



## CAF-IDAHO ADAPTIVE MOUNTAIN BIKE GRANT GUIDELINES

CAF-Idaho is proud to support the growth of adaptive mountain biking by offering grants toward the purchase of adaptive mountain bikes. **These requirements are in addition to the standard CAF-Idaho equipment grant application.** All items on this list must be completed and submitted directly to [april@challengedathletes.org](mailto:april@challengedathletes.org) prior to submitting your full grant application.

### Eligibility Requirements

- **Age Requirements:**
  - Minimum age for youth model: 8 years old
  - Minimum age for adult model: 14 years old
- **Riding Experience:**
  - Applicant must have completed at least **25 hours** of riding adaptive mountain bikes on trails through CAF-Idaho or a similar adaptive sports organization
- **Equipment Exploration:**
  - Applicants are strongly encouraged to ride a variety of adaptive mountain bike models before submitting their grant request
  - Supporting documentation from an Adaptive Sports Organization (ASO) about model trials and recommendations may strengthen the application

### Application Requirements

- **Letters of Recommendation:**
  - Submit **two letters of recommendation:**
    - One must be from a healthcare provider, coach or mentor who has experience with adaptive mountain biking
    - The second can be from another individual familiar with the applicants cycling experience and needs
- **Financial Planning:**
  - Applicants must verify how they will raise any additional funds needed to complete the purchase of the mountain bike if CAF-Idaho funds are awarded
- **Vendor Quote:**
  - Applicants must contact the equipment vendor and receive a **detailed quote** for the mountain bike they are requesting.



## Grant Award Details

- **Funding Range:**
  - Award amounts **can** range between \$10,000 and \$15,000 towards the purchase of an adaptive mountain bike
- **Ineligible upgrades:**
  - For safety reasons, CAF does not approve **e-assist features on youth mountain bikes** for applicants between the ages of 8 and 14.
  - We recognize that certain upgrades and accessories may enhance or even be essential to your riding experience. However, when determining grant amounts, **we base our decisions on the baseline cost of the equipment**, including standard shipping and handling fees. While upgrades or additions listed in a quote are not typically covered, exceptions may be considered if the applicant provides a clear explanation of why these items are necessary for their ability to ride.
- **Post-Award Requirements:**
  - Recipients must **upload a receipt** confirming the purchase of their mountain bike into their CAF-Idaho Grant Portal

## Community Involvement Expectations

- **CAF-Idaho Adaptive Mountain Bike Club Participation:**
  - Recipients must **join at least two CAF-Idaho Adaptive Mountain Bike Club rides** to encourage and support the adaptive mountain biking community
  - Travel assistance is available for those living outside the Treasure Valley area to help attend rides
- **Equipment Donation Policy:**
  - If the recipient chooses to discontinue adaptive off-road cycling:
    - They must notify CAF-Idaho and either **donate the equipment back to CAF** for community use or **donate to another adaptive athlete** in the community