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## **[VA Adaptive Sports and Arts](#)**

*Support for Disabled Veterans Participating in Adaptive Sports and Therapeutic Arts*

### **About the Program**

The Adaptive Sports Grant Program is facilitated and managed by the National Veterans Sports Programs and Special Events Office (NVSP&SE). The mission of the NVSP&SE office is to provide opportunities for Veterans to improve their independence, well-being, and quality of life through adaptive sports and therapeutic arts programs. VA awards grants to qualifying organizations to plan, develop, manage, and implement programs to provide adaptive sports opportunities for disabled Veterans and disabled members of the Armed Forces as authorized under 38 United States Code 521A.

> [2023 Adaptive Sports Grant Recipients List \(September 30, 2023 - September 30, 2024 Award Cycle\)](#)

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible for a grant, an organization must be a non-federal entity with significant experience in managing a large-scale adaptive sports program. As per 38 Code of Federal Regulations 77, criteria for inclusion is defined as programs that are (1) affiliated with a National Paralympic Committee or a National Governing Body authorized to provide Paralympic sports, (2) an adaptive sports program of a National Governing Body that meets additional requirements, or (3) an adaptive sports program in which at least 50 persons with disabilities participate or the eligible participants reside in at least five different congressional districts.

Of note, federal agencies are not eligible to receive grant funding through the Adaptive Sports Grant Program. Federal agencies are encouraged to partner with non-federal entities to jointly create national, regional, and community-based programs that provide adaptive sports activities for disabled Veterans and members

of the Armed Forces.

## **Application Process**

VA issues a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) through the federal government's designated grant portal ([grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)). Please see the "Apply" tab for detailed information on the application process.

## **Authorized Activities**

- Adaptive sports activities that are authorized under the Adaptive Sports Grant Program:
- Instruction, participation, and competition in adaptive sports;
- Training and technical assistance to program administrators, coaches, recreation therapists, instructors, VA employees, and other appropriate individuals; and
- Coordination, Paralympic classification of athletes, athlete assessment, sport-specific training techniques, program development (including programs at the local level), sports equipment, supplies, program evaluation, and other activities related to the implementation and operation of the program.

> [Adaptive Sports Grant Program Overview](#)

## **How to apply**

To receive more information about future VA Adaptive Sports Grants, email [Grants4vets@va.gov](mailto:Grants4vets@va.gov).

The VA Adaptive Sports Grant application packages are posted and submitted through [VA-SPORTS-24](#) and/or [VA-EQUINE-24](#). The VA Adaptive Sports Grant Instructions for Application, NOFA, VA Form 10096, VA Form 10091, and Frequently Asked Questions are posted for download on this page. These documents will be updated during the grant application period, as applicable.

## **Required Forms**

- [VA Form 10096 Adaptive Sports Grant Application](#)

- Submit the digital **VA Form 10091** using the Customer Engagement Portal: [Customer Engagement Portal \(va.gov\)](https://www.va.gov/customer-engagement-portal/)

### **Before you apply**

- You must have a [Unique Entity ID](#)
- You must be registered in [System for Award Management](#)
- You must be registered in [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov/).

### **Important Information**

- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Equine Therapy Information](#)
- [Adaptive Sports Information](#)
- [Application Instructions to Grants for Adaptive Sports Programs](#)

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