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**Sport development grants**

**Columbus Blue Jackets Foundation**

<http://www.bluejacketsfoundation.org/What-We-Do/community-assistance/Grant-Application.aspx>

Monetary grants are evaluated annually and awarded at the end of each Blue Jackets hockey season. Any non-profit organization may apply for a grant, however the Board of Directors will give priority to those organizations serving the Central Ohio community focused on pediatric cancer, education, the

health and safety of today's youth, and the development of youth and amateur hockey.

**USA Track and Field Foundation**

<http://www.usatf.org/foundation/grants.asp>

The USA Track & Field Foundation is committed to increasing access to and participation in the sport of track and field, long distance running and race walking in the United States.

**USA Volleyball**

<http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Grassroots/Grants.aspx>

USA Volleyball partners with many organizations to provide grant assistance to various programming areas in our sport.

**United States Soccer Foundation**

<http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org/>

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**US Lacrosse**

<http://www.uslacrosse.org/TopNav2Right/ProgramsGrants.aspx>

US Lacrosse offers a variety of grants to meet the primary objectives of the US Lacrosse Sport Development Department. These objectives include:

- To deliver resources to create and support positive and safe playing experiences for youth players.
- To drive adoption of USL national standards and best practices.
- To increase impact and effectiveness.

**Injury prevention and treatment grants**

**Dick's Sporting Goods – PACE Program**

<http://www.dsgpace.org/>

PACE (Protecting Athletes through Concussion Education) is the nation's largest baseline concussion screening initiative. Together with Drew Brees, The DICK's Sporting Goods Foundation and our partners at ImPACT®, our goal is to provide awareness and information so that every athlete, every team and every school can be smart about concussions.

**Kids Endangered Now – Defibrillation Grants**

[http://www.kenheart.org/index.php?option=com\\_adcontent&view=article&id=21&Itemid=33](http://www.kenheart.org/index.php?option=com_adcontent&view=article&id=21&Itemid=33)

Schools and youth serving organizations can apply for a defibrillation donation one time annually.

**National Emergency Medicine Association**

<http://www.nemahealth.org/organization/grants.htm>

The National Emergency Medicine Association (N.E.M.A.) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 1982. Its mission, and that of its special programs, is the prevention of injury and illness by addressing

health and social issues through education, applied research, technology, and equipment. The Association is concerned with emergency at every stage of trauma, with particular attention paid to the excellence of first response at the time and place of emergency.

#### **Ohio Injury Prevention Partnership – Sports-related concussions/TBI Grants**

<http://ohiociag.org/?q=about>

The Child Injury Action Group of the Ohio Injury Prevention Partnership awards mini grants in the amount of \$1,500 to reduce child injury in Ohio. Mini grants must address the CIAG's priority injury areas. One of these priority areas is sports-related concussions/TBI.

### **Other grants**

#### **Do Something Seed Grants**

<http://www.dosomething.org/grants/seed-grants>

Are you working to start a community action project or program? Do you need money to put your ideas into action? If you answered, "YES!", you are eligible to apply for a Do Something Seed Grant. We give out a \$500 Do Something Seed Grant every week to help young people just like YOU!

#### **Easton Foundations**

<http://www.esdf.org/2011/12/20/grants/>

The Easton Foundations are pleased to announce that over the last year it has funded over \$5.5 million in grants and programs. The Foundations' funding supports youth archery, baseball, softball and cycling, as well as education and medical research. Since 2007, total grants and programs of over \$22 million have been provided to community and non-profit organizations.

#### **Finish Line Youth Foundation**

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#### **General Mills – Champions for Healthy Kids**

[http://www.generalmills.com/en/Responsibility/community\\_engagement/Grants/Champions\\_for\\_healthy\\_kids.aspx](http://www.generalmills.com/en/Responsibility/community_engagement/Grants/Champions_for_healthy_kids.aspx)

Through the Champions for Healthy Kids program, the General Mills Foundation will award 50 grants of \$10,000 to nonprofit organizations working to improve nutrition and physical fitness behaviors for youth.

#### **Liberty Mutual – Responsible Sports Community Grants**

<http://www.responsiblesports.com/programs/grants/overview>

Liberty Mutual Insurance created the Responsible Sports Community Grant program in the Fall of 2007 as a way to reward youth sports teams, clubs, associations and schools who demonstrate their

commitment to a Responsible Sports environment.

**Pilot Projects on Sports Related Brain and Spinal Cord Injury**

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&opId=226935>

**NFL Player Matching Youth/High School Football Grant Program**

<http://www.nflyff.org/grant-programs/pmg>

The NFL Player Matching Youth and High School Football Grant Program allows current and former NFL players who make financial contributions to approved youth and/or high school football programs to receive matching grants of up to \$5,000 for those respective programs.

**United Way**

<http://liveunited.org>

Many local United Way organizations fund youth sports and recreation activities.