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**Attachments:** 300039-IM-Sports-Budget-FY24-Summary-Do-Not-Edit.pdf

New S&A Funding Request received!

### Requesting Organization

Intramural Sports

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### Budget Request and History

#### Attach Budget Request Spreadsheet (found at top of form)

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#### Please select which represents your request best?

FY23 Budget Request

#### Please provide a summary of your dept/prog/unit.

The EWU Intramural Sports (I.M.) program has been a fixture on campus for more than 50 years and is still one of, if not the largest student programs on campus. Offering a diverse schedule of activities each quarter, the I.M. program has a typical annual unique participation of 800-1,000 students. During the covid-19 pandemic, governor restrictions prohibited most functions of the I.M. program. Moving into FY22, the program began the process of rebuilding to its previous levels.

The I.M. Sports program supports EWU students through the core values listed below:

**Risk Management:** The I.M. Sports program works with facilities staff to ensure recreational spaces are prepared safely for the sports being played each day. The I.M. Sports staff proactively manage risks through daily facility audits, and ensure issues are addressed before gameplay proceeds. Well trained sports officials are (student employees) serve a critical role in managing safety during game play.

**Inclusion:** The I.M. Sports program has developed several adaptive sports for EWU, including Goalball, Wheelchair Basketball, and eSports.

**Professionalism:** Student staff learn basic professionalism skills through their experience working within the program.

#### How does your dept/prog/unit plan to spend the awarded funds?

Approximately 65% of total funding is spent on student employees, who work as officials, score keepers, first aid attendants, and supervisors. These positions provide students with structure, responsibility, life skills, and leadership development. The requested direct expenses support equipment to manage risks during game play, league management software, supplies to

launch an eSports program, required certifications for employees, and promotional materials, and championship awards. This also supports the operations of the Roost, a drop-in and reservable student activity lounge.

**Did your dept/prog/unit receive funds in FY23?**

Yes

**If you answered yes to the previous question, please submit the total amount received.**

105000

**Salaries, Benefits, & Wages**

**Does your request include any staff salaries/benefits, and/or student wages?**

Yes

**How many UNDERGRADUATE student employees are being supported by S&A funding?**

12

**How many GRADUATE student employees are being supported by S&A funding?**

0

**How many CLASSIFIED staff are being supported by S&A funding?**

0

**How many ADMINISTRATIVE staff are being supported by S&A funding?**

0

**How many FACULTY staff are being supported by S&A funding?**

0

**Please confirm that you have budgeted for all salary increases, according to the Budget Assumptions outlined, and that number will be included in your direct expense figure when you build your budget**

- Yes

**Impact From Funding**

**How does your dept/prog/unit collaborate with other departments, programs, units?**

I.M. sports works with many campus organizations such as Sorority & Fraternity Life, the Res Hall Assoc., EWU Athletics and many others through hosting events such as Paintball, Archery Tag, Laser Tag and other sport related activities. These type events are usually at little or no charge to the group as we consider these functions as critical for building community on campus. The I.M. sports program will also welcome participation from staff, faculty, and members of the local community, rebuilding a positive culture on campus.

**How does your dept/prog/unit collaborate with outside stakeholders?**

Members of the local community (including staff and faculty) are now eligible to participate in I.M. sports leagues after paying a nominal fee to ensure compliance with S&A rules. Historically the program has also hosted the EWU Spring Shootout (formerly the largest indoor 3-on-3 tournament in the country) and the Iron Eagle Triathlon (30+ years) which encourage community participation. The majority of these events are funded through registration fees and community sponsorships. These events bring positive attention to EWU, generate revenue, and contribute to student recruitment. While these events have been suspended throughout the covid pandemic, the program is now rebuilding and relaunching updated versions for the student community.

**How does your dept/prog/unit contribute to the local/regional community?**

The leagues and events mentioned above bring in many participants and spectators to the Cheney community. These groups buy food, gas, some stay in hotels and generally support the local economy while the events are taking place.

**What impact(s) does this dept/prog/unit have on campus? Briefly describe the need for your dept/prog/unit. How does your dept/prog/unit support the mission and/or goals of EWU?**

Out-of-the-classroom programs such as the I.M. program greatly enhance a students satisfaction with their collegiate experience by providing an outlet to meet new people, improve self-confidence and self-esteem, develop a healthy interactive engagement with EWU and most importantly, to have fun. Providing access to top level programs helps lead to student success in the classroom, higher graduation rates (Completion) and adds to the retention efforts. While there is some learning that goes on, the real strength of the I.M. program is to give our students a program they feel a strong connection to and a sense of ownership in.

**How does your dept/prog/unit assess the effectiveness of your programs/services and how is it tracked?**

This spring we will be holding a series of I.M. focus groups to try to develop strategies to help bring students to the program that may have not been participating in the past. Student staff are also very active in seeking out opinions on player thoughts on how the program is operated. Demographic info such as class standing, gender identification, residence locale, which campus they attend and how often they participate are key service indicators. The info is collected both through the Spring Survey and quarterly participant data through our online registration system, called Fusion.

**Financial Responsibility**

**What are the top funding priorities for your dept/prog/unit and is any of this funding for contracts? If so, how much?**

- 1. Student wages - These students serve as league directors, officials, first aid attendants, and score keepers. Without these students, program quality would be impacted, and risk of injury would increase.
- 2. Program equipment - EWU's IM leagues provide the majority of equipment needed to participate, and this equipment needs to be replaced regularly. Additionally, league championship shirts serve as an incentive for participants to register and compete.
- 3. First aid supplies - This equipment is critical to properly ensure that athletes receive quality care after an injury.

We have a contract with fusion for \$3,000 to support the IM leagues software, and mobile application.

**How does your dept/prog/unit track and manage your budgets to ensure financial sustainability?**

We strongly believe in fiscal responsibility, only requesting funds for what the program truly needs, and managing expenses to stay within the awarded budget. Additionally, the I.M. Sports program has the capacity to generate some revenue, which can expand the investment of awarded S&A funds.

**How will you ensure that student fees do not subsidize non-student use?**

EWU students are the heart and soul of the I.M. Sports program. Students participation will be tracked with our registration platforms (Fusion). Non-students currently pay a quarterly fee of \$15 for their access to participation. When the program hosts other community events, the revenue generated through team/participant fees covers all program costs.

**Engagement**

**Please share the number of STUDENTS your dept/prog/unit serves annually.**

1,000

**Please share the number of FACULTY your dept/prog/unit serves annually.**

25

**Please share the number of STAFF your dept/prog/unit serves annually.**

25


**Please share the number of ALUMNI your dept/prog/unit serves annually.**

0

**Please share the number of OUTSIDE STAKEHOLDERS your dept/prog/unit serves annually.**

25

**Acknowledgment**

 I confirm that the details included in this budget request are accurate to the best of my knowledge and are fully aware of S&A Fee regulations.