# 2026-2027 ANNUAL GRANT
# APPLICANT GUIDE



## ADAPTIVE SPORTS EQUIPMENT

### GRANT AT A GLANCE

**Grant Type:** CAF Equipment Grant

**Funding Covers:** Full provision of adaptive sports equipment through CAF's preferred vendors. If awarded, the recipient places the order directly with the vendor, arranges shipping, and CAF is billed for the equipment. This does not apply to applicants requesting funds for equipment ("Funding Toward Equipment"), which is a separate option within the Annual Grant Program.

**Application Window:** September 28 – November 13, 2026

**Decision Timeline:** Applicants notified by late March 2027

**Award Value:** Varies by equipment type; CAF covers full cost of approved equipment offered through CAF vendors only

**Who Can Apply:** Individuals with permanent physical disabilities pursuing sports or fitness

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## GRANT DETAILS & RESTRICTIONS

Equipment Grants provide athletes with adaptive sports equipment sourced through CAF's preferred vendors. If awarded, recipients work directly with the vendor to place the order and arrange shipping, while CAF is billed for the cost. Awards cover the full cost of approved vendor equipment only. Requests for general mobility devices, medical devices, prosthetic components, accessories, or non-sport-related items are not eligible. Recipients are responsible for assembly, fitting, or maintenance of the equipment once delivered.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must have a medically verified permanent physical disability that impacts mobility, balance, coordination, or limb function
- Residency in the United States required
- Financial documentation + letters of recommendation required
- Equipment requested must be for a sport or fitness-related purpose
- Once awarded, may apply every 3 years if under 18, or every 5 years if 18 and over

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications are evaluated based on:

- Alignment of requested equipment with sport or fitness goals
- Potential for equipment to support long-term engagement in sport or fitness
- Feasibility of equipment use for applicant's ability and level of participation

## TIMELINE

- Application window: September 28 – November 13, 2026
- Review period: November 2026 – January 2027
- Award notifications: late March 2027

## FAQ HIGHLIGHTS

**Q: Will I receive funding instead of the equipment?**

A: No. For Equipment Grants, CAF pays the vendor directly for approved equipment. Recipients handle ordering and shipping arrangements.

**Q: Can I apply for more than one grant type in the same year?**

A: No, applicants cannot apply for more than one grant type.



## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

### BEFORE APPLYING, HAVE THESE READY:

- ☑ Medical verification documentation
- ☑ 1 year of financial documentation demonstrating need
- ☑ 2 letters of recommendation from a coach, mentor, etc.
- ☑ Contact information up to date in CAF Grant Portal

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