

SOUTHERN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Development Grants

2025 – 2026 Season



The purpose of the SAHA Hockey Grant Program is to assist the member associations within SAHA in retaining current members, increasing participation and promoting hockey development within Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee. **All Member Associations within SAHA are eligible to apply.**

The SAHA Grant Committee will review the grant requests and submit the final list to the Board of Directors for approval. Grants **(in the form of Goalie Development, Learn To Play Hockey, School Visits or Special Needs)** will be awarded to member associations that offer the best plan(s) for:

- Growth of participation for players ages 4 – 8 within the Affiliate
- Retention of players age 4-8 within the Affiliate
- Promotion of growth of Disabled Hockey or Girls/Women's hockey within the Affiliate
- Implementation of the ADM
- Promotion of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in hockey within the Affiliate

We are looking for applicants to furnish the ideas, leadership and hard work to successfully retain and manage their program and to help grow the sport of hockey within our Affiliate. An example of proposals/ideas that we would consider include requests for starter equipment. We are looking for the Associations to offer innovative ideas to bring more players into hockey.

Grant recipients will be asked to report their results to the SAHA Membership Growth Committee so the effectiveness of each program can be tracked and the ideas that are successful can be shared with other organizations within the Affiliate. Grant recipients will be required to submit a written report no later than March 1 and also agree to register all participants in their program with USA Hockey.

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TIMELINE FOR GRANT PROGRAM

Oct. 1, 2025 Grant Applications Due

Nov. 1, 2025 Grant Applications reviewed by Affiliate Membership Growth Committee and recommendations submitted to Affiliate Board.

Dec. 1, 2025 Notification sent to successful applicants with details about equipment deliveries, etc. Unsuccessful applicants also notified.

March 1, 2026 Final report along with any receipt and documentation due from grant recipients. Balance of Grant Award paid upon receipt of final report.

Grant Applications can be submitted by email to:

Kevin Cook

membership@sahaonline.org

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete the Grant Application Form
2. On a separate sheet/page provide an overview of your organization for the past 2 seasons – programs offered, ice facilities used, number of USA Hockey registered participants at the different USA Hockey age levels, and any additional information on the organization that would assist the Committee in evaluating your application.
3. Provide a description of the program covered by your Grant application including
 - Program Overview
 - Program Goals/Impact
 - Target Audience
 - Program Budget
 - Ice Rink Involvement
 - Any marketing/promotion plans
 - Program Implementation including Association members and coaches (including CEP level) responsible for the program and timeline for implementation of program.
 - Plans to continue growth and retention generated by the program

FINAL REPORT

No later than March 1st following award of the Grant, the Association is required to submit a written report discussing how the grant award was spent and providing receipts/bills to document the use of the grant award. The final report should cover the success and limitations of the program and discuss how the Association plans to use accomplishments of the program to continue the growth and retention of hockey within their Association. Failure to submit follow-up reports will result in the association being ineligible to receive future grants.

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*Goalie development	8 grants	Clubs get 2 sets of quick change pads, 1 try goalie for free clinic	Clubs commit to provide coaches to assist with a try goalie for free clinic	Approximate cost of each grant = \$1,000	8 grants = \$8,000
Special Needs	8 grants	You determine the need and the cost. Estimate \$3,000	Commit to full report on the effectiveness of the grant	Approximate cost of each grant = \$3,000	8 grants = \$24,000
*School visits/ floor hockey	4 grants	Clubs \$500 to purchase sets of floor hockey equipment	Clubs commit to THFF, commit to 3 school visits/year	Approximate cost of each grant = \$500	4 grants = \$2,000
Safe Sport	10 grants	Clubs receive \$500 to offset the cost of safe sport training	Clubs submit receipts for coach/volunteer reimbursements	Cost of each grant = \$500	10 grants = \$5,000
*LTPH	10 grants	Clubs get \$3,600 (2x6x\$300) to offset cost of ice	Clubs commit to 2 x 6 week LTPH program	Approximate cost of each grant = \$3,600	10 grants = \$36,000
*THFF	10 grants	Clubs get \$500 to offset the cost of ice	Clubs commit to providing documentation about the number of players attending and transitioned	Cost of each grant = \$500	10 grants = \$5,000
Growth Excellence	1 grant	\$5,000	Highest growth rate at 8U	Cost of each grant	1 grant = \$5,000
	34 grants				Total = \$85,000

NEW GRANT FOR 2025-2026 - \$5,000 FOR GROWTH EXCELLENCE

The SAHA association that demonstrated the highest percentage of growth at 8U, not less than 10%, season over season, will receive a check for \$5,000 to continue their growth efforts.

Grants marked with an * denote DE&I focused grants designed to promote diversity, equity and inclusion in the SAHA affiliate by providing access to the game to groups that have previously not been likely to participate. See separate listing for other DE&I specific grants.