



Proposal for Support: Detroit Youth Lacrosse League (DYLL)

Detroit Youth Lacrosse (DYL) is a youth-serving organization created by the Chandler Park Conservancy. We have provided lacrosse instruction to middle and elementary school age boys and girls since 2017. Our mission is to support the health, well-being, and development of Detroit youth while introducing them to the exciting and elite sport of lacrosse. We believe in empowering young people through athletic engagement, mentorship, and community involvement.

At DYL, we teach the sport of lacrosse through training clinics and will launch an Olympic-style lacrosse league aimed at developing local talent, fostering inclusivity, and providing exposure to the sport. Our programs include skill-building sessions and competitive play, with a focus on nurturing both athletic talent and character. Through our league, we aim to promote diversity in lacrosse, which remains underrepresented in urban communities.

In March 2025, DYL will launch the Detroit Youth Lacrosse League (DYLL), the city's first-ever premier youth lacrosse league primarily for boys but open to girls in 6th, 7th and 8th grades. This innovative program will feature Sixes Lacrosse, the format that will debut in the 2028 Olympic Games, offering Detroit youth a unique opportunity to compete at the highest level of the sport. The DYLL will run for 12 weeks (March to June), with a season designed to provide exposure, development, and community engagement.

Our goals include:

- Developing local talent for national and international lacrosse programs.
- Increasing participation in underserved communities and creating access to the sport for Detroit youth.
- Promoting diversity in lacrosse.
- Offering coach training and development, including opportunities for head coaches, assistant coaches, referees and volunteers from local communities.
- Fostering long-term growth by creating a network of local coaches and players who will build strong relationships with their surrounding community.

Additionally, players will gain exposure through showcases and college visits, including three college visits before the season starts and an all-star showcase at the season's end. This will give our youth athletes an opportunity to network, explore collegiate options, and potentially earn scholarships over time.

The success of DYLL will create a sustainable pipeline of lacrosse talent in Detroit, inspiring a new generation of high school players. These players will not only play lacrosse but will actively seek schools that offer lacrosse programs, ultimately growing the sport in the city and beyond. The DYLL will also have a profound impact on the lives of young athletes, providing them with mentorship, discipline, and a sense of community.





Your generous support will help us launch and sustain the first season of DYLL. The total budget for this project is a little less than \$70,000. A detailed budget can be supplied on request. Specifically, funds will be used for:

- Organizing and supporting the 12-week DYLL season.
- Facilitating three college visits before the season begins.
- Purchasing essential player equipment, including uniforms, lacrosse sticks, and safety gear.
- Procuring field equipment and lacrosse balls.
- Covering USA Lacrosse Memberships for all players and coaches.
- Providing coach training and stipends for coaches, referees, and stat/scorekeepers.
- Covering administrative costs, marketing, insurance, and other operational expenses.

By supporting DYL, you are investing in the future of Detroit youth, providing them with opportunities to excel both in sports and in life. Thank you for considering a partnership with us in building a brighter future for Detroit's young athletes. For questions, please contact Alex J. Allen, IV at 313-969-0979 or aalleniv.cpc@gmail.com www.detroityouthlacrosse.com

