

**REPORT ON THE 2015
 PARA B-NET MATCHING GRANT INITIATIVE**
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In 2015, the PARA Directors agreed to implement a pilot program where PARA would provide matching funds to clubs to use for the purchase of B-netting for use in competition and training events. The first year of the program was highly successful, as the PARA funds were highly leveraged - matched by both the applicant clubs and the Kelly Brush Foundation (KBF).

Although we would hope to see more clubs apply in the future, this first year of the program yielded almost a three-fold return on investment of PARA the funds provided. **The PARA matching grants totaled \$4,000, and these funds leveraged another \$11,000 from both the applicant clubs and Kelly Brush Foundation.**

The Directors set the maximum possible award per club at \$2,000 and approved the selection criteria and application process at the Spring Meeting with a deadline of July 1st.

Three member clubs submitted applications for PARA matching funds by the deadline: SRRC, Elk & WPRC. The Executive Committee unanimously determined that all three applications met the established selection criteria.

PARA budgeted at total of \$8,000 for the initiative, and the clubs requested a total of \$4,000 from PARA. The amounts awarded to each club are listed in the chart below.

The PARA criteria were designed to mirror those of the KBF Safety Grant program so as to encourage clubs to apply to KBF and include the PARA matching funds as part of their application. After being awarded PARA matching funds, both Elk and WPRC applied for KBF Grants, and they were awarded \$3,000 and \$4,000 respectively. **The \$4,000 PARA spent on this initiative last year initiative helped bring an additional \$7,000 in KBF funds to PARA member clubs.**

Applicant Club:	Club Contributions:	PARA Matching Grants:	KBF Matching Grants:	Total Combined Funding:
SRRC	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$1000
Elk	\$1500	\$1500	\$3000	\$6000
WPRC	\$2000	\$2000	\$4000	\$8000
Totals:	\$4000	\$4000	\$7000	\$15,000

The Executive Committee highly recommends this initiative be continued, and that it be funded for the 2016-17 season in the amount of \$8,000. The Ex-Com strongly encourages all clubs that have not already received for a matching grant to apply for one this season.

The selection criteria used for 2015-16 are listed below.

Organization information:

Please attach the following documents as appropriate:

- Most recent financial statement.
- A current organization operating budget with revenue and expenses.
- Current/Final 501(c)(3) IRS determination letter.
- List of Board of Trustees/ Directors, if possible, with their employment and/or community affiliations.

Please complete the following questions by typing responses on a separate paper. Please re-type the question before your response.

- 1. Do you plan to submit a grant application to Kelly Brush or another organization?**
- 2. Please describe the proposed use of funds and how the funds granted would specifically enrich ski/snowboard racing safety.** (e.g. our club currently has X nets; our homologation report requires a minimum of X nets for GS X nets for slalom; typically we set X nets depending on conditions/course set, etc. We host X races per year (include dates). For training courses, we typically set X nets for GS & X nets for slalom)
- 3. Please detail the plans for achieving desired outcomes, including a plan for assessing progress toward goals and a projected timeline for the use of funds** (e.g. nets would be ordered by X date and to be shipped by no later than X date).
- 4. Do you have a space to store the nets in the offseason to protect them from damage or are you planning to build or otherwise acquire sufficient space? Please provide a picture of the space or describe your plan to build/purchase it?**
- 5. Is your course homologated? Please attach a copy of your homologation report. If not homologated, what are your plans to make it homologated?**
- 6. Has your club already raised the matching funds? If not, please detail how you plan to raise the matching funds.** (e.g. we are holding a golf tournament on X date; or at our annual awards banquet, we will ask our member families to contribute to the netting fund; etc.)