

FWNS-MD



FEBRUARY 28, 2026

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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PRESENTED TO

**Members and Stakeholders**

PRESENTED BY

**Executive Committee**

PRESENTER

**Yagya Rana - FWNS General Secretary**

# LEADERSHIP REFLECTION

## Insights and progress

Since assuming leadership on July 21, 2024, our Executive Committee has taken deliberate and strategic steps to elevate FWNS-MD into a stronger, more structured, and forward-looking organization. Our mandate has extended beyond organizing events ; we have focused on institutional strengthening, financial sustainability, youth empowerment, and long-term community impact.

This term has been defined by action, accountability, and measurable progress.

Our vision has been clear:

- Strengthen Far-Western cultural identity
- Expand youth and athletic programs
- Secure institutional and grant funding
- Increase community-wide collaboration and regional partnership
- Establish FWNS-MD as a structured and credible nonprofit organization

These achievements would not have been possible without the dedication of our volunteers, executive team, sponsors, and community members. As we move forward, we remain focused on sustainable growth, inclusive programming, and long-term community impact .The next phase will build upon it with even greater momentum and ambition.

**Together, we continue to grow stronger, structured, and united.**

# LEADERSHIP TEAM 2024-2026

Meet the dedicated members guiding our organization

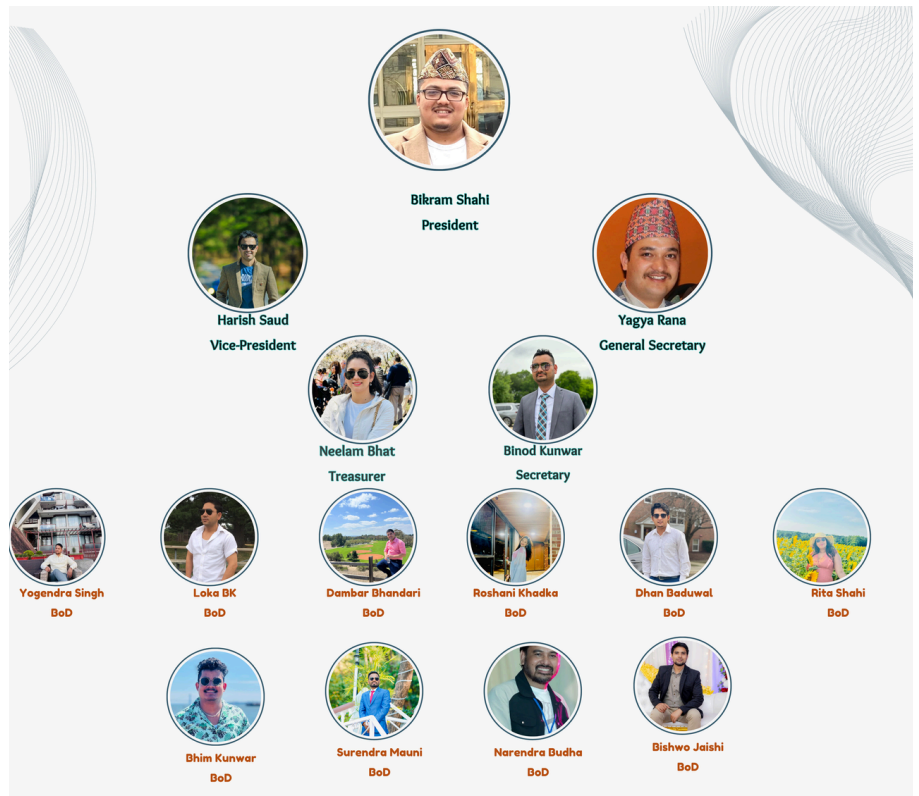
The **Executive Committee for 2024-2026** consists of passionate leaders committed to driving our mission forward. Each member brings unique skills and experiences, contributing to a collaborative environment. Together, they work to enhance organizational growth, foster community engagement, and ensure a smooth operational flow. Their leadership is instrumental in navigating challenges and seizing opportunities for the betterment of our organization and the communities we serve.

## Executive Committee (2024-2026)

- **President:** Bikram Shahi
- **Vice President:** Harish Saud
- **General Secretary:** Yagya Rana
- **Treasurer:** Neelam Bhat
- **Secretary:** Binod Kunwar

## Board of Directors:

- Yogendra Singh
- Loka BK
- Dambar Bhandari
- Roshani Khadka
- Dhan Baduwal
- Rita Shahi
- Narendra Budha
- Bishwo Joshi
- Surendra Mauni
- Bhim Kunwar



# MISSION, VISION & STRUCTURE

Understanding our core values and governance improvements



Our mission is to foster community engagement and support through innovative programming and strategic partnerships. We envision a future where our organization plays a central role in enhancing the well-being of our community, ensuring sustainable growth and inclusivity in all our initiatives while upholding our core values of integrity, collaboration, and excellence in service.

We have restructured our organizational framework to enhance governance and compliance. This includes the establishment of clear guidelines for decision-making processes, compliance measures to meet regulatory requirements, and an oversight committee to ensure accountability and transparency. These improvements are vital for maintaining the trust of our stakeholders and fostering a culture of governance excellence.

# COMPLIANCE

Understanding our core values and governance improvements



During the 2024-2026 executive term, the Executive Committee convened a **total of 21 formal executive meetings** to review program planning, financial oversight, grant compliance, and strategic direction. These structured meetings ensured disciplined governance, collaborative decision-making, and transparent operational management across all organizational activities.

Meeting minutes were consistently recorded and formally documented for each session. To ensure transparency and member engagement, approved minutes were shared within the official members' communication group and distributed via email. In addition, financial reports and updates were regularly circulated electronically, reinforcing accountability and open reporting practices throughout the executive term.

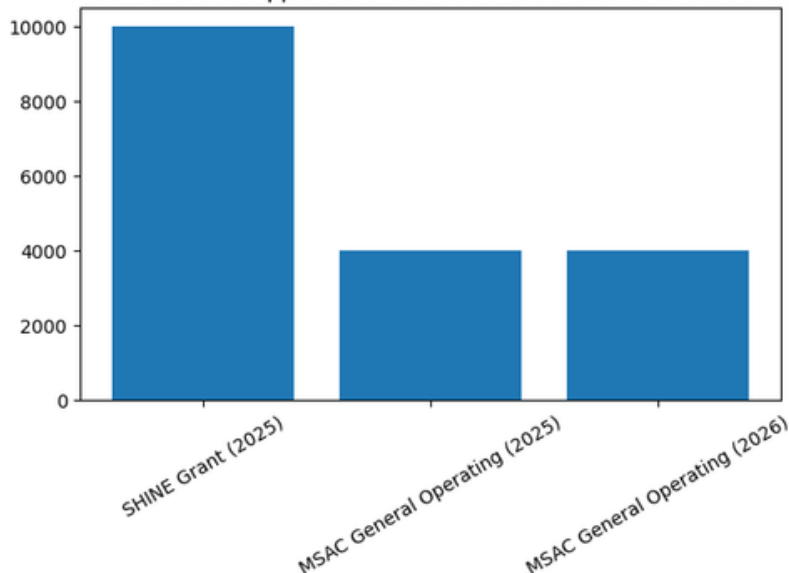
# OVERVIEW OF GRANTS

## Summary of approved grants and their impact

Since assuming leadership on **July 21, 2024**, the FWNS Executive Team has successfully secured and received approval for **\$18,000** in competitive grant funding from Maryland state-level agencies.

Under the current executive leadership, our organization has successfully secured several grants that support our mission. These grants have **enabled us to expand programs**, enhance community engagement, and invest in our infrastructure. Each approved grant contributes significantly to our overall goals and vision, ensuring that we address key areas of need within the community effectively.

FWNS-MD Grants Approved Under 2024-2026 Executive Leadership



## Grant Summary

- Total Grants Approved: 3
- Total Funding Secured: \$18,000
- State Agencies Engaged: Maryland Humanities, MSAC
- Multi-Year Funding: Yes (2025 & 2026)

# PROGRAM PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

## Overview of programs organized and their impact

The organization has successfully launched an array of **community programs** designed to address various needs and interests. These programs not only enhance outreach but also foster a sense of belonging among community members. Our commitment to inclusivity and participation has significantly improved engagement levels, and we continue to adapt based on feedback and evolving community dynamics.

In 2024 and 2025, we rolled out several **signature initiatives** that aim to promote health, education, and wellness. Programs such as Gaura Parva and the Maryland Cup have received widespread acclaim for their positive impact. Additionally, we are proud of the extensive participation in our Kids Day Out events, which have successfully provided enriching experiences for youth in the community.

## Complete List of Programs Organized

### 2024 Programs

- FWNS Teej Celebration
- FWNS 3rd Gaura Parva Celebration
- FWNS Dashain & Tihar Celebration
- FWNS Deusi Bhailo

### 2025 Programs

- FWNS New Year Celebration
- FWNS Holi Celebration
- FWNS Assessment Meeting
- FWNS 3rd Bishu Parva
- FWNS Kids Day Out
- Meet & Greet with Hon. Bir Bahadur Balayar
- Maryland Cup - Inter-State Volleyball Tournament
- FWNS Teej Celebration
- FWNS 4th Gaura Parva Celebration
- DT Fest with Ravi Oad & Rekha Joshi
- Meet & Greet with Hon. Padam B Shahi

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# PROGRAM PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

## Signature & Flagship Programs during 2024 -2026

During the 2024-2026 Executive Term, FWNS-MD strengthened its institutional identity through the successful execution of several flagship programs that defined our cultural leadership, athletic expansion, and youth development efforts. These signature initiatives represent the organization's highest-impact events and demonstrate structured growth, civic engagement, and long-term sustainability.

### **Gaura Parva (3rd & 4th Celebrations)**

Organized under the current executive leadership, the 2nd and 3rd Gaura Parva celebrations further established the festival as FWNS-MD's premier cultural event. With strong community turnout and civic recognition from Baltimore City and County governments, Gaura Parva has evolved into a respected annual cultural institution that reinforces heritage preservation and intergenerational unity.

### **Bishu Parva (3rd Celebration)**

The 3rd Bishu Parva celebration continued the preservation of Far-Western New Year traditions while expanding youth and family engagement. The event strengthened regional identity and cultural continuity, reinforcing FWNS-MD's commitment to sustaining traditional values within a structured organizational framework.

### **Maryland Cup – Inter-State Volleyball Tournament (2025)**

In coordination with the Far-Western Volleyball Club, FWNS-MD successfully launched the Maryland Cup Inter-State Volleyball Tournament, bringing together 14 competitive teams from multiple U.S. states. With participation from interstate teams, civic attendance by Maryland State Delegates, and high-level competition culminating in a Texas championship victory, the tournament marked a historic expansion of FWNS-MD's athletic leadership.

### **Kids Day Out (Inaugural Program)**

For the first time in organizational history, FWNS-MD launched Kids Day Out as a structured youth engagement initiative. Featuring educational and nature-based activities at the Maryland Zoo, the program emphasized experiential learning, family bonding, and long-term investment in next-generation community development.

# PROGRAM PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

## Signature & Flagship Programs during 2024 -2026

### Gaura Parva

Under the leadership of the 2024-2026 Executive Committee, FWNS-MD successfully organized the **3rd and 4th Gaura Parva celebrations**, further establishing the festival as the organization's premier cultural event and a cornerstone of Far-Western identity in Maryland.

Gaura Parva brought together hundreds of community members across generations, reinforcing heritage preservation, structured volunteer coordination, and community-wide participation. The event featured traditional rituals, cultural performances, community recognition, and organized program management reflecting both cultural authenticity and operational maturity.



# PROGRAM PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

## Signature & Flagship Programs during 2024 -2026

### Bishu Parva

The Executive Team successfully organized the 3rd Bishu Parva celebration, continuing the preservation of Far-Western New Year traditions. The event reinforced regional identity, strengthened youth and family participation, and enhanced cultural awareness among second-generation community members.

Similar to Gaura Parva, Bishu Parva received positive engagement and recognition at the community level, further positioning FWNS-MD as a key cultural organizer in Maryland.



# PROGRAM PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

## Signature & Flagship Programs during 2024 -2026

### FWNS Maryland Cup - Inter State Volley Ball Tournament

In coordination with our Far-Western Volleyball Club, FWNS-MD successfully organized the FWNS Maryland Cup 2025 - Inter-State Volleyball Tournament, marking a historic milestone in the organization’s athletic expansion. Held on August 9-10, 2025, in Jessup, Maryland, the tournament brought together 14 competitive teams from across multiple U.S. states, transforming Maryland into a national platform for Nepali volleyball excellence.

Champions: Everest Federal Credit Union Team (Texas)

Runner-Up: Maryland Nepalese Volleyball Club (Maryland)



# PROGRAM PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

## Signature & Flagship Programs during 2024 -2026

### Kids Day Out

FWNS Kids Day Out was organized for the first time in the history of FWNS-MD, marking a significant milestone in the organization's commitment to youth-focused programming and next-generation engagement. This pioneering initiative reflected a strategic shift toward structured family-centered activities designed to strengthen long-term community sustainability. The program featured a coordinated visit to the Maryland Zoo, where children and parents participated together in nature-based learning experiences and interactive educational activities.

By creating an environment where families could learn, explore, and connect together, FWNS-MD demonstrated a forward-looking investment in youth development. Kids Day Out was not simply a one-day outing ; it represented a foundational step toward building stronger intergenerational bonds and cultivating future community leaders within the Far-Western Nepali community in Maryland.



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# ATHLETIC EXPANSION INSIGHTS

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Beyond organizing the landmark FWNS Maryland Cup Inter-State Volleyball Tournament, FWNS-MD remained actively engaged in regional and interstate athletic competitions throughout the 2024-2026 executive term. Our participation across volleyball, cricket, and soccer reflects the organization's commitment to competitive excellence, youth development, and community representation beyond Maryland.

## Soccer Participation & Youth Success

FWNS-MD's soccer program demonstrated both competitive depth and youth excellence during this period. Our Under-15 (U15) soccer team achieved remarkable success by:

- Securing the **Championship** title at the **Himalaya Baltimore U15 Soccer Tournament**, defending their championship position.
- Winning the **BANA U15 Soccer Tournament Championship**, further solidifying FWNS-MD's reputation in youth athletics.

In addition to youth achievements, our regular adult soccer team actively participated in the BANA Cup Soccer Tournament, maintaining competitive presence at one of the region's most recognized Nepali soccer competitions. This dual-level participation highlights the organization's commitment to both developing young talent and sustaining adult athletic engagement.



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# ATHLETIC EXPANSION INSIGHTS

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## Cricket Representation & Interstate Engagement

FWNS-MD's cricket team maintained strong regional and interstate representation throughout the executive term.

- Participated in **Charm City Yeti T10** Cricket Tournament Maryland.
- Participated in the **Everest & Saathi Cup 2025**, with two teams representing FWNS competing in Virginia, demonstrating organizational depth and competitive readiness.
- Competed in the **3rd RUP Smriti Cricket Tournament** in Boston, Massachusetts, expanding the organization's athletic presence beyond the Mid-Atlantic region.

These interstate engagements reflect FWNS-MD's ability to mobilize athletes across state lines and sustain multi-team participation at competitive tournaments.





# GOALS

## 2026 and Beyond

The following timeline outlines the key milestones and strategic goals for FWNS-MD as we move forward into 2026 and beyond. Each milestone represents an important step in our ongoing efforts to enhance our programs, strengthen community ties, and ensure organizational sustainability. This roadmap is designed to guide our initiatives, focusing on growth, development, and impact within our community and beyond. We remain committed to adapting and evolving in response to the changing needs of those we serve, ensuring a brighter future for all.

