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EPIC for Girls awards \$233,500 grants to 15 nonprofit organizations to elevate girls of color in sports

Omaha, NE - EPIC for Girls has announced its latest rounds of grant recipients that are addressing inequalities in sports for girls of color. Research has shown that access to and participation in sports can have positive impacts in a young girls' life. Funding was allocated to two types of programming: Grassroots and Select.

Grassroots sports programs serve as an entry point into sport, practicing regularly for health, educational, and/or social purposes. The programs may be found in the after-school setting or competing in local recreational (non-travel) leagues.

Select Sports programs have one or more of the following elements: a selection or evaluation process for team formation; competitive league, tournament, or competition play; inter-state travel. Select programs typically require a team fee.

The following 15 organizations received funding for Grassroots and Select programs this year:

Black Police Officers Association - EPIC Softball - \$15,000
Football for the World - Girls Soccer Play Proud - \$27,500
Girls Inc. - Volleyball - \$5,000
I Heartbeat Dance - Girls Competition Majorette Team - \$12,500
Ivy League Youth Sports Academy - Volleyball - \$16,000
James Scurlock Sports Academy - VC Littles/Select Volleyball - \$12,500
Lady Express United - Competitive Basketball - \$20,000
Nebraska Interscholastic Cycling Association - GRiT - \$5,000
Nebraska Hoops Elite - Competitive Basketball - \$20,000
Omaha Starlings - Competitive Volleyball - \$20,000
Pear Tree Performing Arts - Dance, Tumbling, and Competition Dance - \$10,000
Retro Hoops - Competitive Basketball - \$17,500
The Keys Foundation - Omaha Aces - \$17,500
The Rose Theater - The Rose Dance Project - \$15,000

The Simple Foundation - Boduri Soccer Program - \$20,000

About EPIC for Girls

EPIC for Girls is a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering girls of color through sports, education, and mentorship. Our focus is on leveling the playing field, and providing black and brown girls with the tools and resources they need to build confidence and develop essential life skills. Join us in our mission to create a more equitable world of sports for all girls! For more information, visit <https://www.epicforgirls.org/>.

To request an interview or learn more about EPIC for Girls and their programs, please contact Josefina Loza at office@lozafina.com or visit their website at epicgirls.org.

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