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Five Affiliate Presidents of the Pacific District and its Directors unanimously voted to establish a Growth and Development Grant Fund in memory of Bobby Freeland of Portland, Oregon, who passed away in June, 2006. Through an application process, Pacific District associations will be eligible for a grant of up to \$2,500.00 to grow participation in USA Hockey registered recreational hockey programs.

Bobby Freeland, known affectionately by all who he touched as “Coach Bobby” was the ultimate father, husband, coach, and friend of all in the Pacific District. “I was honored to have Bobby as a friend and associate” stated Cullen Wallace, president of the Alaska State Hockey Association. “His dedication to players, the Pacific District, and our game will be remembered perpetually through establishment of this Memorial Grant Fund.” Added Bruce Urban, “Bobby dedicated so much of himself and his skill to development of ice hockey on the west coast and we would not have achieved the success we have made nationally without Bobby’s help.”

Initial grant applications are due by April 28, 2008, and reviewed by the Pacific District in late May, 2008. Awards are to be announced by mid June, 2008. Up to \$12,500.00 in grant funds are expected to be announced. Go to [www._____](http://www.pacificdistricthockey.com) for applications and further information.