

# Adaptive Sports Equipment Grants & Funds in the USA

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## Challenged Athletes Foundation

Grant applications open from September to November. Grants awarded in April. Grants open for any disability, for any type of product. It is the mission of the Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF) to provide opportunities and support to people with physical challenges, so they can pursue active lifestyles through physical fitness and competitive athletics. The Challenged Athletes Foundation believes that involvement in sports at any level increases self-esteem, encourages independence and enhances quality of life.

## Kelly Brush Foundation

Applications open in February. The Kelly Brush Foundation is dedicated to making active lifestyles a reality for anyone with a spinal cord injury. Life is better active!

Through the Active Fund, they provide grants for individuals with paralysis caused by spinal cord injury to purchase adaptive sports equipment. They believe in the power of sport and recreation to foster inclusion and overcome the barriers of paralysis. They have helped over 600 people from 47 states purchase handcycles, monoskis, sport chairs, racing chairs, hockey sleds, and much more.

## Athletes Helping Athletes (AHA)

Grant applications always accepted. Grants for children. Grants for Handcycles. Grant money currently available.

## Team PossAbilities

<https://teampossabilities.org/> Team PossAbilities is a FREE community outreach program developed by Loma Linda University Health. It's goal is to offer disabled individuals who were born with or have suffered a permanent physical injury a sense of community and a healthy social network. This free membership program is tailored to persons with physical disabilities such as limb amputation, stroke, spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, spina bifida, and others. Become a Member. Applications accepted June 1st to August 31st.

## K2 Adventures

There's no age limit but, in most cases, awards are limited to a maximum of \$5,000 so that they can help as many people as possible. Award applications are reviewed quarterly by their Award committee. Every applicant receives a letter advising whether they've been approved or not selected.

## [Go Hawkeye](#)

The GoHawkeye Foundation provides support to adaptive organizations and individuals through financial aid, outdoor experiences and filmmaking meant to inspire people of all abilities. Their films showcase people overcoming disabilities and reaching their goals through active lifestyles and outdoor adventures. The grant program is open to adaptive individuals and organizations in the United States and consists of outdoor sports equipment and sports experience grants. The grant cycle is bi-annual ending June 30 and Dec 31.

## [IM Able Foundation](#)

Primarily, IM ABLE Grants are awarded to disabled individuals residing in the Mid-Atlantic region, providing adaptive sports gear and group fitness programs. At times, they will award grants to organizations whose mission aligns with theirs (see eligibility requirements). Their purpose is to unleash the potential in physically challenged children and adults to be more active, enjoy the benefits of physical fitness, and spend more time in the great outdoors.

## [Triumph Foundation](#)

Triumph Foundation assists people with spinal cord injury (SCI) to get necessary equipment, supplies, and services. These critical items will enable someone to live a more functional, fulfilling, and independent life, but inadequate health insurance coverage and financial hardship keep it out of reach. Triumph works to bridge that gap thru their Keep Moving Forward (KMF) Grant program, their Employment Achievement Award, and their Equipment & Supply Exchange.

## [The Independence Fund](#)

The Independence Fund's mission is to empower our severely wounded Veterans and their Caregivers to take control of their lives. They provide the resources and tools that enable Veterans to regain their independence, and fight for their ability to sustain it.

The Independence Fund takes pride in the numbers. To date they have awarded more than 3,000 mobility devices, and directly impacted the lives of nearly 5,000 Veterans and Caregivers through their various programs. In 2018, they launched two new exciting programs (Adaptive Sports and Advocacy) and planned nine caregiver retreats for the year. They are always looking at ways to improve their organization and maximize their impact in the Veteran and Caregiver space.

## [High Fives Foundation](#)

The High Fives Foundation Empowerment Fund provides resources and inspiration to those who suffer a life-altering injury. These include spinal cord injuries, traumatic brain injuries, amputation or other mobility-limiting injuries that have occurred in an individual's lifetime. The resources and inspiration that High Fives provides comes in the form of Board-approved grant funding, paid to service providers in specific funding categories: living expenses, insurance, health, travel, adaptive equipment, winter equipment, and High Fives healing network.

## [Semper Fi Fund](#)

The Semper Fi Fund provides relief for financial needs that arise during hospitalization and recovery as well as assistance for those with perpetuating needs. Their program provides support in a variety of ways including Service Member and Family Support, Specialized & Adaptive Equipment, Adaptive Housing, Adaptive Transportation, Education and Career Transition Assistance, PTS and TBI Support, Team Semper Fi, and Americas Fund.

## [Catapult](#)

It is the mission of CATAPULT to facilitate a lifestyle of health and fitness to physically challenged individuals, so that they may meet their personal goals. They strive to motivate and unite communities by demonstrating that disabilities place no limit to an athlete's capabilities.

CATAPULT connects physically challenged individuals with the opportunities, training, education, accessibility, and funding needed to participate and compete at all athletic levels. From finishing their first 5K to competing in the Paralympic Games.

## [Getting Back Up](#)

Getting Back Up helps those living with a spinal cord injury improve their quality of life TODAY by providing goods and services which can help make a difference in someone's immediate situation. They provide qualified individuals with funding for participation in EXERCISE-BASED RECOVERY PROGRAMS and the purchase of ADAPTABLE PRODUCTS. These programs and products have been proven to greatly improve the physical and emotional well-being of the injured individual.