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SPORTS & EXHIBITION AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH AND ALLEGHENY COUNTY

SPORTS COMMISSION

SPORTS EVENT FUNDING (SEF) PROGRAM

July 2023 Grant Award Announcement

PITTSBURGH, PA: – The Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County (“SEA”) and its Sports Commission have announced that it will award a total of \$775,000 to sixteen (16) organizations through their Sports Event Funding (“SEF”) Program. This program provides financial assistance to support major sporting events that provide significant economic impact to Allegheny County, with substantial hotel occupancy and tourism spending. Eligible events include athletic or Esports events, whether professional or amateur, that are regulated and sanctioned by a regional, national, or international organization or association. Funding of up to \$75,000 is available in the form of a grant or loan, and the event must occur within two years of the application date.

The following sporting events were awarded grants:

IT'S ABOUT THE WARRIOR FOUNDATION HEROES CUP HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

A veterans’ hockey tournament to be held May 17, 2024 through May 19, 2024, at the Robert Morris University Island Sports Center. Grant amount - \$30,000

BREAK THE CHAINS WRESTLING TOURNAMENTS

Two amateur youth wrestling tournaments, Battle in the Burgh to be held Saturday, September 2, 2023, and West Penn Duals to be held Saturday, November 11, 2023 through Sunday, November 12, 2023, at the Monroeville Convention and Events Center. Grant amount - \$30,000

MACCABI USA NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION

National tryouts to be held July 11, 2024 through July 14, 2024, at various locations in Allegheny County. Grant amount - \$75,000

PITTSBURGH THREE RIVERS DICK'S SPORTING GOODS MARATHON

Marathon to be held May 3, 2024 through May 5, 2024, on the streets of Pittsburgh. Grant amount - \$50,000

WESTERN PA BRUINS SPRING TIP-OFF

Girls' basketball competition to be held April 12, 2024 through April 14, 2024, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. Grant amount - \$75,000



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IWKA World Karate Championships 2024

Karate competition to be held August 1, 2024 through August 4, 2024, at the Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown. Grant amount – 45,000

PREMIER RUGBY SEVENS STEEL CITY EVENT

Rugby competition event to be held July 15, 2024 through July 21, 2024, at the Highmark Stadium. Grant amount - \$75,000

PITTSBURGH CURLING CLUB BONSPIELS SERIES

Curling competition, five (5) bonspiels, to be held October 19, 2023 through June 9, 2024, at the Pittsburgh Curling Club. Grant amount - \$10,000

PITTSBURGH THREE RIVERS EQT PITTSBURGH 10 MILER

10-mile race to be held November 5, 2023, on the streets of Pittsburgh. Grant amount - \$45,000

USCAA SMALL COLLEGE SOCCER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's and women's Division I and II collegiate soccer national championships to be held November 16, 2023 through November 20, 2023, at the Montour Junction Sports Complex and Highmark Stadium. Grant amount - \$70,000

THREE RIVERS ROWING ASSOCIATION HEAD OF THE OHIO REGATTA

Competitive rowing regatta to be held October 7, 2023 through October 8, 2023, at Washington's Landing and Allegheny River. Grant amount - \$20,000

THE BORDER BATTLE ALL-STAR BASKETBALL CLASSIC

High school all-star basketball competition to be held April 27, 2024 at North Allegheny High School in Allegheny County. Grant amount - \$10,000

THE FIRST ROBOTICS COMPETITION GREATER PITTSBURGH REGIONAL

Robotics competition to be held February 28, 2024 through March 2, 2024, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. Grant amount - \$75,000

NAIGC NATIONALS 2025

National gymnastics competition to be held April 2, 2025 through April 5, 2025, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. Grant amount - \$75,000

SUPER SERIES AAA EPCS/PITTSBURGH SHOWCASE HOCKEY TOURNAMENTS

Two hockey tournaments to be held January 5, 2024 through January 7, 2024, at Alpha Ice Complex and Ice Castle Arena. Grant amount - \$60,000



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THE PITTSBURGH OPEN SQUASH TOURNAMENT

Professional and amateur squash tournament to be held February 7, 2024 through February 11, 2024, at the Rivers Club. Grant amount - \$30,000

Funding for the program is provided by the Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund. The next 2023 round of SEF applications will be accepted approximately December 15, 2023 through January 15, 2024. Program guidelines and submission information are available on the SEA website at <http://www.pgh-sea.com/index.php?path=sef>.

ABOUT THE SPORTS & EXHIBITION AUTHORITY (SEA)

As a joint authority for the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County, the SEA provides venues for sporting, entertainment, educational, cultural, civic, and social events to improve the quality of public life. The SEA owns and leases PNC Park, Acrisure Stadium, and PPG Paints Arena, and owns and operates David L. Lawrence Convention Center. The SEA also owns parking facilities, public parks, development parcels, and various associated infrastructure improvements. For more information about the SEA, visit: <http://www.pgh-sea.com/>.

ABOUT THE SEA SPORTS COMMISSION

The SEA established the Sports Commission for the purpose of assisting the region in attracting and growing its competitive position in the sports event market. The Sports Commission, a five-member board, evaluates the financial, business, and public impact of proposals for Sports Event Funding and provides recommendations for funding to the SEA Board. For more about the Sports Commission, visit: <http://www.pgh-sea.com/index.php?path=ssc-formation>.