**Spinal Cord Injury Grant Resource List**

**Purpose**: Navigating the complexities of funding opportunities can be a daunting task for individuals with spinal cord injuries, their caregivers, and rehabilitation professionals. The SCI SIG recognizes the importance of financial support in improving the lives of those affected by spinal cord injuries. This document serves as a centralized resource, listing various community grants designed to support individuals with spinal cord injuries in providing critical assistance for medical expenses, rehabilitation, adaptive equipment, housing modifications, education, and/or vocational training.

This resource aims to empower members of the Spinal Cord Injury Special Interest Group (SCI SIG) by offering information on various funding opportunities, application procedures, eligibility criteria, and deadlines. By facilitating access to these grants, we aim to enhance the quality of life, promote independence, and encourage active participation in community activities for individuals living with spinal cord injuries.

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| **CHALLENGED ATHLETE FOUNDATION** | | |
| **Mission** | To serve people with physical disabilities through sport and fitness with meaningful grants | |
| **Contact** | cafgrants@challengedathletes.org | |
| [**Annual Grant**](https://www.challengedathletes.org/programs/grants/) | **Purpose** | Aims to remove barriers that exist between adaptive athletes and their pursuit of sport and fitness |
| **Grant Cycle** | Opens annually each fall (~September – January)  Notified of grant status in March |
| **Eligibility** | Individuals worldwide with permanent physical disabilities that impair mobility, affects the neuromuscular system, or impairs balance or motor control that can be classified with the International Paralympic Committee Classification standards are eligible.  Individuals with chronic pain, hearing impairments, cognitive and developmental disabilities are not eligible. Teams, organizations, and non-disabled individuals are not eligible. |
| **Grant Request Options** | Applicants may select one of the following:   * Sports Equipment Grant * Equipment Grant |
| [**Operation Rebound Grant**](https://www.challengedathletes.org/programs/operation-rebound/) | **Purpose** | Aims to strengthen the mental and physical well-being of members of the U.S. armed forces, active military personnel, as well as active or retired U.S. law enforcement officers, firefighters, and paramedics with permanent physical injuries by providing them opportunities to use sports and fitness to reintegrate into our communities and by empowering them through sports. |
| **Grant Cycle** | Open year round |
| **Eligibility** | Active military personnel, honorably discharged members of the U.S. armed forces (veterans), as well as current or previous U.S. law enforcement officers, firefighters, and paramedics are eligible. Proof of service is required. |
| **Grant Request Options** | Funds adaptive sports equipment, training, and competition expenses across all 50 states and over 100 different sports. Applicants may select one of the following:   * Sports Expenses Grant * Equipment Grant |
| [**Idaho Grants**](https://www.challengedathletes.org/idaho-grants/) | **Purpose** | Through collaborating with local Idaho partners, grants are funded for adaptive sports equipment, training, and competition expenses. |
| **Grant Cycle** | Open year round |
| **Eligibility** | Residents of Idaho with permanent physical disabilities are eligible.  Individuals with chronic pain, hearing impairments, cognitive and developmental disabilities are not eligible. Teams, organizations, and non-disabled individuals are not eligible. |
| **Grant Request Options** | Applicants may select one of the following:   * Sports Expenses Grant * Equipment Grant * Funding toward equipment |

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| **GO HAWKEYE FOUNDATION** | | |
| **Mission** | To provide support to adaptive organizations and individuals through financial aid, outdoor experiences and film making meant to inspire people of all abilities. | |
| **Contact** | [hawkeye@gohawkeye.com](mailto:hawkeye@gohawkeye.com)  <https://www.facebook.com/gohawkeyefoundation/> | |
| [**Sports Equipment Grant**](https://gohawkeye.org/sports-enabling-equipment-grant/) | **Purpose** | Our GoHawkeye Sports Equipment Grants help the applicants receive adaptive sports equipment. |
| **Grant Cycle** | Spring Cycle: Ends May 1  Fall Cycle: Ends November 1 |
| **Eligibility** | Individuals living with a disability in the U.S. who are seeking adaptive sports equipment |
| **Grant Request Options** | Funds adaptive sports equipment limited to $5,000 with the expectation that applicants are receiving other grants, financial assistance, or contributing to their adaptive equipment purchase themselves. Grantors are interested in “finishing” the payment. |
| [**Sports Experience Grant**](https://gohawkeye.org/sports-enabling-experience-grant/) | **Purpose** | Aims to strengthen the mental and physical well-being of members of the U.S. armed forces, active military personnel, as well as active or retired U.S. law enforcement officers, firefighters, and paramedics with permanent physical injuries by providing them opportunities to use sports and fitness to reintegrate into our communities and by empowering them through sports. |
| **Grant Cycle** | Open year round |
| **Eligibility** | Individuals living with a disability in the U.S. who need assistance in attending outdoor sporting events and participating in outdoor experiences. |
| **Grant Request Options** | Funds attendance to outdoor sporting events/experiences limited to $5,000 with the expectation that applicants are receiving other grants, financial assistance, or contributing to their experience purchase themselves. Grantors are interested in “finishing” the payment. |

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| **HIGH FIVES FOUNDATION** | | |
| **Mission** | To provide hope and resources for athletes from all walks of life. We support our people and help them get back to their outdoor physical activity of choice from snowboarding and skiing to surfing and mountain biking and beyond. | |
| **Contact** | dani@highfivesfoundation.org | |
| **[Empowerment Fund:](https://highfivesfoundation.org/grant-application/?gclid=Cj0KCQiAwvKtBhDrARIsAJj-kTgNIgCH4Bn1PUsoHNCO7drw7tusfVxBSSY79Nz72bf_beq0GYzOKRAaAhIOEALw_wcB)**  **[January Cycle](https://highfivesfoundation.org/grant-application/?gclid=Cj0KCQiAwvKtBhDrARIsAJj-kTgNIgCH4Bn1PUsoHNCO7drw7tusfVxBSSY79Nz72bf_beq0GYzOKRAaAhIOEALw_wcB)** | **Purpose** | Provides resources and inspiration to those who suffer a life-changing injury. These include spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, amputation, or other mobility-limiting injuries that occurred in an individual’s lifetime. |
| **Grant Cycle** | January 1 – January 31 |
| **Eligibility** | General: Applicants must reside in the United States or Canada, must have current and up-to-date healthcare coverage, and the applicant’s injury must have been sustained within the last 25 years.   * Any applicant who has suffered from a spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, or a life-changing injury while participating in an outdoor adventure sport is eligible. * Any applicant who has or continues to serve in the US military who has sustained a spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, or life-changing during service are eligible if pursuing outdoor adventure sports. |
| **Grant Request Options** | **Adaptive Sports Equipment** – mountain biking, snow sports, surfing, fly fish, and motor-fed dirt sports  **Healing Network** – includes but not limited to acupuncture, massage, alternative healing, chiropractic, optometry (for balance), yoga, Pilates, physical therapy, personal training, and spinal cord center programs *(e.g., Loco*  *Motor Program, Craig Hospital, Shepherd Center, etc.).*  **Medical Equipment** – Includes AFOs and KFOs (and other ambulatory walking aids etc.), walkers, canes, crutches, wheelchairs, Bioness units, medical aid devices, orthotics, and specialty shoes/boots, myolyn, FES, etc.  **Programs**: Funding for disabled sports programs that will enable the applicant to pursue their respective dream in  the adventure sports community *(i.e., Achieve Tahoe, NSCD, Teton Adaptive, etc. to be used for adaptive skill development).*  **Living Expenses**: Home modifications/renovations to accommodate injury *(i.e., ramps, lifts, elevators, therapy pool)*  **Emergency Care/Injury Expenses**: Can include one-time payment for life-flight care, payment of emergency medical bills from time of initial injury, and/or a continuation of insurance coverage. Limited to 6-months maximum. |
| **[Empowerment Fund:](https://highfivesfoundation.org/grant-application/?gclid=Cj0KCQiAwvKtBhDrARIsAJj-kTgNIgCH4Bn1PUsoHNCO7drw7tusfVxBSSY79Nz72bf_beq0GYzOKRAaAhIOEALw_wcB)**  **[May Cycle](https://highfivesfoundation.org/grant-application/?gclid=Cj0KCQiAwvKtBhDrARIsAJj-kTgNIgCH4Bn1PUsoHNCO7drw7tusfVxBSSY79Nz72bf_beq0GYzOKRAaAhIOEALw_wcB)** | **Purpose** | Provides resources and inspiration to those who suffer a life-changing injury. These include spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, amputation, or other mobility-limiting injuries that occurred in an individual’s life time. |
| **Grant Cycle** | May 1 – May 31 |
| **Eligibility** | General: Applicants must reside in the United States or Canada, must have current and up-to-date healthcare coverage, and the applicant’s injury must have been sustained within the last 25 years.   * Any applicant who has suffered from a spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, or a life-changing injury while participating in an outdoor adventure sport is eligible |
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| **Grant Cycle** | August 1 – August 31 |
| **Eligibility** | General: Applicants must reside in the United States or Canada, must have current and up-to-date healthcare coverage, and the applicant’s injury must have been sustained within the last 25 years.   * Any applicant who has suffered from a spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, or a life-changing injury while participating in an outdoor adventure sport is eligible. * Any applicant who has or continues to serve in the US military who has sustained a spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, or life-changing during service are eligible if pursuing outdoor adventure sports. * Any applicant who has suffered from a spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, or life-changing injury outside of the outdoor adventure sports community, through inertia-based accidents (ex: falls, car or motorcycle accidents), are eligible if pursuing outdoor adventure sports. **This applicant is only eligible in the final grant cycle in the calendar year and only if seeking funding for adaptive sports equipment.** |
| **Grant Request Options** | **Adaptive Sports Equipment** – mountain biking, snow sports, surfing, fly fish, and motor-fed dirt sports  **Healing Network** – includes but not limited to acupuncture, massage, alternative healing, chiropractic, optometry (for balance), yoga, Pilates, physical therapy, personal training, and spinal cord center programs *(e.g., Loco*  *Motor Program, Craig Hospital, Shepherd Center, etc.).*  **Medical Equipment** – Includes AFOs and KFOs (and other ambulatory walking aids etc.), walkers, canes, crutches, wheelchairs, Bioness units, medical aid devices, orthotics, and specialty shoes/boots, myolyn, FES, etc.  **Programs**: Funding for disabled sports programs that will enable the applicant to pursue their respective dream in  the adventure sports community *(i.e., Achieve Tahoe, NSCD, Teton Adaptive, etc. to be used for adaptive skill development).*  **Living Expenses**: Home modifications/renovations to accommodate injury *(i.e., ramps, lifts, elevators, therapy pool)*  **Emergency Care/Injury Expenses**: Can include one-time payment for life-flight care, payment of emergency medical bills from time of initial injury, and/or a continuation of insurance coverage. Limited to 6-months maximum. |

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| **IAN BURKHART FOUNDATION** | | |
| **Mission** | Restoring lives and providing hope to individuals with spinal cord injuries | |
| **Contact** | ian@ianburkhartfoundation.org | |
| [**Giving Change**](https://www.ianburkhartfoundation.org/request-sp24) | **Purpose** | The Ian Burkhart Foundation will help individuals seek out widely accessible funding sources and provide grants for items not usually covered by insurance however they will greatly increase independence and quality of life. |
| **Grant Cycle** | Applications are accepted year-round and are considered at quarterly board meetings and are awarded quarterly subject to availability of funds. |
| **Eligibility** | **Applicants must:**   * Have a spinal cord injury * Reside in the United States * Demonstrate financial need (may be required to provide documentation) * Provide a quote for the item desired * Complete the fund request via the website |
| **Grant Request Options** | **Eligible Items**: Eligible items include but are not limited to wheelchairs, exercise equipment, vehicle modifications, home modifications, adaptive equipment. It is up to the applicant to explain how this grant will improve their quality of life. |

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| **KELLY BRUSH FOUNDATION** | | |
| **Mission:** | Dedication to making active lifestyles a reality for those who have experienced a spinal cord injury. We offer the inspiration to believe and the grants to enable anyone to buy the equipment they need to get out and go. | |
| **Contact** | grants@kellybrushfoundation.org | |
| [**The Active Fund**](https://kellybrushfoundation.org/theactivefund/) | **Purpose** | Aims to provide grants for individuals with paralysis caused by spinal cord injury to purchase adaptive sports equipment. Kelly Brush Foundation believes in the power of sport and recreation to foster inclusion and overcome the barriers of paralysis. |
| **Grant Cycle** | Spring: Approximately February to April  Fall: Approximately August to October |
| **Eligibility** | Individuals residing in the U.S. with paralysis caused by spinal cord injury.  Other conditions such as spina bifida, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, post-polio, Guillain-Barre, Strohl Syndrome, ALS, neuropathies, and other conditions causing disability are not eligible. |
| **Grant Request Options** | Any piece of adaptive sports or recreation equipment specifically designed for people with disability that allow an applicant to be active. First-hand experience using the desired equipment in the environment you intend to use it is extremely important to the Grant Committee. |
| [**Path2Active**](https://kellybrushfoundation.org/path2active/) | **Purpose** | Aims to help people with spinal cord injury get out, be active, and find independence and fulfillment in life post-injury through reducing barriers and providing financial support |
| **Grant Cycle** | Open year round |
| **Eligibility** | Individuals residing in the U.S. with paralysis caused by spinal cord injury who meet one of the following criteria: 1) Individuals looking to get active for the first time; 2) Individuals who want to gain more experience in a specific sport or try a new sport; 3) Individuals who have equipment but are not yet independent in the sport and want further instruction or supervised experience; 4) Individuals looking to test different types of equipment before purchasing or applying for a grant  Other conditions such as spina bifida, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, post-polio, Guillain-Barre, Strohl Syndrome, ALS, neuropathies, and other conditions causing disability are not eligible. |
| **Grant Request Options** | Provides financial support to:   * Organizations looking to offer new programs * Individuals seeking to be active through adaptive sports programs. (try a new sport, test out a piece of equipment, or build skills by attending camps, clinics, or other programs) |