



CITY OF COACHELLA, CA

COMMUNITY BASED GRANT PROGRAM

APPLICATION FOR FUNDS REQUEST

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(Attach additional pages as needed, however applicants are encouraged to be brief.)

1. Application Funding Cycle:

Date: 07/01/2026

July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

2. Total Amount Requested: \$ 1000.00

If requesting waiver of City fees or charges, please indicate the City service for which the waiver is being requested. Waive Parks and Recreation Fees for Adaptive Sports

3. Proposed Program/Service of Funding Request:

Adaptive Sports and Equipment

4. Agency/Organization:

Gear it Forward, Inc.

5. Mailing Address:

City: Indio Zip: 92202

6. Telephone: (619) 977 7862

Fax:

7. Official Contact Person:

Name: Yvonne Garcia

Title: President

Telephone: 619-977-7862

Fax:

E-mail: yvonne.garcia@gearitforward.org

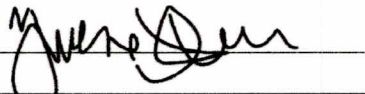
8. Does this organization have a non-profit status with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)? ☐
Yes ☒ No ☐ (Attach documentation)
9. How long has this organization been in existence?
November 18, 2026
10. Has the organization previously received funding from the City of Coachella?
☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, please identify the program/service, total prior grant allocation, and the fiscal year in which the funds were received.
11. Is this request for a ☒ New or ☐ Existing program/service within the City?
12. What is the anticipated time frame to provide the proposed program/service and the expenditure of the requested funds?
Fall 2026
13. Describe briefly how the requested funds will be used.
We create safe, inclusive sports opportunities for Coachella Valley residents with adaptive needs. Funding provides qualified coaches, adaptive equipment, essential resources, and program support so every participant can play, grow, and succeed.
14. Will the program/service require additional funding sources? If so, identify all funding sources and provide the steps taken to acquire funding.
Yes. Grant funding will help launch and grow the program, while long term sustainability will come from foundation grants, corporate sponsors, in kind donations, fundraising events, and community partnerships that expand access and impact.
15. If the program/service is planned to continue beyond the period provided by this grant, what funding plans are there to sustain the program/service?
We will sustain this program through foundation grants, corporate sponsorships, community partnerships, individual donations, fundraising events, and in kind support, ensuring long term adaptive sports opportunities for CV residents.
16. How will the proposed program/service serve City of Coachella residents? Will the proposed program/service also serve non-Coachella residents? Please describe.
The program provides free adaptive sports clinics, coaching, equipment, and support for City of Coachella residents. While prioritizing Coachella families, it also welcomes participants from across the Coachella Valley to maximize regional inclusion.
17. Describe the characteristics of the clients the proposed program/service anticipates to serve (i.e. age group, gender, income level, ethnicity, etc.)
The program serves children, teens, and young adults with adaptive needs, prioritizing low to moderate income families. Free clinics, equipment, and coaching remove barriers so participants of all abilities can build skills, confidence, and friendships.

18. Attach a proposed budget for requested funds.

Authorized Official: Yvonne Garcia

Title: President/Founder

Signature: _____



Date: _____

7.1.26

Gear It Forward, Inc.
Adaptive Sports Program Launch Budget
Requested Funding Amount: \$1,000

Expense Category	Description	Amount
Adaptive Sports Equipment	Balls, cones, training equipment, adaptive recreation supplies, and safety equipment	\$700
Coaching & Program Support	Coaching stipends, volunteer support materials, and program instruction	\$200
Outreach & Registration Materials	Flyers, marketing materials, and community outreach to recruit participants	\$100

Total Requested Funding: \$1,000

Program Purpose:

The requested funding will support the launch of Gear It Forward's Adaptive Sports Program, providing a safe, inclusive, and accessible environment for individuals with adaptive needs in the City of Coachella. Funds will be used to purchase adaptive sports equipment, support coaching and program delivery, provide participant supplies, and conduct community outreach to ensure families are aware of these free opportunities. This initial investment will help establish a foundation for ongoing adaptive sports programming that promotes physical activity, social connection, confidence, and inclusion for participants of all abilities.



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Internal Revenue Service
Tax Exempt and Government Entities
P.O. Box 2508
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GEAR IT FORWARD INC
8605 SANTA MONICA BLVD 231326
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069

Date: 04/07/2026
Employer ID number: 41-2731153
Person to contact:
Name: J. Shin-Kim
ID number: 5577069
Telephone: 877-829-5500
Accounting period ending: December 31
Public charity status: 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990 / 990-EZ / 990-N required: Yes
Effective date of exemption: November 18, 2025
Contribution deductibility: Yes
Addendum applies: No

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

We sent a copy of this letter to your representative as indicated in your power of attorney.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin

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Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements



Irene W. & Guy C.

Anderson Children's Foundation

Grant Award Letter 2026-2027

July 1, 2026

Organization: Gear it Forward
Project: Equitable Access to Sports Participation
Funded: \$9,200
Contact Person: Yvonne Garcia

Congratulations! Your program has been selected by Anderson Children's Foundation to receive funding for 2026-2027. Please find award check included with this letter.

ACF strives to support you in using these funds to successfully fulfill the goals described in your grant application. Brianna Uhlhorn, Director of Grants and Media, will visit your organization to observe, evaluate, consult, and report. Please notify Brianna of a good time to visit and have a clear list of expenditures prepared when she arrives.

Again, congratulations! We look forward to partnering with you in enhancing lives of youth in the Coachella Valley.

Sincerely,

Diane Schlesinger
Trustee

Brianna Uhlhorn
Director of Grants and Media