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K-12 Athletic Facilities Grant Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) [Updated April 7, 2022]

What is the purpose of the K-12 Athletic Facilities Grants?

A: To provide funds to LEAs for the repair and renovation of existing K-12 athletic facilities.

Who is eligible to receive a K-12 Athletic Facilities Grant from DPI?

A: All LEAs that did not receive a State Capital Infrastructure Funds (SCIF) Athletic Facilities Grant directly from the Office of State Budget and Management in FY21-22 for repairs and renovation of existing K-12 athletic facilities.

What amount of grant funds do eligible LEAs receive?

A: Base grant amount of \$100,000 plus an additional amount based on FY21-22 allotted ADM.

What does an LEA need to do to receive their grant funds?

A: Submit to DPI School Planning Section a completed and properly signed K-12 Athletic Facilities Grant Agreement form. Accompanying the form should be a completed Appendix A, Appendix B, and the LEA Conflict of Interest Statement.

Where are grant funds deposited?

A: Grant funds are deposited directly into the normal LEA State Core Banking Account. Each LEA must then write a check to itself from that account, and deposit the funds into the Local Capital Bank Account as revenue under Local Use PRC 440.

Is revenue from the NC Education Lottery used to fund the grants?

A: No.

Are there matching fund requirements for LEAs?

A: No.

Is there a deadline for spending grant funds?

A: No.

Are there reporting requirements for LEAs?

A: Yes, as specified in the Grant Agreement and State Board of Education Policy governing these grants.

Must projects for which funding is proposed be reviewed at the State level?

A: Yes, all projects must receive a Certificate of Review from DPI School Planning Section.

What documentation is to be submitted to DPI School Planning Section for review?

A: Following are general guidelines for project review submittals:

- A DPI Project Transmittal Form must accompany all project documents submitted for review. The form can be found using this link: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/media/581/download>
- For projects that require administrative and design services to be provided by Local personnel only, a full description of the project scope of work is to be submitted. The description should include objectives to be achieved as well as specific repair/renovation/installation activities and services. Sketches and photographs that clarify or enhance project descriptions are welcome but not required.
- For projects that require professional design services, a set of sealed/signed construction documents is to be submitted. Documents should include drawings and applicable specifications. Specifications may be placed on drawings.
- NC General Statutes require the use of professional design services based upon estimated project construction cost. DPI School Planning has additional requirements regarding the need for professional design services, especially for projects that may affect life safety. Questions about whether a specific project requires submission of sealed/signed construction documents should be referred to School Planning for clarification.

Are there any other project review submittal requirements?

A: Possibly. Depending on project scope and location, submissions may be required by local zoning and permitting departments, the local Fire Marshal, and similar Authorities Having Jurisdiction.

What types of expenditures ARE eligible for K-12 Athletic Grant funding?

Grant funding is purposed to Construct, Renovate, or Repair the following types of permanent facilities and infrastructure that provide direct support to a school's athletic programs. This list is not all-inclusive.

- Running track, tennis court re-surface or re-stripe
- Athletic field turfs and grasses; including infields
- Athletic field irrigation systems
- Athletic field drainage improvements; including adjacent support area(s)
- Athletic field / court fencing and backstops; layout monuments; fixed game infrastructure (goal posts, foul poles, goals w/ nets, tennis standards w/ nets, etc.); safety netting
- Athletic venue access – including ADA, pedestrian, emergency personnel / vehicle access

- Track and field event stations – runways, pits, launch pads, safety cages
- Athletic field, track, and tennis court lighting systems; interior lighting of gymnasiums and other indoor athletic spaces.
- Athletic field fixed PA and sound systems
- Field supporting amenities – dugouts, concessions, field house, ticket booth, restrooms, athletic equipment storage building, batting cages
- Bleachers and grandstands – permanently fixed (indoor or outdoor); including press box
- Event and safety padding / mats– high jump, wrestling; goal, wall, and fence impact protection
- Locker Rooms – including lockers, benches, finishes, ventilation
- Training Rooms – incl. equipment for treatment of sports-related injuries - ice making, whirlpool, etc.
- Gymnasium - flooring – incl. refinishing; permanently fixed basketball goals; sleeved volleyball systems
- Score Boards – fixed (indoor or outdoor)
- Commercial grade, athletic laundry equipment
- Equipment required to ensure the safety and welfare of athletes and patrons
- Removal of trees that have caused damage to athletic facilities or event surfaces (i.e. damage to athletic infrastructure) or hinder the safe performance of athletic activities
- Repair/renovation of, upgrades to interior and exterior facilities of Elementary Schools (through Grade 5) that accommodate student athletic/physical fitness activities, including multi-purpose rooms, play fields, and playgrounds

What types of expenditures are NOT eligible for K-12 Athletic Grant funding?

- Loose individual / team game equipment associated with athletic activities, incl. bats, balls, etc.
- Exercise equipment, incl. individual workout machines, weight machines, free weights, etc.
- Portable basketball goals; other moveable athletic practice equipment (indoor or outdoor)
- Field marking equipment
- Portable bleachers
- Team uniforms - incl. pants, jerseys, hats, helmets, pads, shoes, etc.
- Grounds-keeping/lawn mowing equipment
- Utility terrain vehicles (UTVs)
- Concessions stand food service equipment – ice machine, popcorn machine, cooking and warming equipment, refrigerators, etc.
- Residential grade appliances, washers & dryers

What if a proposed expenditure is not like one of those listed above?

A: Contact the School Planning Section of NCDPI at 984-236-2920.