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## Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Grow the Game Grant Application Process 2025

**Introduction:** Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer is thrilled to announce the "Grow the Game Fund" for the year 2025. In collaboration with our esteemed partners, this initiative is designed to support projects at the local level, with a primary focus on fostering the long-term growth of soccer in the region. For this grant cycle, our major emphasis is on promoting inclusivity, belonging, and increased participation within the soccer community.

**Objectives:** The Grow the Game Fund seeks to achieve the following key objectives:

- **Inclusivity:** Encourage initiatives that embrace diversity, ensuring that soccer is accessible and welcoming to individuals of all backgrounds, abilities, and ages.
- **Belonging:** Foster a sense of belonging within the soccer community, creating an environment where every participant feels valued, respected, and an integral part of the sport.
- **Participation:** Increase overall participation by supporting projects that attract and retain players, coaches, referees, and administrators, particularly focusing on those who may face barriers to entry.

### Grant Cycle

December 1, 2024 - Application open

December 31, 2024 - Application deadline

February 2025 - Awards announced at AGM

You will need the following information in order to move forward with your Grow the Game Grant application. Please review carefully before beginning or submitting your application.

**\*Incomplete grant applications will not be processed**

### Step 1: Grant Cover Sheet Questions

- Organization Name & Organization President
- Is your club/organization a current member of Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer?
- Has your club/organization received a grant from Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer in the last (3) years?

- Number of children served by your organization in the 2023-24 season.
- Percentage of children served by your organization on free and reduced lunch.
- Levels of play this grant will affect.
  - Intramural – in house program
  - Recreational
  - TOPSoccer
  - Travel
- Grant proposal overview
  - Coaching Education
  - Referee Education
  - Increasing Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging
  - Program development (increasing enrollment in a current program)
  - Other
- Number of additional children that will be served by your organization in 2025 because of this grant?
- Primary Contact for Applicant
  - Name
  - Address
  - Phone number
  - Email
  - Name of Grant Project/ Program
  - Total dollar amount requested
  - Brief summary of the project (Less than 100 words)

## **Step 2: Grant Application**

- Please provide a written narrative describing the program or activity for which you are seeking funds. (Full written narrative explaining how the program will work and what is the plan to keep the program running after money from the grant is gone.)
- Budget Proposal (showing what the money will be spent on. Please include full program budget)
- Please provide details on any portion of requested funding to be matched by the applicant or alternative sources of funding.
- List of names and primary affiliations of the organizations Board of Directors
- Organization's Employer Identification Number (EIN or "Tax ID")

## **Step 3: Letters of Recommendation (Optional)**

- Up to 3 Letters of Recommendation