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Rise Up! 159 Flag Football Grant Program Awards Georgia Schools and Organizations more than \$116,000

The Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation, The Georgia Foundation for Public Health and Georgia Shape initiative, are proud to announce that 14 grants totaling over \$116,000 have been awarded to Georgia schools and organizations through the second round of the Rise Up! 159 Flag Football Grant Program.

The Rise Up! 159 Initiative, a two-year grant program, will help youth serving organizations and schools enhance existing or start new NFL Flag Football programs across the state. The Atlanta Falcons and Georgia Shape are especially interested in programs that increase participation among girls and children with physical disabilities. NFL Flag Football is open to all boys and girls ages 6 to 14.

Schools and organizations can apply for up to \$10,000 to assist with NFL Flag Football program registration fees, providing healthy and nutritious snacks to participants, purchasing equipment and supplies, covering transportation costs and field rental fees.

Atlanta Falcons President and CEO Rich McKay states that "Flag football is a great entry way into growing our game for boys and girls. We hope these grants give the schools and organizations the necessary tools that allow more kids the opportunity to play."

The Rise Up! 159 Flag Football Grant Program would like to congratulate all of the second-round grantees:

Organization Name	City
Acworth Parks Recreation and Community Resource	Acworth
North Douglas Elementary School	Douglasville
Jasper County Recreation Department	Monticello
Title Town Titans	Valdosta
3D C.H.A.M.P.S. Inc	Athens
Bright Star and Eastside Elementary School	Douglasville
Bill Arp Falcons	Douglasville
Bonaire Elementary School	Bonaire

Northeast Georgia Youth Football Conference	Athens
Metro Athletic Network Inc	Lithonia
North Dekalb Youth Sports	Doraville
Campus Clubs Inc.	Macon
City of East Point	East Point
Douglasville Tiger Cubs Football	Douglasville

To learn more about the Rise Up! 159 Flag Football Grant Program, visit www.GeorgiaShape.org.