

Direct Athlete Support (DAS) and Elite Athlete Health Insurance (EAHI)

1. AMOUNT AWARDED : \$820,000
2. ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA APPROVED FOR DIRECT ATHLETE SUPPORT:

There will be two levels of support for regular DAS stipends totaling approximately \$760,000: (1) Performance and (2) Training.

In addition, approximately \$60,000 will be directed towards supplemental training stipends as described below.

DAS Stipends (\$760,000)

Support Details:

Performance: Grants awarded will be \$1,700/ month for the duration of the eligibility period.

Training: Grants awarded will be \$1,300/ month for the duration of the eligibility period.

EAHI: Athletes who meet the below criteria and are awarded DAS will be eligible for EAHI

Funds will be distributed the first week of each month via the USOC. Direct Athlete Support funds are not secured beyond the term of this agreement.

Eligibility Period:

June 1, 2019- March 31, 2020

This eligibility period will be broken up into the following two periods: *(Please note exceptions for specific boat classes in specific periods)

Period 1: June 1, 2019 – September 30, 2019

Period 2: October 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020

Criteria:

Period 1: June 1, 2019 - September 30, 2019

Performance:

- Returning 2018 World Championship Medalists who are training to compete at the 2019 World Championships.
- These athletes must either be training under USRowing's Women's or Men's National Team coaches' training programs OR with oversight or consult from USRowing National Team staff.

Training:

- Currently training under the direct supervision of USRowing Women's or Men's National Team coaches OR with oversight or consult from the USRowing National Team staff.
- Winning boat classes in Olympic events at the NSR I, Trial I and Trials II and 2 will be considered depending on percentage to Gold Medal Standard and the rest of the field.

A minimum of 25 grants will be awarded in Period 1

Exception *

The winner of the W1x at the NSR I will receive a training grant from May 1, 2019 through Period 1.

The winners of the W2x and LW2x at Trials II will receive a training grant (or performance grant if eligible) from June 1, 2019 through Period 1.

Period 2: October 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020

Performance:

- Placement of 1-3 at the 2019 World Championships* and will continue training for the 2020 Olympic Games
- These athletes must either be training under US Rowing's Women's or Men's National Team coaches' training programs OR with oversight or consult from USRowing National Team staff.

Training:

- Placement of 4-7 at the 2019 World Championships* and will continue training for the 2020 Olympic Games OR
- Additional consideration for (Dependent on remaining funds in DAS pool):
 - Olympic class boats attaining qualification standard for the 2020 Games
 - Placement of 8 At the 2019 World Championships*
 - Currently training under the direct supervision of US Rowing Women's or Men's National Team coaches OR with oversight or consult from USRowing National Team staff.

*To be considered for performance or training stipends in Period 2, athletes must place top 50% of the field in their boat class in the 2019 World Championships. For example, if an athlete(s) places 7th in his/her boat class there must be a total of 14 entries in that boat class to receive a training stipend.

Supplemental Training Stipends (Approximately \$60,000)

- Approximately \$60,000
 - Will be awarded to current training athletes (who are earning 2019 DAS in Period 1) who earned a medal at any of the following competitions:
 - 2016 Olympic Games
 - 2018 World Championships
 - 2017 World Championships
 - 2015 World Championships
 - 2014 World Championships
 - \$6,000 will be awarded per athlete per medal earned at an Olympic Games.
 - \$1,000 will be awarded per athlete per medal earned at a World Championships.
 - Payments will be distributed via a one-time payment to athletes in June 2019.

Any remaining DAS amounts after distribution for Period 2 may be put in a second supplemental pool for distribution in December of 2019 for athletes who meet the criteria for the Supplemental Training Stipend. The amount may be adjusted to fit the training amount left in the pool.

3. STIPULATIONS FOR DIRECT ATHLETE SUPPORT:

- Only athletes competing for an Olympic class boat category are eligible for DAS.
- All recipients of DAS must have completed SafeSport training within 30 days of first payment
- An athlete may be removed from a payment period if it is determined that he/she is no longer training for an Olympic class boat category or not following the agreed upon training program. An athlete will be given a 30- day notice before removal and a final decision will be made by the High Performance Director, Chair of the High Performance Committee and the High Performance Committee Athlete representatives.
- Each athlete recipient will be required to execute an agreement with the USOC, and may be required to also sign an agreement with USRowing, outlining the athlete's commitment with respect to training, drug testing, compliance with applicable athlete codes of conduct and other matters. Athletes receiving Direct Athlete Support are not intended third party beneficiaries of this Agreement.
- USRowing will consult with the USOC before eliminating or making changes in the Direct Athlete Support program.
- If the payments for Direct Athlete Support exceed the amount awarded, then USRowing will pay the difference via an invoice from the USOC.
- Direct Athlete Support funds are not secured beyond the term of this agreement.