



**U.S. MASTERS SWIMMING**  
**SWIMMING SAVES LIVES**  
**FOUNDATION**

**GRANT APPLICATION**

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**SWIMMING SAVES LIVES FOUNDATION GRANTS PROGRAM**

The USMS Swimming Saves Lives Foundation, established in 2010, focuses its resources on the vital lifesaving and lifetime benefits of swimming. In addition to drowning prevention, swimming has a positive impact on health conditions like obesity, cardiovascular disease and diabetes, which afflict millions of people in the U.S. The Swimming Saves Lives Foundation provides grants to programs that support the lifelong benefits of swimming.

The USMS Swimming Saves Lives Foundation shares the common promise that the intentions of our donors will forever be translated into meaningful, charitable purposes. In view of the fact that there is no other charitable or philanthropic national institution addressing the matters of concern to Masters Swimmers, the USMS Swimming Saves Lives Foundation is the right thing to address this need.

The USMS Swimming Saves Lives Foundation serves Masters Swimming in many ways. Donor advised funds may benefit a broad range of programs involving Masters Swimming or Masters Swimmers, at the discretion of the donor.

## **GRANT MAKING POLICIES**

1. Priority is given to programs and projects which expect to have a positive effect on USMS and its goals and objectives.
2. Grants are made to nonprofit organizations exempt from federal taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
3. Grants are generally given one time only for specific purposes and will not typically be awarded to provide annual operating expenses or support.
4. Grants are made with the understanding the USMS Swimming Saves Lives Foundation has no obligation or commitment to provide any additional support to the grantee.
5. The USMS Swimming Saves Lives Foundation operates without discrimination as to age, race, religion, sex, disability or national origin in the consideration of grant requests, and will award grants only to seekers which do not unlawfully discriminate as to age, race, religion, sex, disability or national origin.

## **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE APPLYING FOR A GRANT**

- ◆ Grants are not made to individuals, except in the form of scholarships.
- ◆ The USMS Swimming Saves Lives Foundation generally does not provide funding for projects which are considered part of a regular school curriculum.
- ◆ The USMS Swimming Saves Lives Foundation does not generally support travel for educational or other purposes.
- ◆ The USMS Swimming Saves Lives Foundation does not provide grants in support of any political campaign, or to support attempts to influence legislation of any governmental body other than through making available the results of nonpartisan analysis, study and research.

## **GRANT SELECTION CRITERIA**

In reviewing grant applications, the fund gives careful consideration to:

- ◆ the potential impact of the request and the number of people who will benefit;
- ◆ an imaginative and creative approach;
- ◆ the extent of volunteer involvement and support for the project;
- ◆ the commitment and capacity of the requesting organization's leadership to carry out the program or project;
- ◆ the degree to which the applicant works with or compliments the work of other organizations in an attempt to eliminate duplication of services and to encourage programs that enhance cooperation and collaboration among institutions within the the general field of Masters Swimming;
- ◆ the organization's fiscal responsibility and management qualifications;
- ◆ the possibility of using the grant as seed money for matching funds from other sources;
- ◆ the ability of the organization to obtain the necessary additional funding to implement the project; and,
- ◆ the ability of the organization to provide ongoing funding after the term of the grant as expired.

## **2011 GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE**

June 1, 2011 for award following the 2011 USMS Convention.

Please submit applications by June 1, 2011 to:

U.S. Masters Swimming  
Attention: Swimming Saves Lives Foundation  
655 North Tamiami Trail  
Sarasota, FL 34236

Please do not hesitate to contact Rob Butcher at 941-556-6270 or [rob@usms.org](mailto:rob@usms.org) with any questions. We are here to help you in any way possible.

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GRANT APPLICATION

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Name of Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

General objectives of the Organization:

For office use only:	Date received _____
	Assigned to sub-committee _____

Does your organization have tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain the number of individuals served by the organization:

Amount requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total cost of proposed project: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date the funds from this grant would be needed: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

How long has the organization been functioning? \_\_\_\_\_

How long has the program for which you request funds been in existence? \_\_\_\_\_

Is this grant to supplement an established program? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

# of full-time paid employees: \_\_\_\_\_ # of full-time paid employees: \_\_\_\_\_

Will this grant involve additional employees? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the organization directly affiliated with U.S. Masters Swimming?:

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Previous grant received from USMS :	Date	Amount
	_____	\$ _____
	_____	\$ _____
	_____	\$ _____
	_____	\$ _____

Other funding for the proposed project    Potential or committed    Amount

Please list the organizations major sources of support and the percent of the total each provides.

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>
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(To be signed by the President of the governing body and by individual to whom future questions and correspondence may be addressed):

Print Name: _____	Print Name: _____
Signature: _____	Signature: _____
Title: _____	Title: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____

## **Project Description**

Please answer the following questions using no more than two pages, single spaced, in twelve (12) point font, in the order listed. You are encouraged to be as specific as possible within the space allowed.

- Explain the project for which funds are requested and identify any not-for-profit partners with whom you will work to plan or implement the project;
- How did you become aware of, or identify the need for this project?
- How do you plan to evaluate the success of your project?
- What are your current thoughts on how this project might be sustained (if appropriate)?
- If USMS Swimming Saves Lives Foundation does not approve your request for funds, what alternative plan would you probably follow:
- Is there anything else you would like for us to know about this project?

## **Attachments and Submission Instructions:**

Submit one copy of your proposal via mail or e-mail to [rob@usms.org](mailto:rob@usms.org). If you would like to include supplemental information or attachments (number 9 from the list below), please feel free to include one copy of each attachment. Be advised that only items 1-6 will be seen by the Distributions Committee.

1. USMS Swimming Saves Lives Foundation Proposal Cover Form.
2. Project Description (should not exceed 2 pages, single spaced).
3. Detailed budget for the proposed project justifying the amount requested.
4. List of members of your governing body.
5. Most recent financial audit.
6. The organization's current year budget.
7. Copy of 501(c)(3) tax exemption ruling from Internal Revenue Service.
8. Prior income and expense statements for the project (except new projects).
9. Additional supporting documents (brochures, flyers, etc...)

**Mail to:** U.S. Masters Swimming  
Attention: USMS Swimming Saves Lives Foundation  
655 North Tamiami Trail  
Sarasota, FL 34236

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