

**240A.12 GRANTS FOR ATHLETIC FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS.**

Subdivision 1. **Grants.** The commission may make matching grants to political subdivisions of the state:

(1) to acquire and better public land and buildings and other public improvements of a capital nature to be used for community facilities and related infrastructure primarily for amateur athletics;

(2) to renovate existing facilities used primarily for amateur athletics;

(3) to support recreational programs for children and adolescents; and

(4) to support special events involving amateur athletics.

Subd. 2. **Geographic dispersal.** To the extent possible, over time, the commission shall disperse grants equally among the state's congressional districts and award one-half of all grants to communities or institutions outside the metropolitan area as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2.

Subd. 3. **Maximum grants and matching contributions.** Each grant under this section must be matched by recipient communities or institutions in accordance with this subdivision. A matching contribution may include an in-kind contribution of land, access roadways and access roadway improvements, and necessary utility services, landscaping, and parking. A grant for new facilities may not exceed \$100,000 and must be matched by the recipient at a rate of four times the amount of the grant. A grant for renovation of existing facilities may not exceed \$50,000 and must be matched equally by the recipient. A grant for recreational programs may not exceed \$20,000 and must be matched equally by the recipient. A grant for a special event or program may not exceed \$100,000 and must be matched equally by the recipient.

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