



**TAR HEEL LEAGUES, INC.
COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE FUND**

Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. Community Assistance Fund is the relationship between Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. and our affiliated communities. The Community Assistance Fund signifies the commitment we have to support and stand by our affiliated communities both on and off the playing field. Our mission is to harness the power of sport to improve the lives of children and families through targeted human needs, programs, partnerships, and philanthropic giving.

Distribution of funds is limited to within communities with Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. sanctioned softball and/or baseball leagues.

Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. Community Assistance Fund generally provides grants in the amounts of between \$250 and \$1000 for charitable purposes. At its discretion, the Tar Heel leagues, Inc. Board of Directors and Executive Committee may also consider funding requests for greater or lesser amounts.

Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. Community Assistance Fund seeks to build on Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. affiliated communities' needs through the responsible stewardship of given funds.

Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. will only consider funding requests that are tied to a specific project, need, or concern.

Individuals and organizations are limited to one (1) approved grant funding request per calendar year.

A funding request will be submitted to the respective District Director and, then is reviewed and considered by the full Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. Board of Directors.

Any Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. Board member may submit a funding request. These types of requests being submitted directly to the Executive Committee.

If a funding request is approved and awarded, the funded individual/organization will be required to submit both final accounting and narrative reports on the use of its grant and its impact.

The Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. Community Assistance Fund will only consider support for programs and needs that serve affiliated communities. The following types of funding will be considered:

- Grants to support services to affiliated communities with priority given to children and youth services, elderly services, disaster relief, human services, healthcare/wellness services, and basic human needs.

- Organizational development grants including capital expenses, facilities, or equipment for affiliated youth softball and baseball leagues.

- Grants to support community events that promote civic pride and a sense of community.

Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. Community Assistance Fund will not support:

- Fundraising campaigns and expenses
- Salaries
- Lobbying, electioneering, and activities of a political nature.
- Advertising
- Individuals and/or organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, sex, gender, or nationality.
- Annual giving campaigns
- Religious purposes
- Endowment funds
- Deficit funding or debt retirement
- One-time events such as exhibits or performances
- Programs/activities taking place before a funding decision is made.
- Expenses incurred before a funding decision is made.