

Executive Summary

Changes Implemented This Year

- Split the program into two award cycles
 - Spring application deadline: only for clubs applying to Kelly Brush Foundation;
 - Fall Deadline: to allocate any remaining funds, clubs do not have to apply to KBF but they must complete a PARA application;
- The above was designed to ensure clubs applying to KBF would be prioritized, and ensure the program doesn't allocate more funds than budgeted
- One grant was awarded in 2024-25 (Elk for \$2k); Elk applied in 2023-24 and won a KBF grant, but Elk applied to PARA after all the budgeted funds were awarded;
- **Round 1 Deadline** for clubs applying to KBF & PARA is **6 pm on the 2nd-to-last Friday in May (5/23/25)**; KBF deadline is usually in late-June
- **Round 2 Deadline** for clubs only applying to PARA (should funding remain) is **6 pm on September 30th**

Challenges & Issues

- None

Recommended Changes for Next Year

- None

Board Approvals

Proposed Rules & Procedure Changes

- None

Budget Requests

- \$6,000 as approved last year

Detailed Report

An email announcing the changes was sent to all PARA Directors after last May's meeting, and the new process has been posted to the website. For this year's funding, an email was sent to all PARA Directors reminding them of the Round 1 deadline and of the upcoming KBF deadline.

So far one club has applied for Round 1 funding (PASEF), but we hope other clubs will apply to PARA with the intent of also applying to KBF. PARA can award up to \$2,000 in matching funding.

With a successful KBF application, \$2,000 from a club can turn into \$8,000 ((Club \$2K+ \$2K PARA match) + \$4K KBF match = \$8K).

This was the 10th year of the PARA Ski Racing Safety Matching Grants Initiative, and the program has been very successful. PARA has spent roughly \$20,000 over 10 years and that has resulted in roughly \$86,700 in B-netting purchased – a more than 4x leveraging of PARA funds.

The program further leverages club and PARA resources, as clubs are eligible for special discounted KBF pricing on the nets when they are awarded a KBF grant. Nine of the twelve times PARA awarded a club a grant, that club also applied for and won KBF funds.

Results to Date:

Year:	Club:	Club Funds:	PARA Match:	KBF Match:	Total Purchase:
2024	Elk	\$3,289	\$2,000	\$2,250	\$7,539
2023	PASEF	\$1,320	\$1,320	\$1,250	\$3,890
2023	HVRT	\$6,100	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$13,100
2023	Montage	\$4,048	\$2,000	\$0	\$6,048
2022	WPRC	\$1,995	\$1,995	\$3,989	\$7,978
2022	Montage	\$515	\$515	\$1,030	\$2,060
2022	SRRC	\$1995	\$1995	\$3,000	\$6,990
2019	Montage	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$1,500
2017	Tussey	\$1930	\$1930	\$3,860	\$7,820
2016	SRRC	\$1442	\$1442	\$0	\$2,884
2015	WPRC	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$8,000



2025 B-NETTING MATCHING GRANTS REPORT

Year:	Club:	Club Funds:	PARA Match:	KBF Match:	Total Purchase:
2015	Elk	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$6,000
2015	SRRC	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$1,000
2014	PARA*	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000	\$12,000
Totals To Date:		\$33,134	\$19,697	\$34,129	\$86,710

Background:

In 2015, PARA implemented a grant program to provide matching funds for ski racing safety equipment (i.e. B-nets, etc.) for clubs who apply to the program and meet specific funding criteria. Grants are paid directly to the vendor supplying the nets after the club pays its portion of the funds (following the KBF model). The full program description is on the PARA website here: <https://paracing.org/para-ski-racing-safety-matching-grants-initiative>

The Netting Chair can also provide clubs seeking a KBF grant with successful examples of KBF grants the chair has written on behalf of PARA, etc. to help improve the club's chances of being awarded a KBF grant.

Thank you to all of those who have taken the time to apply for KBF grants to make PARA resources go further and increase ski racing safety in the state. For more information about the program see the PARA website, and feel free to contact the Netting Chair directly if you have any questions or would like examples of successful KBF applications.

Sincerely,

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