



CHICAGO BEARS COMMUNITY ALL - PROS GRANT GUIDELINES

A. Introduction

The Chicago Bears Community All-Pros Grant program is a 2019 community outreach initiative to award a total of \$1,020,000 (a total of 10 grants in the amount of \$100,000 each, and a total of two (2) runner-up grants in the amount of \$10,000 each), to qualified charitable organizations to celebrate the Chicago Bears 100th season.

The Chicago Bears follows the National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities (NTEE) classification system and as part of this program shall solicit submissions from the following categories:

1. Arts, Culture, and Humanities
2. Education
3. Environment and Animal-Related
4. Health - (Health Care), (Mental Health & Crisis Intervention), (Health Associations), (Medical Research)
5. Human Services – (Crime & Legal-Related), (Employment), (Housing & Shelter), (Food, Agriculture & Nutrition), (Recreation & Sports) youth focused, (Youth Development)
6. Public, Societal Benefit – (Civil Rights, Social Action & Advocacy), (Community Improvement & Capacity Building), (Science & Technology), (Social Science), (Public & Societal Benefit)
7. W30 – Military/Veterans' Organizations

B. Eligibility

To be eligible for a Chicago Bears Community All Pros ("Community All-Pros") Grant, all organizations must meet the following criteria:

1. Have a mission consistent with the values of the Chicago Bears Football Club, Inc. Community Relations department.
2. Be a charitable organization currently recognized by the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") as a public charity under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"). Applicant may not have received notice or information that its IRS determination letter has been revoked, modified, suspended or superseded by IRS action.
3. Have a reputation for credibility and integrity.
4. Be a local qualified organization based in the State of Illinois or the Chicago Bears Home Marketing Area (HMA), or a national qualified organization with an office in Illinois or the HMA. For purposes of this section, the Chicago Bears Home Marketing Area is defined as the City of Chicago and the area within 75 miles in every direction from the exterior corporate limits of the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois.

Note: Multiple organizations from the same category as set forth in Section A above may be selected.

The following will not be eligible to apply:

1. Any organizations affiliated with current or former Chicago Bears employees (including players, coaches and staff) will not be eligible to apply.
2. Any organizations that have received over \$25,000 in grant or donations from the Chicago Bears, Bears Care, and any other related entities from the period beginning on March 1, 2018 and ending on February 28, 2019.
3. Any organizations that only award scholarships are not eligible to apply.
4. Corporate partnership or sponsorship charities are not eligible to apply.

C. Application Process

1. Organizations interested in seeking a Grant must submit the official application via the Bears100 Community All-Pros website at www.chicagobears.com/communityallpros.
2. This application must be completed by the organization requesting funding. It is not to be completed by a Chicago Bears employee or by an individual not officially associated with or employed by the applicant organization.
3. Documents that will be requested via the online application will include:
 - (a) IRS letter of determination indicating 501(c)(3) status
 - (b) Audited financials or a copy of 990 form
 - (c) Listing of Board of Directors and their affiliation
 - (d) Detailed line item budget for the specific program for which the funding is being requested. All funds being requested should be accounted for in the budget and must be within the grant guidelines.
4. As part of the application, each organization will be required to provide a brief example of how the organization has impacted a specific person or cause.

D. Monetary Grant Amount

There will be total of ten (10) Grants awarded in the amount of \$100,000 each. In addition, there will be a total of two (2) runner-up Grants in the amount of \$10,000 each.

E. Timeline

1. Submissions for grants will open on Monday, April 22, 2019 and shall close on Friday, May 31, 2019.
2. Notifications will take place by Wednesday, July 17, 2019. All applicants will be notified of their application status via email.
3. Funding of each grant will take place the week of the home game when the recipient organization is being recognized.

F. Review

1. A grant application will not be eligible for review until the following are submitted by the deadline above (1) the completed grant application and (2) all additional required documents. The Chicago Bears will only review/consider grant applications that are deemed complete, including all required supplemental documents, by 11:59 pm on May 31, 2019.
2. All grant applications will be subject to the Chicago Bears review of the organization and its activities and the organization's agreement to comply with the Chicago Bears Community All-Pros Grant Guidelines and Grant Agreement. The Chicago Bears reserve the right to decline funding to any organization based on the Chicago Bears' review of the organization and its activities.
3. All grant awards will be determined by the Chicago Bears. One of the ten (10) organizations will be determined by a final fan vote conducted by the Chicago Bears.

G. Final Report.

1. Within twelve (12) months of the date of the Grant, each grant recipient is required to submit a final report to the Chicago Bears specifying how the grant funding was utilized.