

With funds from the 2022 fall and 2023 spring Reach Out grant program, the Montana Swimming board approved using these funds to purchase external strobes used when starting hearing impaired swims for clubs with timing systems in the LSC. The total funds available are \$5000. No clubs applied for the grant. Many clubs were dealing with the new SWIMS registration changes in the fall and last-minute changes to where SC State and Junior BC would be held in the spring and may not have had time to apply.

February 2023:

- Colorado Time External Strobe: Cost \$325 for Hardin Otters (HOT) -- used at SC State
- Colorado Time External Strobe: Cost \$325 for Missoula Aquatic Club (MAC) – used at Junior BC Championships
- Cable for a Colorado Time External Strobe: Cost \$50 for the Butte YMCA Swim Club (BYSC). BYSC had a strobe, but no cable.

May 2023

- Colorado Time External Strobe: Cost \$325 for Bozeman Barracudas (BOZ). Shipped 5/12/23.
- Colorado Time External Strobe: Cost \$325 for Missoula YMCA Swim Team (MYST). Shipped 5/16/23.
- Colorado Time External Strobe: Cost \$325 for Glacier Aquatic Club (KATS). Shipped 5/16/23.
- United Sports Services Omega Flash Start External Strobe: Cost \$458.80 for Billings Aquatic Club (BAC). Shipped 6/23

June 2023

- Daktronics External Strobe: Cost \$1025 for Helena Lions Swim Team (HLST). Shipped 6/8/23.
- 200' cable for the Daktronics External Strobe: Cost \$87.07 (cable & shipping) for HLST. Shipped 6/30/23.

August 2023

- Colorado Time External Strobe: Cost \$325 for Billings Aquatic Club (BAC). Shipped 9/23.

Total Cost to Date: \$700 (February) + \$1433.80 (May) + \$1112.07 (June) + \$325 (August) = = \$3570.87. (8 strobes and two additional cables)

Teams who did not request a strobe: Montana Swimming clubs who did not request a strobe include GFST, HAV, LAKE, BMA. All have Colorado Time systems.

Support for Sy Pizzolatto Sy was selected to represent Team USA at the 6th World Deaf Swimming Championships in Argentina August 13-19, 2023. At the May HOD meeting, the group voted to award Sy \$1000 to cover his expenses as he travels to Argentina. We currently reimburse athletes attending Senior Nationals, World Trials, the US Open, Olympic Trials, National Disability Championships, and National Disability Trials \$800 each.

Total Reach Out Grant fund spent for the year: \$4570.87. Funds remaining: \$429.13.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Huckleby
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