Request for Proposals
Basketball Court Refurbishment Program

Overview
The National Basketball Players’ Association/LA84 Foundation Court Refurbishment Program is designed to provide safe, fun spaces for youth ages 6 -17 to play basketball in the communities where they live, go to school, and play. As a part of the legacy of the 2018 NBA All-Star game in Los Angeles, the National Basketball Players’ Association (NBPA) has made a commitment to provide a total of $150,000 of grant funding for local communities. The LA84 Foundation will manage the grant process and distribution of Program funds to local organizations. Individual grants of up to $25,000 will be available for capital improvement projects focused on basketball court refurbishment and renovation.

NBPA and LA84 recognize the importance of structured play and sports as a key part of youth development, supporting social emotional wellness, physical health, and academic success. Too often, opportunities to play are based on family income and zip-code – we call this the Play Equity gap. Both organizations are working to close that gap with this program by increasing the number of courts and improving the quality of existing facilities that are available to kids and families in their own communities.

Because equity and opportunity are at the forefront of this Program, important factors in evaluating proposals will include:
- The degree of public access to the courts
- The level of activity and the presence of quality youth basketball programs and partnerships that are available at the court location
- The condition of existing courts and the improvements that would be needed to ensure an optimal play experience for youth
- Demonstration of community need where the courts are located

Use of Funds
Eligible applicants may submit requests of up to $25,000 for capital projects focused on indoor or outdoor courts, which may include: installation/refurbishment of basketball court flooring, court resurfacing, hoops, nets, backboards, scoreboards, bleachers, fencing, gym dividers, or wall/post pads. Up to 10% of grant funds may be allocated for ongoing maintenance of facilities.

Eligibility Criteria
- Applicant organization must be certified as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the US Internal Revenue Code, and is not a private foundation, as defined in section 509(a) of that code
• Courts/facility must be located in Los Angeles, Riverside, or San Bernardino County.
• Applicant organization may be a community-based organization, municipal agency, school district, or network of schools serving neighborhoods where a majority of the residents are low and moderate-income families and individuals.
  ➢ In order for schools to be eligible, they must demonstrate that the surrounding community has access to utilize the courts and facilities through existing joint-use agreements or other formal documentation
  ➢ Universities and colleges are not eligible to apply for funding
• Applicants must have an existing youth basketball program, or partner with an organization to offer youth basketball programming
• Applicants must have at least one full-time staff person
• Applicant organization/youth basketball program must have a written policy that addresses its commitment to keep children safe from sexual abuse by preventing, recognizing, and responding to situations both on and off the playing field that in any way compromises their safety. View: A Resource Guide on Preventing Child Sexual Abuse in Youth Sports

**Required Documents (to be submitted in the online application)**

- IRS 501 (c) (3) determination letter
- Current annual operating budget for the organization
- Most recent IRS 990 Tax form
- Most recent audited financial statement (If audited financials are not available, then the last two years of balance sheets, profit/loss statements and statement of cash flows will be required.)
- List of Board of Directors (name, affiliation/occupation)
- Project budget for renovations/construction of the basketball court
- Financing commitment letters from other funding sources for the project, if applicable
- Projected three-year maintenance budget and plan to maintain court surfaces and facility improvements (a sample plan can be found in the online application)

Proposals are due Friday, June 14, 2019
Please read the complete RFP before submitting a proposal
The online application may be accessed at this link: Court Refurbishment Grant Application

If you have questions regarding this RFP, please email grants@la84.org or call 323-730-4620.