

**Print****Youth Sports Funding Program Application - Submission #1058290****Date Submitted: 1/24/2025****ORGANIZATION INFORMATION****Name of Organization\***

Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra

**Amount of funding requested\***

2500

**Tax ID Number\***

31-1732524

**If you do not have a Tax ID number, has one been requested?**☐ Yes☐ No**Mailing Address\***

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**State\***

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**Zip\***

93546

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**Purpose of organization\***

Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra has the mission of creating and facilitating fun, inclusive, and individualized mountain sports for people of all ages and abilities by removing barriers to participation. We are a community-centered organization focused on participants and their families.

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**FUNDING INFORMATION****Amount of funding request\***

2500

**Budget Information Worksheet\***

2024 Youth Sports Funding Budget DSES Final.xlsx

**Youth Sports Funding Budget Information Worksheet**[2024 Budget Information Worksheet](#)

Please download, fill in, save, and upload the provided budget information worksheet.

**Please describe, in itemized detail, how the funds received in 2024 were spent:\***

In 2024, we provided 157 lessons to 31 students through the Ski PE Program. Funds were spent to support participant scholarships and assist with the large DSES out of pocket cost associated with this program.

**How many scholarships were awarded by your organization in 2024, both Tony Colasardo scholarships and internal scholarships?**

283

**Please describe how the requested funding for 2025 will be used:\***

We will use the funds to directly support scholarships for students. Unfortunately, we receive limited funding from the schools to run this program, so the majority of the expenses are covered by our general fund. Any contributions made to the Ski PE Program will directly benefit the students involved. What makes our Ski PE Program with DSES especially unique is that students with disabilities can only participate if they are enrolled through DSES, ensuring a tailored and inclusive experience.

**What other sources have you pursued to obtain funding?\***

We have an agreement with the Mono County Office of Education (MCOE) which will pay \$20/lesson, and Mammoth Unified School District which will pay \$9/lesson per student. We receive individual donations and contributions that go into our general fund, which will be used to pay the remaining expenses for this program and provide scholarships to these students.

Please upload any documents that will assist in establishing the funding history of the organization:

**Funding History Documents**

Youth Sports Funding 2025 Budget.pdf

**Funding History Documents**

2024 Operating Budget.pdf

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Do you have a Facility Use Agreement with the Town of Mammoth Lakes?\*

☐ Yes

☒ No

Are any Town/County resources (e.g., parks, fields, or facilities) used by the organization?\*

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, indicate the nature of the usage, the estimated number of participant hours, and any expenses incurred by your organization for the prep and maintenance of the facility used by your organization.

No town facilities are used for the Ski PE Program, but we do use the Shady Rest Park sometimes in the summer.

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**PROGRAM INFORMATION**

**Duration of the program's season (days per year):\***

The Ski PE Program runs one session per week for ten weeks, and then there can be additional lessons scheduled independently for the students throughout the winter and summer time.

**Number of registered youth participants in 2024\***

31

**Number of Mono County full-time residents:\***

19

**Number of adult volunteer hours involved with the program (specific program set up, maintenance, etc. - provide details):\***

We normally have at least one volunteer on a Ski PE lesson (in addition to staff instructors). 31 kids x 1 volunteer x 3.5 hours x 10 weeks = 1085 volunteer hours are associated with this program. This does not include 3 days of mandatory training that every volunteer must go through in order to volunteer at DSES.

**What type of measures or procedures do you take to promote good sportsmanship among the players, coaches, and parents? Are there policies in place to discourage abusive behavior and language towards participants, coaches, and officials?\***

We promote sportsmanship and positive behavior by fostering inclusion and understanding through sports, believing that participation alongside peers helps create a sense of acceptance and diversity. All students in our program engage on the same days and use the same transportation as their classmates, which not only benefits those in the program but also positively impacts the broader student body at MUSD. Additionally, each student has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) that includes both educational goals and behavior management strategies, ensuring that any behavior challenges are addressed individually and with tailored support.

**Outside of your program, what type of community programs or projects does your organization participate in?**

We are passionate about supporting TOML and local community events and programs whenever possible. Some of our contributions include participating in the Hot Chocolate and Popcorn event for Halloween in the Trails, Town Clean-Up Day, the Adopt-A-Trail Program, and the Grand Fondo. We also assist with providing accessible entrances at summer festivals. In addition, our Second Chance Thrift Store donates to the community when needed, further strengthening our commitment to local support. As advocates for accessibility in town, we work to ensure that everyone has equal opportunities to participate and enjoy all that our community has to offer.