



**Conway Ice Rink Commission Meeting
July 14, 2026
10:30 AM
Conway Arena Conference Room
5 Stadium Drive
Nashua, NH 03062**

Call to Order

The 2026 annual meeting was called to order at 10:36 AM by Charlie Hall.

Members in Attendance

Lori Wilshire
Megan Caron
Charlie Hall
Lauren Byers

Also in Attendance

Gary Warriner, Conway Arena General Manager
Candace Sullivan, Conway Arena Customer Service Manager

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Motion made to approve the previous meeting's minutes (7/28/25) by Charlie Hall. Seconded by Lori Wilshire.

Motion passed unanimously.

Updates

General Manager Gary Warriner provided an update of operations of the area:

- General rate for ice time is \$300/hour, about \$50 lower than market rate.
- The arena has kept the public skate rate the same at \$5 for two hours, which has not changed since 2003.
- Given the age of the building, maintenance and repairs are ongoing.
- The settlement issue in the corner of the building has been fully repaired. This was the arena's largest expense of approximately \$180,000, which came from their reserves.
- In the next year, the arena will replace all four entry doors in the front of the building. The current doors are not handicap accessible. The new doors will have push button access. The upgrade will cost between \$50,000-\$60,000 when completed.
- Conway Arena has awarded over \$1,000,000 in grants since its inception. Due to the cost of the settlement repair, Conway will be awarding \$45,000 this year, which is lower than usual.

Budget

General Manager Gary Warriner presented the 2026-2027 operating budget:

- Gross revenue: \$1.28M
- Gross expenses: \$1.25M
- Gross profit: \$30,000 after \$60,000 in reserves.
- The last major revenue boost was Rivier coming in four years ago for daytime ice rental. The ice time continues to be maxed out.
- Utilities are increasing (\$180,000 budgeted), but the solar panels do help with costs.
 - After utilities, the maintenance and repairs line is the largest expense (\$130,000).
- Conway continues to operate debt-free.

Motion made to approve the annual budget for 2026-2027 by Charlie Hall. Seconded by Megan Caron. *Motion passed unanimously.*

Grant Applications

- The arena received \$156,210 in requests. \$45,000 is available to award.
- The commission reviewed each of the 2026 community grant applications. Applications that focused on youth athletics were prioritized.
 - 15 recipients were selected.
- Award ceremony will be held on July 28th at 1:30 PM.

Motion made to award the selected grant recipients by Charlie Hall. Seconded by Lori Wilshire. *Motion passed unanimously.*

General Discussion

General Manager Gary Warriner stated that parking enforcement has been an issue for the last 18 months. There has been a significant increase in ticketing, and city equipment is taking up space in the overflow lot. "No Parking" signs went up recently in certain spots where it was previously allowed. He asked to meet with the Parking Department. Megan Caron agreed to facilitate a meeting.

Adjournment

Lori Wilshire motioned to adjourn at 11:31 AM. Seconded by Charlie Hall. *Motion passed unanimously.*

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Conway Arena Budget Budget 2026/27

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Revenues (Income):													
House Run Hockey Programs	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 96,000.00
Contracted Ice Rental	\$ 47,500.00	\$ 47,500.00	\$ 47,500.00	\$ 47,500.00	\$ 47,500.00	\$ 47,500.00	\$ 47,500.00	\$ 47,500.00	\$ 47,500.00	\$ 47,500.00	\$ 47,500.00	\$ 47,500.00	\$ 570,000.00
Nashua High School	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,000.00
Nashua High Discount	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Figure Skating Programs	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 108,000.00
Learn to Skate	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
Public Skating	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 72,000.00
Stick Practice	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 30,000.00
Advertising	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,000.00
Skate Rental	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 33,000.00
Pro Shop	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 28,000.00
Fitness Room	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 18,000.00
Room Rental	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,400.00
Concessions	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 72,000.00
Interest Income	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
Total Incomes	\$ 104,700.00	\$ 104,700.00	\$ 104,700.00	\$ 104,700.00	\$ 105,700.00	\$ 118,700.00	\$ 118,700.00	\$ 110,700.00	\$ 105,700.00	\$ 102,700.00	\$ 100,700.00	\$ 99,700.00	\$ 1,281,400.00
Expenses:													
Sales tax (meals)	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,400.00
Salaries & Wages	\$ 30,285.00	\$ 30,285.00	\$ 30,285.00	\$ 30,285.00	\$ 30,285.00	\$ 30,285.00	\$ 30,285.00	\$ 30,285.00	\$ 30,285.00	\$ 30,285.00	\$ 30,285.00	\$ 30,285.00	\$ 363,420.00
Payroll Taxes	\$ 8,479.80	\$ 8,479.80	\$ 8,479.80	\$ 8,479.80	\$ 8,479.80	\$ 8,479.80	\$ 8,479.80	\$ 8,479.80	\$ 8,479.80	\$ 8,479.80	\$ 8,479.80	\$ 8,479.80	\$ 101,757.60
Employee Benefits	\$ 4,167.00	\$ 4,167.00	\$ 4,167.00	\$ 4,167.00	\$ 4,167.00	\$ 4,167.00	\$ 4,167.00	\$ 4,167.00	\$ 4,167.00	\$ 4,167.00	\$ 4,167.00	\$ 4,167.00	\$ 50,004.00
Advertising/Marketing	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,200.00
Leased Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 10,833.34	\$ 10,833.34	\$ 10,833.34	\$ 10,833.34	\$ 10,833.34	\$ 10,833.34	\$ 10,833.34	\$ 10,833.34	\$ 10,833.34	\$ 10,833.34	\$ 10,833.30	\$ 10,833.30	\$ 130,000.00
Legal/Accounting Fees	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
Uniforms/Apparel	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,800.00
Insurance/liability/property	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 48,000.00
Workman's Comp.	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 9,000.00
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,600.00
COG Sold/Contracted Ice	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
COG Sold/ Hockey programs	\$ 2,666.67	\$ 2,666.67	\$ 2,666.67	\$ 2,666.67	\$ 2,666.67	\$ 2,666.67	\$ 2,666.67	\$ 2,666.67	\$ 2,666.67	\$ 2,666.67	\$ 2,666.67	\$ 2,666.67	\$ 32,000.04
COG Sold/Learn to Skate	\$ 7,166.67	\$ 7,166.67	\$ 7,166.67	\$ 7,166.67	\$ 7,166.67	\$ 7,166.67	\$ 7,166.67	\$ 7,166.67	\$ 7,166.67	\$ 7,166.67	\$ 7,166.67	\$ 7,166.67	\$ 86,000.00
COG Sold/Advertising	\$ 416.67	\$ 416.67	\$ 416.67	\$ 416.67	\$ 416.67	\$ 416.67	\$ 416.67	\$ 416.67	\$ 416.67	\$ 416.67	\$ 416.67	\$ 416.67	\$ 5,000.00
COG Sold/Concessions	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 45,000.00
COG Sold/Pro Shop	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 6,000.00
Travel, Meals & Entertainment	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,200.00
Seminars	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Telephone	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 7,200.00
Utilities (Gas, Electric, Water, E	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 180,000.00
Bank Charges	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 42,000.00
Outside Services	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Printing	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,200.00
Office Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,200.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 600.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 44,000.00
Charitable Nashua Schools	\$ 333.34	\$ 333.34	\$ 333.34	\$ 333.34	\$ 333.34	\$ 333.34	\$ 333.34	\$ 333.34	\$ 333.34	\$ 333.34	\$ 333.34	\$ 333.34	\$ 4,000.00
Special Community Project	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Reserves	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Subtotal	\$ 133,248.49	\$ 101,248.49	\$ 101,248.49	\$ 101,248.49	\$ 101,248.49	\$ 104,048.49	\$ 101,248.49	\$ 102,748.49	\$ 101,248.49	\$ 101,248.49	\$ 100,248.41	\$ 103,048.33	\$ 1,252,081.64
Loan Principal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Subtotal	\$ 133,248.49	\$ 101,248.49	\$ 101,248.49	\$ 101,248.49	\$ 101,248.49	\$ 104,048.49	\$ 101,248.49	\$ 102,748.49	\$ 101,248.49	\$ 101,248.49	\$ 100,248.41	\$ 103,048.33	\$ 1,252,081.64
Total Expenses	\$ 133,248.49	\$ 101,248.49	\$ 101,248.49	\$ 101,248.49	\$ 101,248.49	\$ 104,048.49	\$ 101,248.49	\$ 102,748.49	\$ 101,248.49	\$ 101,248.49	\$ 100,248.41	\$ 103,048.33	\$ 1,252,081.64
Ending Balance	\$ (28,548.49)	\$ 3,451.51	\$ 3,451.51	\$ 3,451.51	\$ 4,451.51	\$ 14,651.51	\$ 17,451.51	\$ 7,951.51	\$ 4,451.51	\$ 1,451.51	\$ 451.59	\$ (3,348.33)	\$ 29,318.36

Program Name						
Business	Contacts	Program Name	Requested	Funding From anywhere	Expected completion date	Children Served
Adult Learning Center	Casey Charron 603-882-9080 x 2220 ccharron@nashuaalc.org	Defibulator on site for camp	\$2,000.00	No	Summer 2026	90 kids or so
At Adventure Camp, our mission is to provide a safe, supportive, and engaging environment where children can build confidence, develop meaningful friendships, explore new interests, and create lasting memories. Through active outdoor recreation, campers develop healthy habits that contribute to their physical, social, and emotional well-being. Adventure Camp is seeking funding to enhance both the safety and quality of our summer camp environment through the purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and the creation of a youth-designed mural on our camp shed. These initiatives align with our commitment to providing a safe, welcoming, and enriching experience for every child who attends camp. The primary goal of this project is to ensure that campers and staff can safely participate in our active programming. While all camp staff are trained and certified in Adult and Pediatric First Aid, CPR, and AED use, we do not currently have an AED available on-site. Grant funding will allow us to acquire this critical life-saving equipment, strengthening our emergency preparedness efforts and improving our ability to respond quickly and effectively in the event of a medical emergency.						
Bridges	Tara Levine development@bridgesnh.org	Child Advocacy Program	\$5,000.00	Federal Funding from united way	Calendar year 26-27	90-100
Childhood should be safe and supportive. Bridges' Child Advocacy Program helps children who have experienced sexual abuse or witnessed domestic violence. It addresses Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), such as abuse, neglect, or exposure to violence before age 18. A full-time Child Advocate works with caregivers to keep children safe and connect families to services like counseling and community support. Bridges also partners with Child Advocacy Centers (CACs), where children can talk with trained professionals in a safe, child-friendly setting. An advocate is present to support both the child and their caregiver during and after these interviews. The program also focuses on education and outreach. Advocates work with schools, social services, and local organizations to provide support and share resources. They offer an expressive arts group for young children to build coping skills and confidence, along with other programs that help children understand emotions and develop healthy ways to handle challenges.						
Boys & Girls Club Nashua	Meghan Fitzgerald mfitzgerald@bcgn.com	Street Hockey	\$7,000.00	None	asap	All club members
Funds requested from Conway Arena will be used to purchase athletic equipment and program supplies for the Club's newly constructed street hockey rink. Made possible through the generous support of Conway Arena, the Boston Bruins Foundation, and individual donors, this exciting addition will provide youth with a dedicated space for recreation, skill development, and physical activity. The requested funding will help ensure that Club members can safely and fully utilize the rink as soon as it opens. The Club serves more than 1,500 youth annually through direct programming and reaches an additional 3,000 youth and community members through the broader impact of our facility and services. Based on recent membership demographics, approximately 1,249 youth participating in direct programs are residents of the City of Nashua. Notably, 70% of the youth we serve come from low- to extremely low-income households, making access to free or affordable athletic, recreational, and wellness opportunities critical to their overall well-being and development. The new rink will significantly expand the Club's capacity to provide safe, structured, and engaging athletic programming that fosters healthy lifestyles, teamwork, confidence, leadership, and positive peer relationships. Funding may be used to purchase street hockey equipment and supplies, including sticks, balls, goals, goalie gear, helmets, gloves, protective equipment, pinnies, cones, and storage solutions. As a versatile recreational space, the rink will also support a variety of other activities and sports, such as field hockey, soccer, fitness challenges, and recreational games. Equipment purchased through this request will be available to all youth in grades K-12 participating in the Club's direct programs and will be incorporated into						
Family Promise of Southern New Hampshire	Arwen McCaffrey arwen.mccaffrey@gamilypromisenh.org	Sports Education Fund	\$2,500.00	none	school year 2026-2027	50 residents
A grant of \$2,500 from the Conway Arena would fund scholarships and activity fees for youth in FPSNH's Residential Program, covering costs associated with sports leagues and related equipment, recreational programs, extracurricular activities, and educational enrichment. For families navigating homelessness, these fees are frequently out of reach, no matter how modest. This funding would ensure that the children in our care are not excluded from the activities that build confidence, discipline, teamwork, and a sense of belonging among their peers.						

Front Door Agency	Rachel Savoie	Recreational Activities	\$4,000.00	None	Calendar Year 26-27	10 students
The Agency is requesting \$4,000 to provide more meaningful support for 10 children and youth, averaging \$400 per child. This amount is grounded in the current cost of local youth opportunities. In 2026, YMCA of Greater Nashua standard day camp is listed at \$410 per week for community members, while specialty camps, including STEM, sports, and enrichment options, are listed at \$440 per week. Peacock Players' 2026 Summer Theatre Camp in downtown Nashua is listed at \$375 per week, and Nashua Community College youth enrichment camps include several shorter programs priced at \$295. Even lower-cost municipal options, such as Nashua Recreation's All Sport Camp, can become difficult for families once transportation, equipment, or related participation needs are considered. By averaging \$400 per child, Conway Arena funding would allow the Agency to support substantial and meaningful opportunities rather than only offsetting small registration fees.						
Girls Inc	Delaney Cote dcote@girlsincnh.org 603-606-1705	Nashua Summer Camp	\$6,000.00	None	Summer 2026	95
Fund will be used to support summer activities for the girls at the Nashua center this summer. Supporting Field trips, lifeguarding, hosting a summer carnival, weekly field trips, securing special guests and transportation costs.						
Grow Nashua	Jess Monroe jess@grownashua.org	Growing Education after school elementary	\$5,000.00	No	School Year 2026-2027	
Money to support after school enrichment sessions After school sessions engage participants in structured activities while also allowing time for independent, but supported options such as exploration, age appropriate gardening tasks and tool use, and application of previously learned routines and activities Outdoor Learning and Exploration Gives children time to be active and explore outdoors after school. Encourages curiosity, observation, and hands-on experiences in nature. Provides a balance of structured activities and independent exploration. Hands-On Learning Teaches gardening, food preparation, and environmental science through STEAM-based activities. Helps students develop practical skills they can use at home and in the community. Lessons are connected to the growing season and students' interests. Building Community Through Food Helps children gain confidence in growing and preparing healthy foods. Encourages discussions about family meals, nutrition, and where food comes from. Connects families to community resources, including garden space and free vegetable distribution. Program Activities Structured gardening and educational activities. Opportunities for independent exploration and age-appropriate gardening tasks. Safe use of gardening tools and hands-on practice. Activities that reinforce skills and routines learned throughout the program. Led by Grow Nashua's Education Director and local community volunteers.						
Marguerite's Place	Josiah Bloemberg jbloemberg@margueritesplace.org 603-598-1582 x22	Childcare Access Fund	\$10,000.00	No	July 26'-June 27'	8-12 kids
Marguerite's Place requests \$10,000 from Conway Arena to support a Childcare Access Fund for children experiencing homelessness and housing instability. This fund would ensure children have immediate access to high-quality early childhood education and youth programming while their families work toward stability. Marguerite's Place has already provided nearly \$5,000 in childcare assistance to support 3-4 families experiencing these gaps, and we anticipate serving at least four additional families this year. Conway Arena's support would ensure that no child loses access to critical developmental supports because of housing transitions or delays in public systems. We anticipate serving approximately 8-12 children during this grant period, the majority of whom are Nashua residents.						
Nashua Cal Ripken	Adam Proto aproto@nashuacalripen.org	Youth Baseball Storage Expansion project	\$3,500.00	No	Summer 2026	50-100 kids estimated
This year, the city of Nashua has discontinued its Babe Ruth Baseball leagues for kids ages 12-16 years. To ensure these older kids do not lose access to affordable, structured recreation- Nashua Cal Ripken is looking to absorb this division. To support the influx of players funds requested would address infrastructure and storage needs to the bigger fields. New storage shed to be fabricated to house team equipment, field materials and safety gear as well as a lawn tractor (the league has) -additional funds will be used to repair additional structures at other fields from pests, water damage and neglect. Fields for these upgrades are north common and Lodge Street.						

Nashua High School Boosters	Lisa Gingras	Scoreboard Replacement	\$52,000.00	None	ASAP	All Students at North
Looking to replace scoreboards in the large gyms at both high schools. This is where volleyball and basketball compete against other NHIAA Division 1 schools. We are also often the neutral site for other middle school and high school championships. The current scoreboards are the original scoreboards that were installed when the schools were built in 2000-2004. The current boards are missing bulbs, some bulbs don't work, and the wiring connections are often finicky going off and on during events. The new scoreboards would run wirelessly and contain all LED lights. The new scoreboards would enhance the experience for the players and all spectators in attendance.						
Nashua Children's Home	Dave Zwolinski 603-883-3851 dzwolinski@nashuachildrenshome.org	Bike Storage/ playground	\$5,000.00	none *charitable gaming April 2026-200k	Summer 2026- before winter season	all residents
Looking to purchase covered storage for bicycles- with hopes that better storage will help increase the longevity of these bicycles. Currently some of the bicycles only last one season for the kids. Thus cheaper quality bikes are being purchased. The childrens home has a 5 hour block each day in the summer away from electronics. to add to this free time, they would like to purchase a twirly top to encourage cooperative play and recreation for the younger kids. This apparatus helps kids understand physics, rotation and momentum.						
Nashua Community Music School	Cody Switzer cody.switzer@nashuacms.org	Outreach Programs	\$3,000.00	Funding From United Way	Setpember 26th– May 2027	
The Nashua Community Music School (NCMS) Music Outreach Program provides music education, music therapy, workshops, concerts, and instruction to local schools, organizations, and families. Programs are customized to meet the needs of each group and help serve more than 200 children each week. Musical Discovery Project Serves students at all seven Nashua Title I elementary schools through the 21st Century Extended Day Program. Reaches approximately 75 students each week. Teaches music basics, teamwork, creativity, and movement through interactive music activities. Teen Rock Band : New Hampshire's only free teen rock band program. Serves 15 students through weekly rehearsals and community performances. Builds teamwork, confidence, communication, and positive after-school engagement.Provides opportunities for teens to perform for local audiences and gain real-world music experience. Group Music Therapy for Children Serves approximately 60 infants, toddlers, and preschoolers each week at the Adult Learning Center and Marguerite's Place. Led by a board-certified music therapist. Uses trauma-informed music therapy to support social-emotional development, physical activity, healthy coping skills, and overall well-being. Includes five therapy groups each week.						
Nashua PAL	Jen Miller / Shaun Nelson	Summer Youth Wellness	\$5,000.00	No	Summer 2026	
Nashua PAL is requesting \$5,000 from Conway Arena and the City of Nashua Ice Rink Commission to support youth wellness and outdoor safety programs through the PAL Youth Safe Haven. The funding will help provide: Biking and Fishing Programs (\$2,000): Weekly activities for youth ages 7–18, including bicycles, helmets, fishing rods, permits, bait, and other equipment. Participants will learn new skills, stay active, and keep the equipment at the end of the program. Teen Camping Program (\$2,000): A two-day camping experience for 5–8 teens, including safety training and essential gear such as backpacks, hiking boots, bug spray, and other supplies. The program focuses on leadership, teamwork, confidence, and outdoor education. Summer Safety Supplies and Education (\$1,000): Life vests, first aid supplies, coolers, and safety training on topics such as food safety and swimming. These programs provide local youth with opportunities to stay active, build confidence, develop healthy relationships, and improve their physical and mental well-being through safe outdoor experiences.						
Nashua Soup Kitchen	Melissa Wieters mwieters@nsks.org 603-889-7770	Summer Back Pack program	\$7,500.00	Yes– BAE, Southern NH Health	Summer 2026	150 High School Students all nashua residents

The Back to school back pack program is a blended initiative between community level support and targeted grants. Specifically address our most critical gap: providing high-quality backpacks, advanced STEM supplies, and graphing calculator lending libraries for Nashua high school students. This initiative helps reduce education inequities by giving kids confidence and tools to succeed. This will also support purchasing additional graphing calculators to be lent out to students each semester. Schedule of events is included- distribution is for Mid August prior to the start of the school year.						
Salvation Army	Emma Labossiere emma.labossiere@use.salvationarmy.org 717-609-3167	Summer Day Camp	\$3,000.00	No additional Funding	Summer 2026	40
The Salvation Army offers a local day camp for children in grades 1–7 whose working families need affordable, high-quality care. The camp runs for seven weeks, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and serves about 35–40 children each summer. The goal of the program is to provide a safe and welcoming place where children can feel included, stay active, and take part in enriching experiences they may not otherwise have. Each week includes crafts, group games, music, dance, and field trips that help children explore and connect with the community.						
St. Christopher Academy	Carol Fiore	Middle School Athletic programming	\$1,210.00	No additional Funding	Fall 2026	160 grades 6-8
Saint Chris does not have its own athletic fields, we spend much time using our gymnasium for physical activity all year long. We would like to add different types of activities to our curriculum to help build positive athletic experiences and increase participation. We have 160 students in grades 6 to 8 at our middle school campus. All of those students participate in physical education classes twice a week. In addition to expanding our in-school curriculum, we plan to initiate Family Fitness Nights for all families across the Academy. We hope to encourage regular physical activity by inviting families to have fun together. We would also like to add "Girls Got Game" type programming designed to build confidence, fundamentals and leadership skills in girls. Looking to specifically purchase Volley Ball nets and balls, floor scooters						
Sleep in Heavenly Peace	Sarah Galiotto@shpbeds.org	No Kids Sleeps on Floor	\$7,500.00	yes, Lowes and Speedway Foundation	Beds are build and delivered in 6 months	ages 3-17
We understand that for children, having a comfortable and safe place to sleep is essential for their well-being, but unfortunately, many families' experiencing poverty or other crises cannot provide this necessity. Our team of dedicated volunteers works tirelessly to build and deliver fully furnished twin-size beds to families in need. By providing a bed to a child who would otherwise be sleeping on the floor, we don't just give them a place to sleep, but also a sense of security, comfort, and dignity. We believe that every child deserves a good night's sleep and a chance to succeed, and we are committed to making that a reality for as many children as possible. The primary goal of this project is to ensure that 400 local children have a bed of their own by the end of 2026. This effort is expected to improve the quality of life for these children in the following areas: - Enhanced Sleep Quality: Children will experience improved physical and mental health, better focus and emotional stability. - Improved Academic Performance: A good night's sleep supports cognitive development and academic success. - Increased Family Stability: Families will experience relief and satisfaction knowing that their children have a safe, secure place to sleep. At an approximate cost of \$300 per bed, no amount too large or small would not be used to furnish a bed for a child in need.						
Symphony New Hampshire	Lisa Burk-McCoy	Link up for Education	\$2,500.00	Yes- support from three other donors	Spring 2027	700 3rd Graders
Link Up is a free, yearlong music education initiative that engages every third-grade student in the Nashua School District. Through an interactive curriculum taught by classroom educators, students are introduced to the recorder—one of the most accessible instruments for young learners. In group playing and classroom study, students learn to read, notate, sing, play, and create music; build a music artistic disciplines. For many, this marks their first experience learning an instrument and participating in structured music study. The program culminates in a live concert in the spring, where students perform alongside professional Symphony NH musicians. This year's Link Up concert on May 6, 2026 welcomed 767 students and 78 teachers and paraprofessionals. We anticipate similar participation in our 2026-2027 program. In past years we've hosted performances at Keefe Center for the Arts. As that facility is expected to become unavailable, we are actively exploring relocation options and are in conversation with the Nashua Center for the Arts to host the event beginning in spring 2027 or 2028.						
Team Tesseract	Justin Bottino jason.bottino@asdnh.org 603-316-4597	STEM Robotics	\$2,500.00	No charge for students. Have solicited other business for donations	2026-2027 Year	8-10 kids on team. Hundreds see demonstrations

Team Tesseract Robotics respectfully requests \$2,500 to support our year-round robotics competition program and free community STEM outreach initiatives serving youth throughout Nashua and Southern New Hampshire. Team Tesseract is a student-led FIRST Tech Challenge robotics team where students design, build, program, test, and compete with custom-built robots. While competition is a key component of our program, our mission extends far beyond the playing field. We use robotics as a platform to provide free, hands-on STEM learning opportunities, introduce families to FIRST robotics programs, mentor younger students, and inspire the next generation of innovators, engineers, and community leaders. Our program is built around two interconnected goals. First, we provide team members with meaningful experiences in engineering, programming, design, business, project management, outreach, and leadership. Students gain real-world skills while working collaboratively to solve complex challenges and prepare for future academic and career opportunities. Second, we leverage the knowledge, resources, and confidence developed through competition to expand access to STEM education in our community. Through demonstrations, workshops, mentoring programs, and outreach events, we create engaging and accessible STEM experiences for younger students and their families. When children see a student-designed robot move, score, and respond to code, STEM concepts come to life in a way that is exciting, tangible, and inspiring. Support for Team Tesseract helps sustain both aspects of our mission—allowing students to participate in a high-quality competitive robotics program while also expanding free STEM learning opportunities that benefit youth throughout the Greater Nashua region.						
UPBEAT New Hampshire	Nancy Goodwin upbeatnewhampshire@gmail.com 603-566-4528	Middle School String Program	\$6,000.00	Not at this time.	School year 2026-2027	200 Students/ 40 are middle school
Upbeat New Hampshire (Upbeat), based in Nashua, is a nonprofit music education program providing free or low-cost string instrument instruction through ensemble-based learning. Each student receives an instrument at no cost, and all instruction is led by professional musicians and educators. Beyond music education, Upbeat helps students build resilience, confidence, teamwork, and critical thinking through participation in orchestras and ensembles. Founded 14 years ago to address the lack of affordable string education opportunities in New Hampshire, Upbeat began with 24 students in after-school group lessons. Today, the program serves more than 200 students annually and has impacted over 2,000 students since its founding. Approximately 65% of students participate free of charge, with the majority coming from economically challenged backgrounds in Nashua. Upbeat currently offers lessons at neighborhood elementary schools and Nashua High School North for middle and high school students. In 2026–2027, the program plans to expand middle school programming directly into middle schools, beginning with Fairgrounds Middle School, to address transportation barriers that often prevent students from continuing lessons after elementary school. Funding will help Upbeat continue serving students at this new location and ensure greater access to long-term music education opportunities.						
Waypoint	Ruth Morrisette morrissetter@waypointnh.org 603-851-3656	Nashua Family Resource Center	\$3,000.00	Government Funding		342
Our work is based on the belief that children do best when they have safe places to play, supportive relationships, and opportunities to learn and grow. In support of Conway Arena and the City of Nashua Ice Rink Commission mission to help youth through recreation, education, and positive community involvement, the Nashua FRC-Q provides accessible programs that help children build confidence, social skills, and healthy habits. We respectfully request \$3,000 to support programs that directly benefit children and families, including: Ongoing playgroups for young children and caregivers that encourage active play, social interaction, and early learning in a safe setting A Family Resource Center Fall Fun Day that gives children a safe and engaging recreational experience A monthly Holiday Arts and Crafts Group (October through April) that encourages creativity, social connection, and self-expression						
United Way	Samantha Cassista scassista@unitedwaynashua.org		\$2,000.00			
Learn United tutoring is a unique program because it is free and flexible individual tutoring for students K to 12th grade. Our tutoring is flexible – it can be done virtually or in-person and any day of the week. We also can support most special needs in learning. 16 students this past year, 40%, had a Section 504 or Individualized Education Plan (IEP). 3 additional						
YMCA of Greater Nashua	Mike LaChance 603-598-1533 Grant Writer Marsha Bottino marsha.bottino@gmail.com	TEEN Mental Health	\$6,000.00	Summer 26- Summer 27		40-60 Students served

The YMCA is exploring implementation of the nationally recognized Teen Mental Health First Aid program. Teen Mental Health First Aid is an evidence-based prevention and education program designed for youth ages 14-18 that teaches teens how to recognize signs of mental health and substance use challenges in themselves and their peers, how to have supportive conversations, and how to connect a friend with a trusted adult when additional help is needed. The program addresses topics including anxiety, depression, bullying, social media impacts, substance use, ADHD, eating disorders, and other common adolescent mental health concerns. Students learn practical intervention skills and a structured action plan for supporting peers while understanding the importance of involving trusted adults. Goals 1. Increase mental health literacy among local teens. 2. Reduce stigma surrounding mental health challenges. 3. Equip youth with practical skills to recognize warning signs in peers. 4. Strengthen connections between youth and trusted adults. 5. Increase early identification and referral of youth experiencing mental health concerns. 6. Build a more supportive and inclusive youth community. Youth Served – Year One We anticipate offering the program 3 times during the first year at the Nashua YMCA Wellbeing Center and identify teens for the program by engaging with local high schools, youth-serving organizations, and community partners.						
Julie Christenson-Collins	"christensoncollinsj@gnmhc.org" <christensoncollinsj@gn	Family Support	\$5,000.00	40 kids		Annual program
Funding to familie of those whom have parents enrolled in the Adult Drug Program. These funds will aid in giving parents the opportunity to afford events, social activities and even team sports. The goal is to support healthy living and life experiences for both adults and children together. There are in excess of 40 children with parents participating in the program. These numbers varies as as families graduate the program.						