



## Grant Program

For the second year in a row, Bowls USA has participated in “loyalty programs” and “incentives” for 100% Bowls USA clubs. The Grant Program has been the appropriate way to “give back” to those clubs that support Bowls USA.

A committee, consisting of Alice Birkinshaw, BowlsUSA Treasurer, Ginger Harris, councilor (PIMD), and Glorianne Mather, councilor (CED), administered the program for 2017. We are pleased to report that 18 clubs from 6 divisions expressed interest and will be receiving funding in 2017.

The **Mission** of the Grant Program is to provide funds for 100% Bowls USA clubs to promote club development and to assist recruiting and retaining members. Grant funds may be used for projects that are intended to attract new members or to improve the playing experience of the club. We also specified that funds could not be used for food and/or refreshments.

The total amount of grant funds available for 2017 is \$7,500. After review of all Grant Requests, the Committee has awarded the following grants:

1. Sun City Center-SE-\$500.00 for Greens Maintenance in preparation for the 2017 US Open.
2. San Diego LBC-SW-\$500.00 for Greens Maintenance
3. Oxnard-Joslyn LBC-SW for \$400.00 for Advertising and Club Equipment
4. Ashville LBC-SE-\$500.00 for Greens Maintenance
5. Mt. Dora LBC-SE-\$450.00 for Repairing Backboards
6. Friendly Valley LBC- SW-\$500.00 for Greens Maintenance
7. Lakeland LBC- SE-\$300.00 for Playing Carpet Maintenance
8. Santa Barbara LBC-SW-\$500.00 for Greens Maintenance
9. Hermosa Beach LBC-SW-\$500.00 for Replacing Backboards
10. San Francisco LBC-PIMD-\$500.00 for Promotional Membership Materials
11. Williamsburg LBC-NE-\$500.00 for Bowling Facilities Rental
12. Sarasota LBC-SE-\$500.00 for New Fencing
13. Frick Park LBC-NE-\$175.00 for Repairing Backboards

14. Oakland LBC-PIMD-\$500.00 for Greens Maintenance
15. Pinehurst LBC-SE-\$100.00 for Repairing Rakes
16. Jefferson Park LBC-NW-\$500.00 for Clubhouse Equipment
17. Milwaukee Lake Park LBC-C-\$500.00 for a Greens Mower
18. Laguna Beach LBC-SW-\$200.00 for Purchase of Youth Bowls

Bowls USA is stronger because of the support of all of its members, and we hope that these funds will help 100% clubs share our sport with their communities. We look forward to hearing about clubs' successes in recruiting members and improving their playing conditions. Continuation of this program will be discussed at the upcoming Annual General Meeting to be held before the US Open at Sarasota in November. Questions and comments are welcome!

Good Bowling to Everyone!!!!