



GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES

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OVERVIEW

All grant inquiries must be submitted, and funds administered through a youth organization's Board of Directors. Groups which reside in Pinellas County are welcome to apply and will be considered for grants. Grants may be requested within six specific funding areas, outlined on the following page. All applications will be evaluated upon due diligence and merit of the request. Grant seeking organizations shall have programming for the season the request is made. The CFY Grants Committee and Board of Trustees **may exceed** these guidelines **upon their discretion** and best judgment in alignment with the charity's overall mission and vision as stated above.

Organizations who have not previously received funds from CFY must first contact the CFY offices for a consultation of eligibility. Organizations who do not have a consultation with the CFY offices will not have their application considered for funding. An initial consultation to discuss eligibility prior to a grant deadline may be conducted via phone or email.

The priority of CFY's Board of Trustees is to support access to recreational youth athletic programs for Title One eligible Pinellas County youth. While an organization may have other financial needs, CFY's Registration Reimbursement programs are based upon Pinellas County schools Title One eligibility only.

The program is available on a rolling basis throughout the year. It is imperative the deadlines listed below are met as applications must be reviewed by the CFY Grants Committee and approved by the CFY Board of Trustees, both scheduled in succession following each submission deadline:

February 25	August 25
April 25	October 25
June 25	December 18

Applications must be submitted via the CFY website at www.cfypinellas.org/grants/application, including the organization's Annual Budget and other supplemental materials as required by specific funding category (see page 2). All CFY grant application forms must be filled out using CFY forms only. Failure to provide the requested information on the appropriate CFY forms will render an application non-complaint and it will be returned for correction using the required forms. This may delay funding or result in denial of a request if not provided in a timely manner. All grants are awarded on a competitive basis regardless of historical funding; renewals or repeat funding for subsequent years/seasons is not guaranteed. CFY reserves the right to approve, deny, or counter-offer funding requests based on a formal review of the requesting organization's annual budget submission and allocation. Please note that organizations applying for funding will be required to report any financial thefts occurring within the past 2 years and any relevant detail of such to be considered by the CFY Board of Trustees.

Upon application approval, grantee will be required to sign the **CFY Partnership Agreement** outlining terms of the reciprocal partnership. Agreement includes the following conditions:

1. Certification that funds will be used for purposes explicitly intended.
2. Furnishing of documentation requested within 10 business days of request.
3. Prominent display of CFY branding on all websites and print material.
4. Signage or banners (as provided by CFY) in a prominent location at primary facility.

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5. Completion of **Grant Impact Report** within 90 days of the conclusion of the approved program season, detailing impact including supplemental documentation to be used by CFY for marketing purposes.

We look forward to receiving your organization's submission, thank you for serving the youth of our community.

FUNDING CATEGORIES & CRITERIA

- **ATHLETE REGISTRATION REIMBURSEMENT MAXIMUM \$15,000 PER RECREATIONAL ORGANIZATION OR \$5,000 PER COMPETITIVE TEAM, ONE AWARD PER YEAR**

PRESENTED BY THE BAYSTAR RESTURANT GROUP

CFY's priority is to fund community/recreational youth athletic organizations. Any funding provided to competitive teams will be based upon available funds and may change from time to time based upon budget availability. Competitive teams should check with CFY office to determine if funding is available prior to submission.

- **Community/recreational youth athletics organization**
 - ✓ A community/recreational youth athletic organization is defined as a youth athletic organization playing a minimum of one half of its competition on or at its home facility.
 - ✓ Registration fees may not include the cost of uniforms that are retained by the participant at the conclusion of the season.
 - ✓ Available to all participants who qualify*
 - ✓ Pinellas County youth athletic based organizations only.
 - **Competitive team**
 - ✓ Competitive teams are identified as teams that play more than one half of their competition at a facility other than their host facility.
 - ✓ Travel costs are ineligible for registration fee reimbursement and should be submitted using the Travel Assistance program.
 - ✓ Awards are available for a maximum of 10% of the participants and for a maximum of 50% of the registration up to the program limit.
 - Requests must be made at the conclusion of the organization's registration cycle and must include the CFY Registration Ledger detailing registrants.
 - Funding under Athlete Registration Reimbursement is to cover the portion of the typical registration fee not funded by the participant.
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- Nonresident fees are ineligible for Athlete Registration Reimbursement (whether stand alone or embedded). If fees are embedded, they must be removed from the request in this category, or the request will be denied.
 - Only Pinellas County Title One eligible youth will be considered for Athlete Registration Reimbursement. For more information on which schools are Title One please go to; <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/10735>
 - For facility cost to be included in the Athlete Registration Reimbursement program, the submitting organization needs to show evidence of their attempt to be "co-sponsored" by their host community and the reason for the community's denial. This expense is typically not an expense funded by CFY and that cost will be denied without

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providing the requested documentation. This provision may be waived by the CFY Board of Trustees in their sole discretion.

- Limited to one scholarship per fiscal year per program*
- **EQUIPMENT SUPPLEMENT MAXIMUM MATCHING AWARD \$10,000 PER YEAR (up to \$5,000 for new organizations)**

PRESENTED BY THE PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES/CLEARWATER THRESHERS

CFY's priority is to fund community/recreational or competitive youth athletic organizations equipment needs to lower registration fees and any funding provided to other programs for equipment supplement should first be vetted through the CFY office and will only be funded based upon budget availability.

- Large equipment purchases to be used by participants at host facility.
 - Uniforms are eligible for equipment supplement and are not eligible for athletic registration reimbursement funding. Uniforms may not be given to the participants at the end of the season, this includes "team t-shirts".
 - Any equipment funded through this program may only be used by the requesting program for the express purpose the grant was approved for during the lifecycle of the equipment by the requesting organization and its participants as part of that program. Any unauthorized use of equipment funded with this program may render the applicant ineligible for future CFY funding.
 - One-time usage equipment is not eligible for funding. Example of one-time usage would be baseballs or softballs.
 - Award not to exceed fifty percent of total cost.
 - Evidence of matching specific to purchase is required prior to approval.
 - Applicant must identify the specific funding and origin of the funding to be utilized to provide the match.
 - CFY funding may not be "double counted" as a potential source as it must be specific to the match.
 - Equipment price quote from three vendors must be submitted with application.
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- Limited to one award annually
 - Grant funds paid directly to approved vendor.
 - Storage plans to ensure longevity must be detailed in application.
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- **TRAVEL ASSISTANCE UP TO \$2,500 PER TEAM, MULTIPLE TEAM ORGANIZATION EACH SEASON (ONE AWARD PER TEAM) \$200 PER CHILD, SINGLE TEAM ORGANIZATION EACH SEASON**

PRESENTED BY CONGRUITY HR

- Youth athletes competing on the state/regional/national level where a qualifier or a qualifying invitation from the national office is required to advance.
- Have their application considered for funding. An initial consultation to discuss eligibility prior to applying.
- Awards may be for a team or individual, but not both.
- Individual awards are granted on a need basis, only to participants on the original roster.
- Evidence of matching fundraising specific to the travel event is required prior to approval.
- Funds are issued as a reimbursement to the organization contingent on the submission of receipts showing travel expenses paid.

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- **ARTS & CULTURE REGISTRATION REIMBURSEMENT *MAXIMUM \$10,000 PER ORGANIZATION, PER YEAR***

- Community arts and culture organizations engaging Pinellas County youth programming such as after school activities or camp.
 - ✓ Available to all participants who qualify*
 - ✓ Limited to one scholarship per fiscal year per program
- Requests must be made at the conclusion of the organization's registration cycle and must include the CFY Registration Ledger detailing registrants.

- **YOUTH COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE *UP TO \$25,000 PER YEAR***

PRESENTED BY CLEARWATER GAS SYSTEM

- A new athletic program or initiative meeting any of the following criteria:
 - ✓ Established within an existing program serving youth in Pinellas County
 - ✓ Working with an established nonprofit affiliated with a professional sport organization.
 - ✓ Partnership sponsorship program working in conjunction with the Juvenile Welfare Board
- A new program or initiative can only receive funds under this category one time.
- Evidence of matching grants is required prior to approval.

**Qualified participants must be students enrolled at a Pinellas County Title One School*

- **FACILITY ENHANCEMENT ASSISTANCE *UP TO \$50,000 PER YEAR***

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- CFY's priority is to fund community/recreational youth athletic organizations in Pinellas County who are partnering with their local community and CFY on the construction of a facility infrastructure enhancement that will be of a benefit to the youth of the program at their primary facility. CFY's match **MUST** be matched by the organization as well as the community partner specifically for the requested project.
- CFY annually will budget at least \$50,000 for this initiative. The funding may be distributed over multiple organizations or maybe award to one organization each year at the discretion of the Board of Trustees.
- The CFY's Board of Trustees in their sole discretion may choose to provide additional support above the project program cap.
- A community/recreational youth athletic organization needs to have been supported (been funded) by CFY during the previous two calendar years and be in good standing with CFY.
- Permission from the local community organization (typically a city or Pinellas County) is required.
- Community Recreational Youth Athletic Organization is required to have an annual operating agreement for use of the community site and attached it to their application.
- Facility Enhancement is defined as; a durable upgrade, adaptation, or enhancement of a community/recreational organization facility that is primarily used by the community/recreational organization that increases its value,

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often involving a structural change or restoration. The enhancement must endure for more than 3 years after its completion and be durable or permanent in nature.

- This is a competing grant program with CFY payment provided as a reimbursement upon project completion and will be paid to the project manager which maybe the organization or community partner.
- The annual grant award(s) will be during the July cycle (submitted by June 25) and submitted on the CFY Facility Enhancement Form located by clicking this link.
- Permanent acknowledgement/signage of CFY donation must be permanently visual displayed at the project site from the day the facility is available for use by the organization. Cost of the acknowledgment /signage is borne by the project and CFY is provided approval of the acknowledgment/signage.
- No more than one project over a two-year period may be submitted.

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