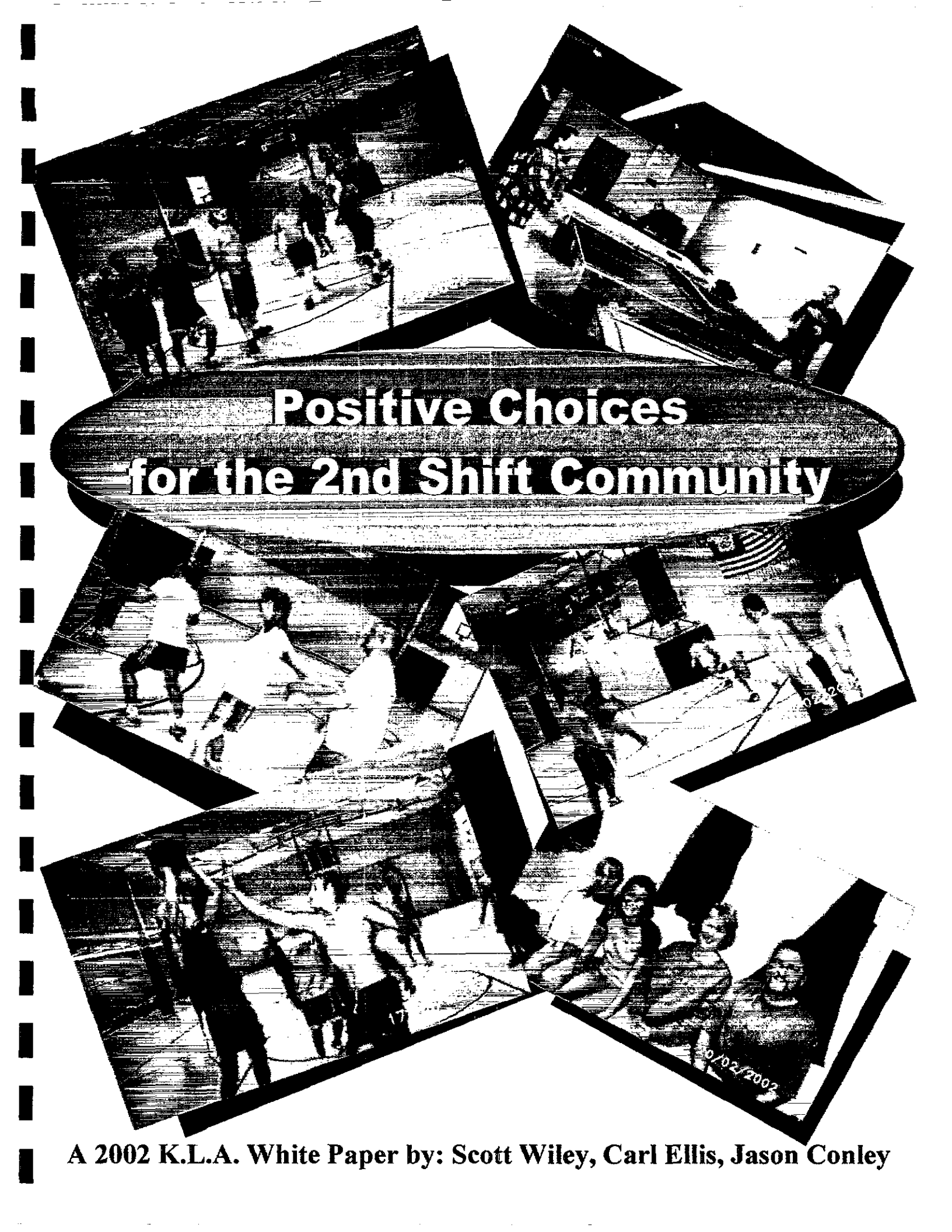




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The Concept:

- **Scott Wiley, Executive Director and a member of Baker Youth Clubs for 35 years, had recognized the need for alternative activities for 2nd shift workers for a few years.**

- **This need is due to the fact that there are very few establishments available to the public in the late evening (end of 2nd shift). Most people end up going to a bar or to Wal-Mart.**

- **There are a large number of second shift employees in Kosciusko County because of the large, prosperous manufacturing segment.**

- **Midnight Basketball is a recent phenomenon that has spread rapidly throughout the U.S. and U.K.**

- **It was decided that we would pursue the start of a Midnight Club in Warsaw.**

History of Midnight Leagues

- **Founded in 1986 in Glenarden, MD, by G. Van Standifer, City Manager, who was disturbed by the increasing numbers of deaths and crime by young adults. He believed that alternative activities were in order.**
- **It has evolved into the National Association of Midnight Basketball Leagues, Inc., and has spread in popularity in over 60 U.S. and U.K. cities.**
- **Most of these programs are geared for inner city youth, are well-staffed, and involve required workshops prior to admission to athletic activities.**
- **Workshops cover not only basketball, but also several other areas of personal responsibility and choices.**

Promotion of the Positive Choices Program

- **A telephone survey was conducted to ask local companies if 2nd shift workers would participate in such a league. Many companies expressed an interest, so we proceeded.**

- **It was decided that we would experiment with a Midnight Club Operating one night weekly (Wednesday, 11:00 pm to 2:30 am) in the Pete Thorn Youth Center.**

- **It was open to interested males and females.**

- **Activities include basketball, volleyball, table tennis, and pool.**

- **The initial promotion launched experimentally with an ad in the Warsaw Times-Union in early February.**

- **This was followed by a personal introduction of the program to the Kosciusko County Human Resource Association by Scott Wiley.**

- **Following the KHRA presentation, a direct email flyer was sent to all Human Resource departments promoting the opening night.**

Implementation

- **Scott Wiley volunteered to plan the program and supervise the Midnight Club.**
- **At 11:00 pm on February 20th the doors were open to 2nd shift workers for the first time.**
- **32 men and women came the first night.**
- **Activities the first night included basketball, pool, ping pong, volleyball, and dancing.**
- **The Midnight Club premiere was a huge success**

Results

- **The Midnight Club has been extremely successful.**
- **The Midnight Club has now been open a total of 9 weeks.**
- **Since opening night, total attendance has been 296 people.**
- **The Club has operated at least until 2:00 am with several nights past 4:30 am!**
- **The Club has been featured on the front page of the Times-Union.**



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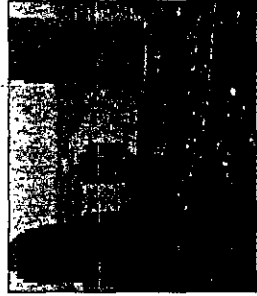


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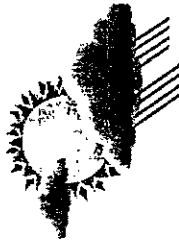
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Showers tonight, clearing, sunny Saturday.

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Youth Club Offers '2nd Shift' Activities

BY DAVID SLONE
 Times-Union Staff Writer

Working second shift, hundreds if not thousands of Kosciusko County employees miss out on a lot of opportunities, such as sports leagues.

When they get off work, their only options for recreation are hitting the bars or visiting a local 24-hour store.

But now, that's changed. Kosciusko Leadership Academy and Baker Youth Clubs have joined together to offer second shift workers an opportunity for fun. Called "Positive Choices For the Second Shift Community," the program came about as a result of a KLA white paper project by Baker Youth Clubs Executive Director Scott Wiley; Carl Ellis, Dekko Heating Technologies Inc.; and Jason

Conley, Paragon Medical. The white paper project was sponsored by the Bowen Center.

"I think the second shift community is forgotten a lot," said Wiley.

The basic premise is that the club, at the Pete Thorn Building at Lucerne Park, Warsaw, is open from 11 p.m. Wednesdays to 2 a.m. Thursdays. Men and women of all ages can play basketball, pool, volleyball, ping pong and euchre; enjoy music; dance or just hang out and have fun. The night isn't structured, Wiley said, because people said they just wanted a place to go and play.

On the opening night, 27 people showed. Since then, an average of 20 to 30 people show up every week after getting off work.

"People are loving it," said Wiley. "... The people really

appreciate it. The guys are really excited about it. It's free."

One person who enjoys the "second-shift club" is Amy Perkins.

"The second shift club is an excellent idea," she wrote in a testimonial to Wiley. "I enjoy hanging out with friends and meeting new people. This club keeps people out of bars and away from alcohol. I enjoy physical activity and good clean fun. This is a great alternative for everyone and keeps many people out of trouble."

Of course, a person doesn't have to work second shift to be there. Men and women, teens and senior citizens are all invited. During spring break, Wiley said, they had many high school kids and people over age 50.

"For some reason, most people are from Blomet," he said.

Eventually, he said, they want to expand the program to four nights a week. Currently, Baker Youth Clubs has a lease with the city of Warsaw for only one night a week.

"The next step is to go to the city and see if we can expand our lease to four days," said Wiley. "The program has been put in Baker Youth Clubs' budget for this year."

"Our philosophy for kids is, if it's fun and safe, do it. The same for adults," Wiley said.

Baker Youth Clubs has been a member of the local United Way since 1971 and has served Kosciusko County since 1926.

Baker Youth Clubs offers many other programs such as satellite clubs, Baker Alumni Club, summer club, summer day care, parent/child night, leagues and field trips.



Photo by David Slone, Times-Union
 Basketball is one of the many activities Kosciusko County second shift employees can enjoy at the Baker Youth Clubs Wednesday nights from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. after getting off work.

Future

- **People are asking that it be open at least 4 nights per week.**

- **Since Baker Youth Clubs has a lease with the City of Warsaw for the Pete Thorn Youth Center, their lease would have to be extended to include 3 extra nights.**

- **Due to these extra nights, their rent would be increased. Funding for this increase would have to be acquired.**

- **Scott Wiley would be unavailable to supervise the club 4 nights per week so additional staff would have to be hired and trained.**

- **It has been included in Baker Youth Clubs request for funding from the United Way for 2002-2003.**

- **Grants may be available for the club as well as the possibility that donations could be taken nightly to cover the cost.**

Testimonials

Below and on the following pages are written testimonials from some of the Midnight Club attendees *

It give folks who work second
an outlet to gather & play ball, pool, and other organized
activities. I have been a member of BYC for 20 years.
I currently live & work in Indianapolis and have found myself
making the 2 hour trip to my hometown of Warsaw just to play
ball with the people I grew up with at the BYC. The BYC
is doing exactly what it has been doing for generations - getting
people off the streets and into an atmosphere that teaches values,
sportsmanship, ^{competitiveness} ~~friendship~~, & friendships that last a lifetime.

Name: Bill Hyden

Look forward to coming out on Wednesday nights its great. Nothing else to do but go home + watch T.V. or go to bars + drink.

Great way to meet people* + play ball.

Great way to stay in shape!

Please keep it open!!

The 2nd shift club is an excellent idea. I enjoy hanging out w/ friends and meeting new people. This club keeps people out of bars and away from alcohol. I enjoy physical activity and good clean fun. I personally do not drink and I hate the bar scene. This is a great alternative for everyone and keeps many people out of trouble.

Please take this club seriously, it has many positive outlets for people!! I ♥ it!

Name: Ang W Patens

This is a great chance for an afternoon sport where you
get out and get into it after work activities.

Have met a lot of new people. Keeps
me out of trouble. I have to show off
when playing volleyball.

I personally love coming here because it
gives me something to do after work. Being our age there
is not much to offer.

It's Great Exercise. Time for friends, keeps me
out bars.

Name: William McQuinn

The 2nd shift Boys Club is great. It gives me something to do on week nights and keeps people away from worse things. It's good to be active and this is about the only time I have to do so. I love it!

I think ~~to~~ that second shift club is a great thing. It keeps people out of the bars on Wednesday nights. I think ~~the~~ people really enjoy coming in because it gives second shift ~~the~~ people some ways to go and play basketball and ~~part~~. It's great for people to just come and chill out.

Name: Bern Hat

A second shift club works well for people who miss out on the days activities due to work conflicts.

It gives us a place to come after working all night.

Have met a lot of new people and made some good friends. Plus it keeps me out of trouble. Thanks a lot. Let us keep on rockin'.

Name: Jeremy Doty

~~It~~ This is one of the only places for 2nd Shift

To go and do something after work. A place to play

Basket Ball indoors is great because rain or shine you

can play. Thank you for this opportunity to

It's cool to get a lot of people
to be able to play for a while.

This is the only time I have to get
inside and play some good basketball. The YMCA
isn't open and the hours it is open its so packed
you can't get any games in. This is a great
thing we have going here and it is getting
more and more attention each week. We would
appreciate allowing us to continue this wonderful
activity.

Name: LOS LANTZ

I think that this is a good idea because it helps keep people out of the way, especially since we have a lot of people. It gets people to work more quickly. It's a good idea because it keeps people out of trouble. Besides going home I can actually do something productive. The YMCA is a great place to go in a good place for us that could work out after work.

Name: Carson Williams

A programme to combat
crime

Basketball at midnight

Gary A. Sailes, associate professor of Sport Sociology at Indiana University and author of *African-Americans in Sport: Contemporary themes*

“Sport can fire the highest and the lowest passions. It can develop disinterestedness

and a sense of honour as well as love of profit.

It can be chivalrous or corrupt, manly or bestial. Nobility of feeling, the cult of disinterest and honour, the spirit of chivalry, manliness and peace are the prime needs of modern democracies.”

Pierre de Coubertin

(1863-1937).
French educator,
first president of
the International
Olympic
Committee

Midnight Basketball is giving thousands of young males in poor neighbourhoods of U.S. cities an opportunity to play the game and keep out of trouble

Anthony Carter, a 22-year-old African-American, is a star player in the University of Hawaii Basketball team. He has already had lucrative offers from prestigious clubs in the National Basketball Association (NBA) league.

Not long ago, Carter was one of many poor young males looking for opportunities in Atlanta's Jonesboro south suburb, known for its high crime rate. His life took a different turn after he joined the local “Midnight Basketball” (MBL) league where he spent three years. As a result, he is now in university and looking ahead to a bright future in the NBA league. MBL, which organizes basketball played between 10:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m., has changed the lives of many young males like Carter who live in the poor neighbourhoods of Atlanta and might otherwise have drifted into crime. (see box.)

The only difference between Midnight Basketball and normal basketball is that it is played at hours when young inner city males are most vulnerable to the drug culture, crime and other negative activity. In a nutshell, MBL takes the players off the street at night and places them in a playground area under organized and structured conditions. Emmanuel Hunt, Jr, President of Atlanta MBL, quoting police records, says that the programme has helped to bring down the crime rate in the inner city, which fell by 40 per cent in the last five years.

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Cheyenne River Youth Project Midnight Basketball

Too often, teens without anything to do find trouble. Afterschool and community programs are great ways to give teens alternative options. Running Strong and the Cheyenne River Youth Project already teamed up to build the Billy Mills Youth Center – creating a safe place for young kids to go. But what about the teens?

Thanks to your support, every Friday night during the summer, the Cheyenne River Reservation teens have something fun and healthy to do - Cheyenne River Youth Project's Midnight Basketball Program. The program gives teens a chance to gather and play pick-up basketball games from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. Participants must be ages 13-18.



Last summer, the program received a letter from the police chief stating that juvenile crimes were way down on the nights the midnight basketball games were held and another letter requesting the program to be held again this summer. An average of 150 teens attend each week.

Running Strong's support hires a local coordinator and helps with needed supplies. The program is a community effort with support from the local Bureau of Indian Affairs Education office who donates the use of their parking lot and bathroom facilities, the Tribal Foot Patrol Officers who provide security, Christian Relief Services who donates food, and the local volunteers who help run and organize the weekly event.

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Introduction

In 1986 the late G. Van Standifer, former City Manager of Glenarden, Maryland, found himself reading too many young men's obituaries. Some men, he knew, were neither gang members nor drug dealers; they were simply in the wrong place at the wrong time. Most of the deaths occurred late at night or in the early morning hours, when the young men had few late-night activities to choose from.

SEC. 1052. GRANTS FOR MIDNIGHT BASKETBALL LEAGUE TRAINING AND PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS.

Section 520 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 11903a) is amended--

- (1) in the section heading by inserting "AND ASSISTED" after "PUBLIC";
- (2) in the subsection heading for subsection (a), by inserting "PUBLIC HOUSING" before "YOUTH"; and
- (3) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(1) MIDNIGHT BASKETBALL LEAGUE TRAINING AND PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS.--

"(1) AUTHORITY.--The Secretary shall make grants, to the extent that amounts are approved in appropriations Acts under paragraph (13), to--

"(A) eligible entities to assist such entities in carrying out midnight basketball league programs meeting the requirements of paragraph (4); and

"(B) eligible advisory entities to provide technical assistance to eligible entities in establishing and operating such midnight basketball league programs.

"(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.--

"(A) IN GENERAL.--Subject to subparagraph (B), grants under paragraph (1)(A) may be made only to the following eligible entities:

"(i) Entities eligible under subsection (b) for a grant under subsection (a).

"(ii) Nonprofit organizations providing employment counseling, job training, or other educational services.

"(iii) Nonprofit organizations providing federally assisted low-income housing.

"(B) PROHIBITION ON SECOND GRANTS.--A grant under paragraph (1)(A) may not be made to an eligible entity if the entity has previously received a grant under such paragraph, except that the Secretary may exempt an eligible advisory entity from the prohibition under this subparagraph in extraordinary circumstances.

"(3) USE OF GRANT AMOUNTS.--Any eligible entity that receives a grant under paragraph (1)(A) may use such amounts only--

"(A) to establish or carry out a midnight basketball league program under paragraph (4);

"(B) for salaries for administrators and staff of the program;

"(C) for other administrative costs of the program, except that not more than 5 percent of the grant amount may be used for such administrative costs; and

"(D) for costs of training and assistance provided under paragraph (4)(i).

"(4) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.--Each eligible entity receiving a grant under paragraph (1)(A) shall establish a midnight basketball league program as follows:

"(A) The program shall establish a basketball league of not less than 8 teams having 10 players each.

"(B) Not less than 50 percent of the players in the basketball league shall be residents of federally assisted low-income housing or members of low-income families (as such term is defined in section 3(b) of the United States Housing Act of 1937).

"(C) The program shall be designed to serve primarily youths and young adults from a neighborhood or community whose population has not less than 2 of the following characteristics (in comparison with national averages):

"(i) A substantial problem regarding use or sale of illegal drugs.

"(ii) A high incidence of crimes committed by youths or young adults.

"(iii) A high incidence of persons infected with the human immunodeficiency virus