

More Than \$267 Million Awarded in Grants Since 1990

The NRA Foundation provides financial support to eligible projects, programs and organizations through its Grant Program. Each year, volunteer committees from across the country tirelessly raise charitable dollars and generous donors make gifts that are in turn awarded as grants in support of educational and public service programs relating to the shooting sports in our communities.

The general focus of Foundation grants is to:

- Promote, advance and encourage firearms, shooting sports and hunting safety
- Educate individuals with respect to firearms, firearms history, participation in the shooting sports, hunting safety, and marksmanship
- Conduct research in furtherance of improved firearms safety and marksmanship facilities and techniques

Guidelines for Grant Application Submission

Eligible Applicants

An applicant may be an incorporated nonprofit organization, 501(c) entity, or government agency that possesses a unique Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) issued by the Internal Revenue Service. Eligible organizations or groups may apply for a NRA Foundation State Fund Committee grant for a qualifying project or activity. Eligibility and funding amount are determined solely by the Foundation.

Applicants shall not discriminate against any member, person, or other user of its facilities or equipment on the basis of age, race, color, sex, or national origin. Applicants are not required to be members of or have association with the NRA to receive funds under this grant program.

If you have questions as to whether a project or program qualifies for funding, please send a written summary of your proposal to grantprogram@nrahq.org.

Ineligible Applicants

The following organizations are NOT eligible for grants:

1. Labor organizations
2. State Fund Committees
3. Friends of NRA Committees
4. Private businesses and enterprises, including LLCs.
5. Other organizations or groups that have not been assigned a Federal Employer Identification Number by the Internal Revenue Service.
6. Individuals

Projects/Activities Eligible for Funding

Grant requests must conform to, and foster the purposes in, The NRA Foundation's Articles of Incorporation and mission statement. These purposes are as follows:

1. To promote, advance, and encourage firearms, the shooting sports, and hunting safety.
2. To educate individuals, including the youth of the United States, with respect to firearms, firearms history, participation in the shooting sports,

hunting safety, and marksmanship, as well as with respect to other subjects that are of importance to the well being of the general public.

3. To conduct research in furtherance of improved firearms safety and marksmanship facilities and techniques.
4. To support activities of the National Rifle Association of America, but only to the extent that such activities are in furtherance of charitable, educational, or scientific purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code which includes activities that are charitable, educational, or foster National or International sports competition.
5. If your organization is not recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) entity, the project or activity for which you seek funding must provide a public benefit equal to or in excess of the amount sought. For example, if you seek funding to conduct a Woman on Target event or to support a youth league, both of which are open to the public, the public benefit is clear. Public benefit may also be shown by qualified groups benefiting from the project or activity. For example, a project or activity that provides a benefit equal to or in excess of the amount sought to the Boy Scouts, a school, a local law enforcement agency, a veterans group, a church, or other qualified groups may meet this requirement – a requirement likely easier met when your organization provides free access to such groups, as our applicants generally do. Similarly, projects or activities that further amateur sports competitions may meet the public benefit requirement. Please note, however, that simply being open to the public, and charging the public for use, does not provide a public benefit. That is what a business does.

Special Note About Requests for Trap Machines

Certain trap machines are considered range improvements. These are considered to be commercial grade and are designed to be a permanent fixture at a range (regardless of their portability). The following machines are considered to be range improvements:

Promatic

Club 275 ATA
Super Sporter
PRO ATA Set
Chondel/Rabbit
Ranger

Atlas

AT-400
Teal/Chandelle
Trio Field Simulator

Other similar machines to those listed above will also be considered range improvements.

*FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT RANGE GRANT APPLICATIONS,
PLEASE SEE THE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR RANGE GRANTS.*

Restrictions on Funding

The following activities or projects are not eligible for funding:

1. Deficit financing (payment for something already purchased or reimbursement for an event that has already taken place)
2. Projects for commercial ventures, i.e., private businesses

3. Projects that require membership in the NRA or in the applying club or group (NOTE: Organizations may be private or open only to members, PROVIDED that the project or activities for which funding is sought is open to the public. Documentation must demonstrate this public benefit to be eligible for funding.)
4. Organizations or groups that have not submitted final reports for previously awarded grants
5. Administrative fees, office overhead, advertising, or other similar charges
6. Multi-year funding of projects. Requests must be submitted for consideration each year for that year's costs
7. Raffle items or prizes
8. Landscaping or related equipment (lawnmowers, tractors, weed eaters, snowblowers, etc.)
9. Duty ammunition for law enforcement (only training ammunition can be funded)
10. Archery only requests (archery programs may only be considered if they are part of an overarching shooting program OR part of the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP))

If funds are awarded in one year there is no guarantee of funding in subsequent years.

Completing the Application

1. All applications must be submitted using the online NRA Foundation Grant Application. All requested information and documentation must be provided at the time of submission to ensure that your application moves smoothly through the consideration process.

2. Grant applications must be received by the Foundation prior to 11:59 PM EST on the application deadline set for that state.
3. You will receive an email notice confirming the successful submission of your proposal. The primary contact on the grant application should add grantprogram@nrahq.org to their contact list or address book.
4. All correspondence regarding the grant application is done by email.
5. Required Documentation
 - a. Complete, Signed and Dated IRS W-9 Form, no more than two years old
 - b. Organization Bylaws or Code of Conduct
 - c. Financial Statement: operating budget, treasurer's report, previous year's Form 990 or similar, income and expenditure report, recent checking account statement, etc.
 - d. Organization Board: Chain of Command, list of officers, etc.
 - e. Proof of nonprofit status for you or your sponsoring organization
 - i. Articles of Incorporation (if your organization is not government or a 501(c) entity) **OR**
 - ii. IRS 501(c) Determination letter, if your organization has a 501(c) IRS tax classification.

Review and Approval Process

1. Applications submitted to the NRA Foundation will be reviewed for completeness, eligibility, and compliance with IRS and Foundation Policies.
2. Applications are then forwarded to the State Fund Committee for which the application was submitted. State Fund Committees consider applications based on application merit, funding availability, and program areas on which the committee wishes to focus.

3. Applications are either recommended for funding or declined by the State Fund Committee.
4. Once applications have been recommended for funding by the State Fund Committee, the NRA Foundation will conduct a final review process. If additional information or documentation is needed to complete this process, the applicant will be contacted via email. Applicants that make it through this process require final approval by the NRA Foundation's Board of Trustees. After final approval, the Grant Department will notify the applicant via email of the grant award.

Final Report Requirements

1. All organizations or groups awarded grants by the Foundation must complete the online Final Report, detailing and accounting for how grant funds were spent.
2. Final reports will be due within 30 days of the project end date or November 1 of the grant award year, whichever comes first.
3. For grants made by check, copies of receipts or paid invoices for items purchased with grant funds must be included.
4. Grant funds may only be expended in furtherance of the project documented on the grant application.
5. Any unused funds must be returned to the Foundation and may not be retained for other use.
6. Failure to submit the Final Report on a timely basis or expending grant funds for purposes other than those for which they were sought will preclude the award of further grants to the grant recipient.
7. In addition, the Foundation reserves the right to and will demand return of grant funds not spent for the purposes for which the grant was awarded.

Such demand may include the initiation of legal proceedings, where appropriate, to recover misused funds.

Unused grant funds must be returned to the Foundation so that they may be made available to other applicants in future grant cycles. Please return unused funds via check made out to the NRA Foundation, Inc., note the grant reference number, and mail to:

NRA Foundation Grants
11250 Waples Mill Road
Fairfax, VA 22030

Additional Requirements for Range Grant Applications

Range Improvement Projects

The following guidelines are for organizations that are seeking funding to support a range improvement project. These guidelines are in addition to the requirements set in the General Grant Guidelines.

Any request to support a project that seeks to improve a facility would be considered a range improvement. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Berm improvements
- Clubhouse/Classroom facility improvements

- Shelter structures/covered firing lines/pavilions
- Road improvements
- Commercial-grade trap machines (See special note below)
- Any other permanent improvement to your organization's property or facility

If you are applying for a grant to support any projects similar to the ones listed above, you must complete and submit the Range Grant Application.

**Please note that requests for items such as portable shooting points, like those used by JROTC units for air rifle training, are not considered range improvements and should be made using the General Grant Application.*

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Special Guidelines for Range Improvement Applications

Applications from organizations seeking funding to support range improvement projects will be evaluated and treated in the same manner as general grant applications. However, range grant applications typically undergo additional scrutiny to ensure that the project meets Foundation policies and IRS regulations.

1. Applicants for range improvements/developments must supply a copy of the deed or lease for the land on which the club or range is located.
2. Proposed projects must promote an allowable 501(c)(3) purpose. Applications from clubs or ranges requesting improvements must demonstrate how the proposed project will benefit qualified groups, such as the Boy Scouts, schools, or local law enforcement, or benefit the public at large.
3. If your organization is not recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) entity, the project or activity for which you seek funding must provide a public benefit equal to or in excess of the amount sought. For example, if you seek funding to conduct a Woman on Target event or to support a youth league, both of which are open to the public, the public benefit is clear. Public benefit may also be shown by qualified groups benefiting from the project or activity. For example, a project or activity that provides a benefit equal to or in excess of the amount sought to the Boy Scouts, a school, a local law

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LETTERS FROM BENEFITTING ORGANIZATIONS

1. Applications for range or club improvements must contain letters from benefitting nonprofit organizations, such as the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, 4-H, FFA, law enforcement, ROTC or other military units, recognized charities, governmental entities, or other 501(c)(3) or equivalent organizations, demonstrating how those organizations will benefit from this grant and that the improvements sought are necessary and required for those organizations to continue to use, or get more use out of, the facilities.
2. Applicants must provide a minimum of **three (3)** such letters detailing the public benefit or the application for funding will be denied. Applicants are encouraged to provide a letter from each such nonprofit organization that uses the facilities.
3. The more an applicant demonstrates the public benefit, the easier it will be to approve the grant.

Letters from clubs or ranges that describe how the project will benefit club members, NRA members, or potential members will be disregarded and you will be requested to provide additional documentation to prove public benefit.