



AZSTA AWARDS \$43,656 IN QUICK GRANTS TO 21 YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS

GLENDALE, Ariz. (July 18, 2011) – The Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority (AZSTA) has awarded \$43,656 in Youth and Amateur Sports Quick Grants to twenty one local non profit organizations from July 2010 to June 2011. The recipients are located across Maricopa County representing over 11 cities.

Quick Grant funds are used for a multitude of items ranging from providing uniforms to charter schools for their sports teams to purchasing adaptive kayaking equipment for individuals with physical disabilities. Quick Grants are awarded on a year-round basis for projects requesting up to \$2500.

Heart for the City was awarded \$2300 for football equipment for inner city youth who could not otherwise afford to participate in organized football programs. “We believe that we can offer these kids hope through organized sports. Providing a sense of belonging with a team and a sense of commitment and challenge instilled through encouraging coaches” said HFTC President Joe Eriquez.

“The Quick Grant allowed Excel youth sports to expand and improve our soccer and football programs by providing much needed funds for athletic equipment to benefit and directly impacts kids and the community.” Said Jason Robertson, Excel Youth Sports President.

“Among the many functions of AZSTA and what we do, providing grants to Youth and Amateur Sports are the most rewarding” states Verma Pastor, AZSTA Board Member.

Since 2001 AZSTA has awarded over \$12.5 million dollars to youth and amateur sports projects in and around Maricopa County benefiting over 100 organizations. Currently AZSTA is accepting applications for the 2012 Biennial Grant Program which will award up to \$1.6 million in grants to qualifying organizations.

The 2011 Quick Grant Award Recipients are:

Arizona Charter Academy
Chandler High School Spirit Line
Arizona Quest For Kids
ASU Synchro Devils
Arizona Recreation Center for the Handicapped
Excel Youth Sports

ICAN Positive Programs for Chandler's Youth
One Step Beyond, Inc.
Mesa Association of Sports for the Disabled
Black Mountain Athletic Association
Veritas Preparatory Academy
Basha High School Spirit Line
Empowerment Through Sports
ASU Preparatory Academy
Scottsdale Youth Football
Heart for The City
New Way Academy
Phoenix Regional Sports Commission
Great Hearts Academy
Desert Youth Hockey Association

The Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority (AZSTA) is a Municipal Corporation dedicated to enhancing the economy of Maricopa County and the community's quality of life through the development of professional and amateur sports facilities, the attraction of entertainment, sporting and business events and through tourism promotion. For more information AZSTA visit www.az-sta.com.

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