

CARDINAL ATHLETIC FOUNDATION

Grant Process Overview

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

Cardinal Matching Grants

Grants will be evaluated twice per year and awarded based on available funds, request details, and CAF board approval. It is recommended that the applying coach or leader attend the appropriate monthly meeting (October or April) to present the request, answer any questions, and clearly outline the matching approach of the grant request.

Goal

The goal of Cardinal Matching Grants is to match school, community, and parental interest and investment in youth athletics by helping with the needs and requirements of the athletic programs. 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.

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/volunteer for CAF events such as concessions). It is the applying leader or coaches responsibility to outline, organize and execute the matching plan and approach for the approved grants. This approach supports the spirit of the grant approach by fostering partnership and teamwork for the kids and athletic programs.

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

1. Applying Organization
2. Target Audience
3. Grant Request
4. Financial Objectives
5. Influencing Factors
6. Alternatives Considered
7. Matching Proposal

Selection Committee

Grant requests will be reviewed and potentially approved by the Cardinal Athletic Matching Grant Selection Committee and Board of Directors 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
2. Greatest Likelihood of overall and sustainable Impact
3. Matching proposal and ability to match grant financial support

Submission Deadline

The deadline for semi-annual Grant Application is October 1st and April 1st each year-

Direct all completed application forms to:

mzuehlke@isd876.org

Cardinal Athletic Foundation Matching Grant Application

***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 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? (Dollar amount, volunteerism)

***Any Additional Information/Considerations**

We would really appreciate you attending the approval meeting.

Attending the meeting is very beneficial to us and increases your opportunity for approval. It is much easier to address questions in person. You would be able to provide background information on what the program is all about, who is involved, and what is needed to be successful.