



2026-2027 ANNUAL GRANT APPLICANT GUIDE



FUNDING FOR EQUIPMENT



GRANT AT A GLANCE

Grant Type: Other Equipment Grant

Funding Covers: Partial or full financial support toward the purchase of adaptive sports equipment for training, competition, or fitness

This does not apply to applicants requesting equipment from our preferred equipment vendors, 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 based on equipment cost, financial need, and available program funds; Maximum request amount is \$3,500

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



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GRANT DETAILS & RESTRICTIONS

Funding may be used toward the purchase of adaptive sports equipment that supports training, competition, or general fitness. Awards are granted directly to the applicant and may cover full or partial costs, depending on the request, demonstrated financial need, and available program funds. Equipment must be directly tied to the applicant's sport or fitness goals and sourced from reputable vendors. The program does not cover non-sport-related equipment, general medical devices, prosthetic components, clothing, accessories, or repairs to existing equipment. Any expenses beyond the awarded amount are the responsibility of the recipient, and recipients are responsible for ordering, payment, and coordination of delivery.

TIMELINE

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

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must have a permanent physical disability that impacts mobility, balance, coordination, or limb function
- Residency in the United States or U.S. territories required
- Medical verification of disability required
- Financial documentation + letters of recommendation required
- Equipment requested must be for a sport or fitness-related purpose

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications are evaluated based on:

- Financial need and 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

FAQ HIGHLIGHTS

Q: Does CAF purchase the equipment for me?

A: No. This grant provides funding toward the purchase of equipment. Recipients are responsible for placing orders and coordinating delivery.

Q: Can funding cover the entire cost of my equipment?

A: Possibly. Awards may be partial or full, depending on your request, demonstrated financial need, and available funds.



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.
- ☒ Vendor quote or estimate for requested equipment

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