

SPMS/USMS COVID-19 RELIEF GRANTS

Applications Due September 30

USMS has developed a framework that may provide USMS clubs and workout groups with grant money to help resume operations as appropriate in their area, based on local, state, and federal guidelines. The money will be available from two sources: LMSC grant funding and USMS matching grants. These funds are intended to support clubs with financial needs to help clubs get restarted but it is recognized they are unlikely to meet all needs.

SPMS has been granted approval from USMS for its grant funding proposal. In line with USMS recommendations, SPMS has established a preliminary budget of \$30,000. Grant funding will be needs-based and available to clubs and workout groups with a business tax ID who were in the USMS registration database on or before May 31, 2020. There is additional important eligibility information on the USMS webpage (link/URL provided below). Gold Clubs and clubs that host meets or other events available to SPMS members may be eligible for additional funds. Which clubs/workout groups request grants and how much they receive will remain confidential; however, we will disclose the final grant total by the end of the year.

SPMS adopted the USMS unified fee in 2020, making our LMSC eligible for a higher rate of matching funds. USMS will match LMSC funds up to \$6 per registered USMS member per club and up to \$10 per registered USMS member per USMS registered Gold Club. Funding is based on USMS registrations as of May 31, 2020.

The SPMS grant application can be found on SPMasterSwim.org. Grant applications must be submitted on or before September 30, 2020. The SPMS Grants Subcommittee will do an initial review of applications for completeness and request additional information if needed. Applicants are asked to respond to any such request promptly.

The Grants Subcommittee will review grant applications and supporting documentation, make funding decisions by October 31, and request USMS matching grants shortly thereafter.

Questions related to the SPMS grant program? First consult SPMasterSwim.Org. IF you need additional information, contact MemberAtLarge@SPMasterSwim.org. For additional information about the USMS matching grant framework please refer to <https://www.usms.org/volunteer-central/guide-to-local-operations/covid-19-volunteer-information/usms-covid-19-relief-program-for-club-framework>.