

Player Assistance Funding - Process

Demonstrable Need

The base of player assistance is to be able to quantify a demonstrable need to the point that it allows the Executive to approve a disbursement of association funds to an individual player. To that end the parent is required to make the request for assistance in writing and the request's merits will be judged on the following criteria;

The following information regarding need is required;

- specific to an extraordinary event,
- short or long term in nature,
- can the actual cost of the need be reduced through other methods,
- can the assistance be in the form of a loan,
- can the need be resolved at some future point,
- outline previous participation in team and association fund raising activities,
- Brief description of how this one-time assistance ensures that there are not similar issues in future and or description of long term need.

The Executive Assistance Committee may ask for additional financial background and other relevant information as it sees fit. Upon concluding a complete review the Executive Assistance Committee will provide a written recommendation to the full board. This recommendation is to be kept in confidence until the applicant has had an opportunity to verbally state his or her case to the full board. After the applicant has stated his/her case the Executive Committee will discuss the request and consider the Committee's recommendation.

Quantifying the Need

It is the Executive Committees obligation to quantify the need and rationalize into the context of the request to that the board will consider the following;

- the completeness of the written request,
- validity of requested need assistance, (That the identified need is something the board would consider providing assistance)
- the Committee recommendation,
- the positive impact of the family in the association,
- previous participation in team and association fund raising,
- extraordinariness of the request,
- The likely hood of future needs.

The board will 1st vote after the verbal presentation by the applicant and the Assistance Committee's presentation regarding the completeness and a validity of the request. This vote will verify the request is complete and a valid request. The board can approve or return back to the applicant the request as incomplete or is not valid.

If the board approves the completeness and validity of the request it will then review the request with respect to the positive impact of the family in the association, previous

participation in team and association fund raising, extraordinariness of the request, the likelihood of future needs. The board will once again vote as to continue to review the request or return it back to the applicant as not meeting the Association's best interest.

If approved at this point, the Assistance Committee will make its recommendation to the board for approval.

Underlying Intent

The applicant only has to deal with the 3 person Assistance Committee.

The purpose of the 3 person committee is to help the applicant through the process by ensuring the request meets the conditions of the Association and its board.

It is the 3 person committee's obligation to bring the request forward to the Executive Committee within 3 weeks of initial written submission.

It is the applicant's obligation to have finalized the written request by that time.

It is the Executive Committee's obligation to only review complete and valid requests.

It is the Executive Committees obligation to recognize the positive impact, previous fund raising, extraordinariness and likelihood of other/similar requests.

The 3 person committee and the board are not required to provide any other information to the applicant other than the decision.

The applicant is restricted from applying for assistance, whether approved or not, for one complete season (Sept 1 to Mar 31).