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HONOREE:

DC Scores

Organization Website:

<https://dcscores.org/>

Honoree Proposal Description:

DC SCORES is the flagship of national nonprofit America SCORES, which serves 10,000 students annually at more than 175 public and charter schools in 12 major cities.

They envision a DC where every child - no matter their family income - experiences the joys of childhood: sports, arts, service, and being part of a team.

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Women's Sports Foundation LOI Application: Due January 18th

The purpose of the Sports 4 Life Program is to create and expand developmental youth sports programs that serve African-American and Hispanic girls, ages 11 to 18 years old — research indicates these are the most underserved populations. Community partners will receive \$5,000 in funding for coaching, curriculum, equipment, uniforms, transportation, facility rental, tournaments and/or team-building activities. The goal of the program is to increase participation and retention of African-American and Hispanic girls in sports. To review the funding guidelines, click on Sports 4 Life Guidelines.

Program New or Expanding: Expanding

Program Name: DC SCORES Alumnae Team

Sports Offerings: Soccer

Total number of girls ages 11 to 18 expected to be served by your program: 30

Percentage of African-American and Hispanic girls expected to be served by your program: 100%

Program serves girls with disabilities?* No

If yes, please provide a brief overview. Character Limit: 750

N/A

Total amount of money needed for this program to be successful:* Character Limit: 20
\$15,000

Specific time period for funds being requested:* Please keep in mind that funding will not be disbursed until April or May and may not be used retroactively. Character Limit: 100

Funds will be used to support the 2019-2020 season, fall, summer and spring.

Character Count: 76

Total annual budget of your organization for the current year:* Character Limit: 20
2,822,047

Has your organization ever received a grant of any kind from the Women's Sports Foundation?* If yes, please list the date and amount of any previous grants your organization received from the Women's Sports Foundation. Character Limit: 250

DC SCORES has received Sports4Life funding three times. The first grant (2015) was used as seed money to establish the Alumnae Team program, and the second two grants (2016 & 2017) were used to expand participation and supports for interested girls.

Character Count: 249

Please describe your organization and the services it provides for girls.* Character Limit: 1000

Overview: DC SCORES is one of the largest non-profit youth development organizations in the District. The development of leadership skills through soccer prepares students to act as agents of change in their communities through service-learning projects. DC SCORES now provides year-round expanded learning programs for more than 2,800 K-8th graders in DC neighborhoods characterized by entrenched poverty.

Alumnae Team: Our Alumnae Team program provides female alumni from our core programming, which ends in 8th grade, with the chance to continue playing soccer with a team. Fewer than half of DCPS high schools offer varsity girls soccer teams, and we provide an opportunity for girls of color to play soccer despite the limitations of the schools or financial burdens that exist in joining a community team. We seek to give girls a team--especially low-income girls of color the opportunity to play soccer throughout their middle and high school careers.

Character Count: 958

Please describe the program you want funded.* Character Limit: 1000

Our Alumnae Team is designed to provide continuing soccer playing opportunities for low-income African American and Latina young women. Our strong relationships with families and students make DC SCORES a trusted partner to keep girls in the game.

Our Alumnae Team will play for 8 weeks in the spring, 6 weeks in the summer and 8 weeks in the fall of 2019. We currently provide a team of 30 girls with one weekly 90-minute practice, one weekly game and full team participation and coaching for one soccer tournament.

Young women who choose to play for the Alumnae Team have a deep understanding of our sport-based youth development approach, using soccer as a tool to develop Teamwork, Leadership, and Commitment. Alumnae Team members are veterans of our elementary / middle school programs -- they return to play with us because they know they are part of a DC SCORES "family."

Character Count: 875

What strategies do you use for the engagement and the retention of girls?* Character Limit: 1000

Team members are recruited from our alumnae pool, which consists of high school girls who attended one of our 55 elementary/middle school/rec center sites. We have active contact with ~150 girls who identify as DC SCORES alumnae. In terms of retention, our girls are coming to SCORES to continue a program they've known and loved for 6 years.

The Alumnae Team will provide a group of 30 girls with the opportunity to continue their soccer play throughout high school. Our participants have consistently reported high levels of self-esteem and confidence in attitudinal surveys. Alumnae Team coaches have received extensive training in positive youth development and soccer coaching. DC SCORES continues to work with the local school system to fight for institutionalized access to high-quality soccer leagues -- and we work with local schools, clubs, & the Open Goal Project to help our girls develop as individual players via additional teams, camps, and training.

Character Count: 964

What are your greatest areas of need for support? (Up to three)* Character Limit: 1000

1. Coaches: We are currently able to support 30 girls on our alumnae team with one coach. With funding for additional coaches, we could increase our program size fielding more teams around the city. Additional funding to train coaches would support a broader recruitment of coaches and higher quality coaches that would elevate our ability to best support the girls soccer development by creating new teams and establishing a better ratio of coaches to girls.
2. Leadership/SEL development: Girls in the program experience the benefits of teamwork and the positive identity development that is an outcome of playing on a team. However, there is a need for a more focused approach to supporting these girls in building their leadership skills and supporting positive social emotional development. Research shows the significance of creating environments for youth where there is a safe space to play and build relationships with peers and coaches, and this could be explicitly tied into the programming.

Character Count: 996

Please describe your organization's partnerships that demonstrate your involvement in the community.* Character Limit: 1000

DC SCORES has an expansive portfolio of partnerships that allow us to better serve our participants while facilitating our involvement with the DC Community. DC SCORES is the official community partner of D.C. United, providing countless opportunities for us and our students, including a designated section for our students to watch games for no cost, D.C.

United players running clinics and working with our students, and access to Audi Field for events and games.

DC SCORES has over 50 corporate partners, which support our programming in many ways, including fully funding eight of our schools; programs. We also have partnerships with D.C. Stoddert Soccer, which waives registration for our Alumnae Teams, with DC Public and Charter Schools, which allows us to build pipelines of young girls to play on our alumnae teams, and with Open Goal Project, which provides additional wrap-around supports for talented soccer players to help them ride their talent to college and beyond.

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