

CARDINAL ATHLETIC FOUNDATION

Matching Grants Overview

The Cardinal Athletic Foundation is dedicated to preserving and promoting the athletic development of Annandale youth through semi-annual Cardinal Matching Grants.

Cardinal Matching Grants

A total of up to 10 grants (up to \$1,000 each) will be awarded twice a year (FALL & SPRING)

Goal

The goal of Cardinal Matching Grants is to **match** school, community, and parental interest and investment in youth athletics by helping 'make ends meet'. Grants will be awarded to school district athletic teams, community-based athletic development programs, and/or other Annandale-affected 501(c)(3) and 509(a) status not-for-profit organizations and agencies working with youth that demonstrate the greatest need and likelihood of sustainable impact on Annandale youth athletic development.

Elements and Eligibility of Cardinal Matching Grant Award Recipients

Grants are limited to school district athletic teams, community-based athletic development programs, and/or other Annandale-affected 501(c)(3) and 509(a) status not-for-profit organizations and agencies. Local organizations that work with school district teams and programs are encouraged to apply because programs linked to existing and ongoing community organizations' programs are more likely to be sustainable.

In addition, grants will be awarded to new programs that demonstrate significant potential impact on the future of Annandale youth athletics **and/or to programs that are at risk of losing support and endangering the opportunity for future youth participation and development.**

A unique aspect to Cardinal Matching Grants is the requirement of the applying organization (team, group, club, program) to match the proposed level of CAF investment, either financially (dollar-for-dollar) or through an agreed-upon value-in-kind arrangement (quantified in labor/service/avoidable expenses). The spirit of this requirement is to foster mutual respect, trust, and commitment toward the agreed upon goal – said another way, "teamwork".

The interest of the Cardinal Athletic Matching Grants program is in serving the athletic youth of Annandale, and therefore proposals that keep administrative costs and overhead low in relationship to the number of youth served will be more favorably evaluated. In designing a proposal, it is important to demonstrate the potential of the proposed investment to preserve and/or promote the spirit of Annandale athletics.

Specifically, applying organizations will be asked to address 7 areas on the Grant Application Form [page 2]:

1. Applying Organization
2. Target Audience
3. Grant Request
4. Financial Objectives
5. Influencing Factors
6. Reach/Depth of Grant
7. Matching Proposal

Selection Committee

Successful programs will be selected by the Cardinal Athletic Matching Grant Selection Committee, made up of representatives from Cardinal Athletic Foundation.

Selection Criteria

In addition to the specific eligibility requirements listed above, the Selection Committee will use two overarching criteria to evaluate the proposals:

1. Greatest Financial Need
 - Especially if under-served by existing programs
2. Greatest Likelihood of Sustainable Impact
 - Likelihood of sustainability once the grant period is over
 - Demonstrates significant potential impact on at-risk programs

Submission Deadline

The deadline for FALL 2006 Matching Grant Applications is FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2006.

Direct all completed application forms [page 2] to:

**Cardinal Athletic Foundation
200 Candlestick Circle
Annandale, MN 55302**

CARDINAL ATHLETIC FOUNDATION
Matching Grant Application Form

Submit completed application form by SEPTEMBER 15, 2006 to:
Cardinal Athletic Foundation
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Annandale, MN 55302

Applying Organization

What organization/program will receive the grant?

Target Audience

What is the composition of kids affected by this grant?

Grant Request

What is the specific dollar amount or range of the grant request?

Financial Objectives

What will the money be used for and how will it benefit Annandale youth athletics?

Influencing Factors

What are the factors influencing the need for this grant?

Reach/Depth of Grant

How many young people will be reached/affected with the proposed grant?

Matching Proposal

How will your organization match the Foundation's investment (i.e. dollar for dollar, volunteerism, community service)?

Additional Information/Considerations

[Optional]

