



John Crerar Hockey Development Grant Application (1 of 3)

John Crerar played an instrumental role in the growth and development of hockey in the Washington, DC area. He served as a Director of USA Hockey for many years, and was also the director of operations for off-ice officials for the Washington Capitals for a number of years. John passed away on October 14, 2006. To honor John's contribution to our hockey community the Potomac Valley Amateur Hockey Association (PVAHA) established the **John Crerar Hockey Development Grant Program**.

The purpose of the **John Crerar Hockey Development Grant Program** is to assist the member associations within PVAHA to increase participation and promote hockey development within Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. The **John Crerar Hockey Development Grant Program** is funded by a USA Hockey Block Grant to PVAHA. Nonprofit 501(c)(3) member associations within the Potomac Valley Amateur Hockey Association are eligible to apply for Affiliate grants. **Youth association grant recipients must agree to follow USA Hockey and PVAHA ADM Guidelines at the 8U age level.**

The PVAHA Grant Committee will review the grant requests and submit the final list to the Board of Directors. Grants of up to \$3,000 (up to \$5,000 for hard divider purchases) will be awarded to member associations that offer the best plan(s) for:

- growing participation in recreational ice hockey in their area.
- bringing new youth and adult players into the sport (including adult learn-to-play).
- promoting the use of cross-ice and half-ice at the 8U and 10U age levels.
- promote the growth and development of Girls' hockey within the Affiliate.
- promoting diversity and inclusion within the Affiliate.
- promote the USA Hockey American Development Model and the implementation of a Long-Term Athlete Development program.
- Growing our goalie pool and development by purchasing loaner goalie gear and smaller nets.
- Educating our youth players in proper checking technique.

We are looking for the Associations to furnish the ideas, leadership and hard work to successfully manage their programs and to help grow the sport of hockey within our Affiliate. Examples of proposed ideas that we have considered include:

- Cross-ice divider and smaller goal purchases
- Rink hard divider purchases (grants up to \$5,000)
- Learn-to-play programs
- *One Goal* equipment purchases and goaltending loaner gear
- Coaching education programs
- On- and off-ice training materials

This list is not exclusive. We are looking for the Associations to offer innovative ideas to bring more players into hockey.



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Timeline for Grant Program

- July 15, 2025** **GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE** — Incomplete applications will be returned to be completed. Please keep in mind that late submissions run the risk of not being considered due to depletion of available Crerar funds.
- August 30, 2025** Notification sent to successful and unsuccessful applicants. Grant checks for 75% of the amount will be mailed after September 1.
- March 31, 2026** Final report along with any receipt and documentation due from Grant recipients. Balance of Grant Award (25%) paid upon receipt of final report

Application Instructions

To be considered for a John Crerar Hockey Development Grant an association must:

1. Complete the Grant Application Form
2. On a separate sheet/page provide an overview of your organization—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
 - Target Audience
 - Program Budget
 - Ice Rink Involvement
 - Plans to continue growth generated by the program

Final Report

No later than March 31ST following award of the Grant the Association must submit a written report discussing how the grant award was spent. The final report must provide receipts/bills to document the use of the grant award. Upon receipt of the final report from the Association the 25% balance of the Grant Award will be paid to the Association.



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Grant applications for the 2025–2026 season must be submitted by July 15, 2025.

Grant Applications should be submitted to:

PVAHA Grant Committee
c/o Mr. John Coleman
214 Lawton Street
Falls Church, VA 22046
EMAIL: jkcole214@aol.com

Name of Association Submitting Grant Request:

Association Mailing Address:

USA Hockey Association Code: _ _ _ _ _

Federal Tax ID No: _ _ _ - _ _ _ _ _

Is the Association a 501(c)(3) Organization: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Amount of Grant Requested: \$_____

The _____ (Youth Association Applicant) agrees to comply with PVAHA 8U age-level ADM Guidelines (cross-ice/half-ice) for the 2025–26 season:

☐ Yes ☐ No

If your grant request is for hard divider financial support do you have agreement with the ice rink used by your association for the storage and use of the hard dividers?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Ice Rink(s) used by Program: _____

USA Hockey Registration for the 2024–2025 season for the following age groups:

8U (number of participants):

10U (number of participants):

Total Association Registration (number of participants):

Association Grant Coordinator: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Association President: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Please provide a detailed description, inclusive of instructions #2 and #3 found on page 2 of this form, on how the grant funds will be spent by the association. If you are seeking reimbursement for items already purchased within this past fiscal year please include copies of any receipts or bills.

