



2026 GRANT APPLICANT GUIDE



OPERATION REBOUND



GRANT AT A GLANCE

Grant Type: CAF Operation Rebound Grant

Funding Covers: Sports equipment, funding toward equipment, or sport expense grants for eligible service members, veterans, and first responders with permanent physical injuries

Application Window: Year-Round

Decision Timeline: Up to 90 days from application submission

Award Value: Varies by grant type and request (equipment, funding toward equipment, or expenses)

Who Can Apply: Active-duty service members, honorably discharged veterans, and first responders with permanent physical injuries classifiable by the Paralympics



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GRANT DETAILS & RESTRICTIONS

Applicants may apply for one **Operation Rebound Grant per year** in one of three categories: Equipment Grants, Funding Toward Equipment, or Sport Expense Grants. Awards are determined based on financial need, service background, and appropriateness of the request. Requests for non-sport equipment, medical or rehab services, uniforms, memorabilia, alcohol, or family/coach travel expenses are not eligible. Applicants with annual household incomes above \$200,000 are generally not considered. Awards may be fulfilled by CAF paying the vendor directly or reimbursing the grantee for approved expenses.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications are evaluated based on:

- Financial need
- Appropriateness of request (need vs. want; empowering vs. enabling)
- Potential impact on applicant's recovery and goals
- Availability of program funds
- Priority order: new combat-injured veterans, other new veterans, repeat veterans, new first responders, repeat first responders

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Active duty or honorably discharged veterans (including general under honorable)
- First responders: police, fire, paramedic
- Must have a permanent physical injury such as amputation, paralysis, legal blindness, or severe TBI affecting motor skills
- Medical verification of disability required
- Proof of honorable service required
- Financial documentation required
- One letter of recommendation (coach, teammate, friend, or medical professional)
- Two photos of the athlete, preferably playing their sport

TIMELINE

Application Window: Open year-round

Approval Timeframe: Within 90 days of submission

Award Notifications: Sent via email once approved



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

BEFORE APPLYING, HAVE THESE READY:

- Proof of honorable service
- Medical verification documentation
- Financial documentation demonstrating need
- One letter of recommendation
- Two athlete photos (preferably in sport)

FAQ HIGHLIGHTS

Q: Who is eligible for Operation Rebound grants?

A: Active-duty service members, honorably discharged veterans, and first responders with permanent physical injuries classifiable by the Paralympics.

Q: What types of grants are available?

A: Applicants can apply for one of three categories: Equipment Grant, Funding Toward Equipment, or Sport Expense Grant.

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