



## US Youth Soccer grants awarded to 39 beneficiaries

Over \$122,000 awarded to programs for soccer development

More than \$2 million in total [grant](#) support since 1998

Grant winner history: [TOPSoccer](#) | [Soccer Across America](#) | [Recreation](#)

Recipients receive adidas equipment and select recipients receive Kwik Goal sets

**FRISCO, Texas** (March 15, 2010) - [US Youth Soccer](#), the largest youth sports organization in the United States, today announces the 39 recipients of its 13<sup>th</sup> annual grants cycle. In all, through its partnership with adidas, US Youth Soccer awarded over \$122,000 of adidas merchandise to 39 different groups nationwide for player development (10 TOPSoccer, 14 Soccer Across America and 15 Recreation groups for soccer development).

Also, for the first year, Kwik Goal, the official goal and field equipment supplier of US Youth Soccer, has also donated 40 Infinity® goal sets that have been allocated to select recipients in addition to their adidas equipment.

Since 1998, the organization has awarded more than \$2 million toward the growth of the game of soccer through grants and other financial support.

New for 2010, the Recreation Grants were established to help recreation programs of [US Youth Soccer State Associations](#) and other organization members, in existence for at least three years and are in need of assistance to maintain and grow their recreation programs.

[TOPSoccer \(The Outreach Program for Soccer\)](#) is a community-based training and team placement program for young athletes with disabilities, organized by youth soccer association volunteers. The program is designed to bring the opportunity of learning and playing soccer to any boy or girl, who has a mental or physical disability.

[Soccer Across America](#) (formerly known as Soccer Start) is designed to introduce the sport of soccer to children living in communities not yet served by existing clubs and leagues. Soccer Across America provides soccer training and administrative guidance to players and organizations who might otherwise not be exposed to the sport. Soccer Across America also helps new programs find the funding and equipment to begin and then to expand their activities. In the past several years, US Youth Soccer has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars in financial and material support to programs across the United States.

"We believe these US Youth Soccer programs further our mission of fostering the physical, mental and emotional growth and development of America's youth through the sport of soccer at all levels of age and competition," said Larry Monaco, president of US Youth Soccer. "We are delighted with the overall quality of the applications received from around the country this year, and look forward to the many positives that are sure to follow."

Since the first grants were given in 1998, US Youth Soccer has issued 483 awards to groups large and small across the United States. Specifically for TOPSoccer, Soccer Across America and Recreation programs, these grants continue to assist in soccer development programs and furthering the game for all kids.

The 2010 grants represent a wide array of community-based initiatives from across the country.

**2010 TOPSoccer grant recipients:**

Trumbull United TOPSoccer  
 Kirkwood TOPSoccer  
 Middlesboro Youth Soccer Association  
 Lexington Youth Soccer Club  
 Braden River Soccer Club  
 Tucker Youth Soccer Association  
 Alaska Rush  
 TOPSoccer Stars  
 Clovis Junior Soccer League TOPSoccer  
 Arvada Soccer Association (D.B.A. Edge SC)

Trumbull, Conn.  
 New Castle, Del.  
 Middlesboro, Mass.  
 Lexington, Ky.  
 Bradenton, Fla.  
 Tucker, Ga.  
 Anchorage, Alaska  
 Scotts Way, Calif.  
 Fresno, Calif.  
 Arvada, Colo.

**2010 Soccer Across America grant recipients:**

East Boston Neighborhood Center  
 Parks & People Foundation  
 Our Youth Soccer Association  
 South Bronx United Soccer Club  
 Capital Youth Soccer Association  
 Inner City Soccer  
 MCPDES International Soccer Academy  
 Play SOCCER  
 Cainhoy Athletic Soccer Club  
 Aguilas Academic Athletics Program  
 YALLA San Diego  
 Southwestern Youth Soccer Club  
 Soccer Dreams Without Borders  
 Lincoln County Extension/4-H

East Boston, Mass.  
 Baltimore, Md.  
 Irvington, N.J.  
 Bronx, N.Y.  
 Providence, R.I.  
 Fort Wayne, Ind.  
 Grand Island, Neb.  
 Princeton, N.J.  
 Charleston, S.C.  
 Los Angeles, Calif.  
 Spring Valley, Calif.  
 Wilmington, Calif.  
 Evergreen, Colo.  
 Shoshone, Idaho

**2010 Recreation grant recipients**

Cromwell Chill  
 Beverly Youth Soccer Association  
 Martha Vineyard United Soccer  
 Southbridge Youth Soccer  
 Lansing Soccer Club  
 Wyoming Valley Soccer Club  
 New River Valley Soccer Association  
 Capital Soccer Club  
 Eastern Lawrence Youth Soccer Association  
 South Dakota Youth Soccer  
 Britton Soccer Association  
 Jackson Area Wide Soccer  
 Crossroads Youth Soccer Association  
 Rio Rancho Soccer Club  
 Prairie Soccer Club

Cromwell, Conn.  
 Beverly, Mass.  
 West Tisbury, Mass.  
 Southbridge, Mass.  
 Ithaca, N.Y.  
 Bear Creek, Penn.  
 Christianburg, Va.  
 Jefferson City, Mo.  
 Kitts Hill, Ohio  
 Sioux Falls, S.D.  
 Britton, S.D.  
 Jackson, Tenn.  
 Whitwell, Tenn.  
 Rio Rancho, N.M.  
 Yelm, Wash.

Learn more about the [Grants Program](#), [TOPSoccer](#) and [Soccer America](#) by clicking their respective links.

The 2011 US Youth Soccer grant applications are currently being updated and more information will be communicated at a later date. Contact Matt Moran, US Youth Soccer Member Services, to receive the most current information at [mmoran@usyouthsoccer.org](mailto:mmoran@usyouthsoccer.org). The 2011 applications will be announced in the US Youth Soccer Kwik Kicks monthly e-newsletter, to sign up [click here](#).

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**About the United States Youth Soccer Association (US Youth Soccer)** – US Youth Soccer - "The Game for ALL Kids!®" is the largest youth sports organization in the country and largest member of the United States Soccer Federation, the governing body of soccer in the United States. US Youth Soccer registers more than 3 million players annually, ages 5 to 19, and over 900,000 administrators, coaches and

volunteers in 55 member State Associations. US Youth Soccer programs provide a fun, safe and healthy environment for players at every level of the game. For more information, visit [www.USYouthSoccer.org](http://www.USYouthSoccer.org).

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