

Notice of Funding Availability Updated 4/22/2026

NFLPA's Professional Athletes Foundation Charitable Grant Program

The Professional Athletes Foundation (PAF) is excited to announce we will be accepting applications for the 2024 Charitable Grant Program from **4/22/2026 through 6/1/2026 at 11:59 PM ET**. The PAF's Charitable Grant Program was created to provide vocational, educational, and athletic opportunities for individuals of all races, religions, and nationalities who, because of economic disadvantages or other reasons, might not have the fullest opportunity to develop their abilities. The PAF Charitable Grant will give priority to projects across the country whose missions align with ours in the categories of *Education, Advancement & Accessibility of Youth Sport, and Human Services*.

Grant funding requests should not exceed \$15,000.00. The number and size of grant(s) allocated each year will depend on the number of applications received. Those that apply will undergo a full review to ensure eligibility requirements have been met by the final deadline. Applicants will receive a decision via e-mail 6-8 weeks after the indicated final deadline. Should an organization be approved for a grant, funding will come in the form of an electronic payment.

Final Deadline

The absolute final deadline to apply will be **Monday, June 1, 2026 at 11:59 pm ET**. *We ask that you do not mail your applications to the NFLPA headquarters. All submissions should be sent via e-mail or fax.*

What We Support

The PAF will accept requests for funding from 501(c)3 IRS standing organizations whose projects goal(s) align with one or any combination of the following:

Education

Organization(s) or project(s) that work to develop and improve vocational and educational programs in the U.S. and/or aide individuals in enrolling in educational institutions.

Advancement & Accessibility of Youth Sport

Organization(s) or project(s) committed to growing, developing, and making youth sports accessible and impactful.

Human Services

Organization(s) whose program(s) and service(s) provide critical support and enhance the quality of life for youth and adults.

Who can apply?

Funding will only be considered for organizations that meet all four (4) eligibility requirements:

- Must have 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)



- Yearly administrative costs must be under 40% of operational budget
- Organization or project must focus on one or any combination of the following (see page 1):
 - Education
 - Advancement & Accessibility of Our Sport
 - Human Services
- Organizations that are seeking funding for a project that will take place in the next 18 months

How do I apply?

Interested candidates must submit one (1) electronic copy of the following materials to paf@nflpa.com with the subject line “Charitable Grant Application: [organization’s name]”:

1. Written Statement of Funding (see PAGE 3)
2. Copy of your latest IRS letter of tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3)
3. Signed and dated statement on the organization’s letterhead stating there has been no change in purpose, character, or organizational structure after the issuance of the IRS letter
4. Complete budget for the project
5. Current Annual Budget
6. Most recent 990 Tax Return
7. Most recent annual report (if applicable)

**Submissions missing any of the above items will not be considered for funding. If your organization does not produce an annual report, please note this in the Written Statement.*

Questions?

Grant writers are welcome to send questions to paf@nflpa.com. All received inquiries can expect a response within 48 hours.

Reservations

The Professional Athletes Foundation reserves the right to issue addenda and/or amendments after the issuance of this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) or to rescind the NOFA at any time.

Written Statement of Funding

The Written Statement for Funding should include but not limited to:

- Description of your Organization
- Address the following regarding your **organization**:
 - *Incorporation Year*
 - *Organization's History, Mission, and/or Goals*
 - *Fiscal Year*
 - *Total Annual Budget – please ensure Administrative Costs and Operating Budget is line itemed.*
 - *Staff Size (please indicate if a NFLPA Member)*
 - *List of Board Members (please indicate if a NFLPA Member)*
- Describe the specific project you are seeking funding for
- Address the following regarding the **Project**:
 - *Project Start Date*
 - *Indicate if this is a new or ongoing activity*
 - *Explain why this project is needed and/or unique*
 - *Explain how many people you project to participate/be impacted in your project and what population this effort impacts:*
 - *Geographic region, age range, race, economic status, etc.*
 - *Project Budget:*
 - *Include other sources of funding, if applicable*
 - *Clearly state how much funding is being requested*
- Summarize how you will evaluate the effectiveness of the project
- The organization's point of contact information where communication regarding this grant should be sent.