

BFCL Grant Guidelines

Background: The Building Full Capacity Locals (BFCL) Grant was established in 2017 as a way to support locals in their efforts to engage existing members and recruit new members. There are currently two (2) grant cycles, Spring and Fall.

- Applications for **Spring** grants are accepted **November 1 - December 31**
- Applications for **Fall** grants are accepted **May 1 - June 30**

Applicants will be notified of their grant status within 30 days of the closing of each application window - no late applications will be accepted. Locals may not receive more than one grant per fiscal year and preference will be given to first time applicants.

Goal: To use BFCL grant funds in a fiscally responsible manner to reach the maximum number of existing and potential members. *Locals are encouraged to use existing or matching funds when available.*

Guidelines:

- BFCL funds should not be used to buy alcohol or lottery tickets.
- BFCL funds should not be used to pay member dues.
- BFCL funds should not be used to buy items from Wal-Mart or Sam's Club when possible.
- Apparel of any kind must have the new MEA logo on it.
- Locals are encouraged to use union vendors. **MEA is a union and it is important that we remember to support union shops when possible.**



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Examples of Previous Requests

- ❑ **Local A** is requesting \$2000 for a fall membership dinner and t-shirts. They currently have 14 members in good standing and 34 total possible members. *The BFCL cost per member of their event is about \$142* - this grant request was DENIED.
- ❑ **Local B** is requesting \$2500 for a fall tailgating event. They currently have 42 members in good standing and 59 total possible members. *The BFCL cost per member of their event is about \$59* - this grant request was DENIED.
- ❑ **Local C** is requesting \$1500 for a joint tailgating event with cross-town rivals **Local D**. Local C has 144 members in good standing and 203 total possible members. *The BFCL cost per member of their event is about \$10* - Additionally, Local D has 111 members in good standing, bringing the potential BFCL cost per member of their event down to about \$6 - this grant request was APPROVED.
- ❑ **Local E** has funds to match their own grant. They are requesting \$500 to cover half the cost of a family movie event at a local theater. They currently have 459 members in good standing and 510 total possible members. *The BFCL cost per member of their event is about \$1* - this grant request was APPROVED.
- ❑ **Local F** has funds to easily cover the cost of their own event. They are choosing not to apply so the money can be spent on locals who need additional help. Thank you Local F.

When in doubt, ask for help! Many locals have had creative ideas over the past several years and we encourage you to share yours!