



Historically Black Colleges and University (HBCU) Grant FAQ

- **What is the HBCU Grant?**
 - The HBCU Grant is a yearly renewable grant awarded in \$5,000 increments, up to \$10,000. This grant is aimed at revitalizing aquatic programming within diverse communities.
- **Who receives a \$5,000 grant vs a \$10,000 grant?**
 - HBCUs who do not have and are interested in starting a youth water safety lesson program can qualify for a \$5,000 grant. An additional \$5,000 may be awarded to HBCUs interested in starting or have an existing university-based swim club.
- **Who is eligible to apply for the HBCU grant?**
 - Federally recognized Historically Black Colleges and Universities interested in starting, maintaining, or expanding their aquatic programming are eligible to apply. HBCUs must meet one of the following criteria:
 - HBCUs interested in starting youth water safety lessons;
 - HBCUs with existing university-based clubs; or
 - HBCUs interested in starting university-based swim clubs.
- **My club was selected as a grant recipient! What next?**
 - First, congratulations on being awarded a grant and thank you for the impact you are making in our sport and in your community! Now that you are selected, we will confirm your W-9 and send you a Letter of Agreement (LOA) which must be signed by the club representative. Once the club's W-9 has been confirmed and we have received your signed LOA, we will either mail you a check or direct deposit the grant funds.
- **What can we use the HBCU grant funding for?**
 - Yes! All USA Swimming club members are eligible and encouraged to apply for the Community Impact Grant. Grants have previously been awarded to clubs who did not fall into the prioritization list but demonstrated positive impact in their communities.
- **What can we use the Community Impact Grant funding for?**
 - Grant dollars must be utilized directly towards competitive swimming or youth learn to swim costs. Outside of these parameters, grant dollars are unrestricted.