

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS



NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

VA Adaptive Sports Grant Program (Equine Therapy Grants)

Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 GRANT PROGRAM

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I. Basic Information

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Veterans Health Administration

NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: Grants for Adaptive Sports Programs for Disabled Veterans and Disabled Members of the Armed Forces (Equine Therapy Grants)

FEDERAL AWARDING AGENCY NAME: National Veterans Sports Programs and Special Events Office

ANNOUNCEMENT TYPE: Initial

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NUMBER: VA-EQUINE-25

ASSISTANCE LISTING: 64.034

FUNDING DETAILS: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Veterans Sports Programs & Special Events (NVSPSE) Program announces the availability of up to \$5,000,000 (subject to the availability of Federal funds) for the VA Adaptive Sports Grant Program's Equine Therapy Grants. VA will award grants to qualifying organizations to plan, develop, manage, and implement programs to provide adaptive sports, training, and other opportunities for Veterans and members of the Armed Forces with disabilities.

All awards funded under this announcement will be grants.

KEY DATES: Submission deadline 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time on July 2, 2025

Award decisions are expected to be made by September 30, 2025. Be aware that there are a variety of circumstances that may result in a later or earlier than expected award decision.

VA anticipates announcing grant awards in the fourth quarter of fiscal year (FY) 2025.

AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

The Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Office of National Veterans Sports Programs and Special Events, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420; grants4vets@va.gov. More resources that may assist with the application process can be found at <https://department.va.gov/veteran-sports/grant-program/>.

All correspondence with VA concerning this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) should reference the above title and funding opportunity number listed at the top of this solicitation. Please read the complete announcement before sending inquiries or submitting proposals. Once the NOFO submission deadline has passed, VA staff may not discuss this competition with applicants until all award notifications have been completed.

All technical questions about the content of this NOFO must be submitted at least 10 business days before the submission deadline. Submit questions to Grants4Vets@va.gov. Questions will be answered on the agency website.

TO APPLY: Applications must be submitted via Grants.gov (<https://grants.gov/>). Applications may not be sent by mail, email, or facsimile (fax).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The VA NVSPSE Program announces the availability of up to \$5,000,000 (subject to the availability of Federal funds) for the VA Adaptive Sports Grant Program's Equine Therapy Grants. VA will award grants to qualifying organizations to plan, develop, manage, and implement programs to provide adaptive sports, training, and other opportunities for Veterans and members of the Armed Forces with disabilities.

Applications for general adaptive sports proposals not focused on addressing mental health issues through equine therapy will not be considered under this NOFO and must be submitted to Funding Opportunity Number VA-SPORTS-25.

II. Program Description

A. General Purpose:

The Equine Therapy Grant Program, as identified under assistance listing 64.034, provides grants to eligible entities to plan, develop, manage, and implement programs to provide equine therapy activities for Veterans and members of the Armed Forces with disabilities. For the purpose of this NOFO, "equine therapy" shall mean an "adaptive sports activity" as defined in 38 C.F.R. § 77.2, centered around the use of a horse.

B. Funding Priorities, Program Goals, and Objectives:

The primary goal for this NOFO is to seek eligible entities that have expertise to meet the needs and priorities for Veterans with disabilities and members of the Armed Forces with disabilities.

Priorities to be supported by this NOFO are:

- providing adaptive sports for Veterans, and members of the Armed Forces, with disabilities in underserved activities that are of increased interest.
- providing adaptive sports for Veterans, and members of the Armed Forces, with disabilities in geographic regions where limited adaptive sports opportunities are available for this population.
- in-person or web-based training for VA adaptive sports providers that minimizes required travel and maximizes effectiveness.
- including VA subject matter experts in the development of the curriculum for in-person or web-based training for adaptive sports providers.
- providing classifier certification opportunities to increase qualified personnel across the country.

- providing athlete classification opportunities for Veterans, and members of the Armed Forces, with disabilities.

The objectives of the NVSPSE 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 to qualifying organizations to plan, develop, manage, and implement programs to provide adaptive sports and equine therapy opportunities for disabled Veterans and disabled members of the Armed Forces as authorized under 38 U.S.C. § 521A.

C. Definitions:

38 C.F.R. § 77.2 and [XI. Appendix](#) of this NOFO contain definitions of terms used in the Equine Therapy Grant and this NOFO.

D. Authority:

This grant program is authorized by 38 U.S.C. § 521A. VA implements the Equine Therapy Grant by regulation in 38 C.F.R. § 77. Funds made available under this NOFO are subject to the requirements of the aforementioned regulation and other applicable laws and regulations.

E. Funding Restrictions:

- A grant for the 12-month period may not exceed \$750,000.
 - Renewal applications may not exceed a 5% increase from FY 2024 awarded amount.
- A maximum of 5% of grant funds may be allocated for all administrative expenses (including “Personnel (Administrative)” and “Administrative (Non-Personnel)”), which includes any costs associated with an employee when not directly providing coaching or training for participants¹.
- Funding cannot be utilized to support research activities.
- Funding cannot be utilized to reimburse for any medical services² (those traditionally funded by insurance).
- Funding cannot be utilized to reimburse expenses incurred prior to the period of performance.

¹ Budget category definitions can be found on page 4 of [VA Form 10096](#) (<https://department.va.gov/veteran-sports/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2024/01/VA10096.pdf>)

² Definition of medical services can be found in the section [XI. Appendix–Definitions](#)

- Construction is not authorized through this grant mechanism; however, funding may be used to purchase equipment that would allow for safe transfers in and out of sports equipment/sports environments and improve accessibility to disabled Veterans and members of the Armed Forces. The applicant's request for funding must be consistent with the limitations on and uses of grant funds set forth in 38 C.F.R. § 77 and this NOFO. In accordance with the regulations and this NOFO, the following requirements apply to grants awarded under this NOFO:
 - Grantees may use up to a **maximum of 5% of grant funds for all administrative expenses**, which includes administrative expenses and any costs associated with an employee of the eligible entity other than reimbursement for time spent by such an employee directly providing coaching, training, or direct services for participants, as identified in 38 C.F.R. § 77.14(c). Funding associated with proposed activities that are administrative in nature (e.g., recruitment activities, planning, and grant management) will be considered as administrative costs, even if listed as otherwise in the proposal. The 5% rate is mandated by 38 U.S.C. § 521A and applies unique definitions of administrative costs that supersede other Federal non-legislative guidance.
 - Grant funds are solely to be used to support or provide services to Veterans or members of the Armed Forces with disabilities, as required in 38 C.F.R. § 77.14(d).
 - Grantees may not use grant funds to support or provide services to individuals barred from receiving VA benefits, as identified in 38 C.F.R. § 77.14(e).

F. Evaluation and Performance:

Applicants will be evaluated on the quality and timeliness of programmatic and financial reporting. All grantees must submit to VA a quarterly report 30 days after the close of each Federal fiscal quarter of the grant period which includes the same information required for annual reports, as well as projected change requests if applicable as identified in 2 C.F.R. § 200.328, § 200.329, § 200.330.

III. Federal Award Information

A. Funding:

This NOFO announces the availability of up to \$5,000,000 to be awarded by VA for proposals to plan, develop, manage, and implement programs that provide equine therapy activities focused on addressing mental health issues for Veterans, and members of the Armed Forces, with disabilities. Funding is available for equine therapy activities not focused on addressing mental health issues through Funding Opportunity Number VA-SPORTS-25.

All awards funded under this announcement will be grants.

B. Allocation of Funds:

Funding will be awarded under this NOFO to grantees for a 12-month period. The following requirements apply to Equine Therapy Grants awarded under this NOFO:

The maximum award amount for an application under this NOFO is \$750,000.00. Renewal applications may not exceed a 5% increase from FY 2024 awarded amount.

Multiple applications from the same applicant which duplicate programming and/or deliverables will not be considered for funding.

C. Equine Therapy Grant Award Period:

All Equine Therapy Grant awards will be for a 12-month period, from September 30, 2025–September 30, 2026.

IV. Eligibility Information

The Adaptive Sports Grant Program is facilitated and managed by NVSPSE. The mission of the NVSPSE 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 U.S.C. § 521A.

An applicant must qualify as a Non-Federal Government entity with significant experience in managing a large-scale adaptive sports program, as defined in 38 C.F.R. § 77.2, for persons with disabilities if those disabilities are the same as those of Veterans with disabilities, and members of the Armed Forces with disabilities. “Significant experience” and “large-scale” are addressed in 38 C.F.R. § 77.2.

B. To Demonstrate Significant Experience:

All key personnel identified in the Equine Therapy Grant application must have experience implementing the adaptive sports activities to be provided and have experience working with persons with disabilities similar to those that Veterans and members of the Armed Forces may experience, including mental health diagnoses.

The experience must be for a minimum of two continuous years immediately prior to the date of the Equine Therapy Grant application submission to VA.

When more than one entity will be engaged in the provision of the adaptive sport activities, the entity applying for the adaptive sports grant (the primary applicant and fiscal entity) must provide documentation that verifies that the partnership will support the implementation of all the adaptive sports activities proposed in the adaptive sports grant application. Acceptable forms of documentation include

a partnership letter or memorandum outlining the responsibilities, qualifications, and background of the secondary partner selected to provide services to Veterans.

C. To Qualify as a Large-Scale:

Organizations providing equine therapy for mental health must be large-scale. 38 C.F.R. § 77.2 defines large-scale adaptive sports programs as meeting one or more of the following criteria:

- (1) An adaptive sports program of a National Paralympic Committee (NPC) or of a National Governing Body (NGB) that is authorized to provide Paralympic sports programs in one or more states.
- (2) An adaptive sports program of a NGB that has been recognized by an external validating authority if the programs validated by that authority would meet the requirements of paragraph (3) of this definition if considered one program; and
- (3) An adaptive sports program in which at least 50 persons with disabilities participate or in which the persons with disabilities who participate reside in at least 5 different Congressional districts.

D. Entity Eligibility:

To be eligible, an entity must comply with 2 C.F.R. § 25.110, and § 200 criteria for a Non-Federal entity eligible for Federal grant programs; including but not limited to: being registered in SAM.gov, no active exclusions or delinquent Federal debt, and not being debarred or suspended. The Equine Therapy Grant provides adaptive sports activities for Veterans and members of the Armed Forces with disabilities; therefore, applicants that do not provide adaptive sports activities including equine therapy for persons with disabilities that are the same as those that may be experienced by Veterans or members of the Armed Forces; or Veterans or members of the Armed Forces with disabilities will not be considered for funding.

E. Cost Sharing or Matching:

This program does not require cost sharing or matching funds.

F. Adaptive Sports Grant Program:

Applicants interested in submitting a proposal for adaptive sports other than equine therapy, including equine activities that do not address mental health must submit to Funding Opportunity Number VA-SPORTS-25, as these proposals will not be considered under this NOFO.

V. Application Contents and Format

A. Application Categories:

This NOFO includes three categories that applicants can apply for:

- (1) Renewal Application for current grantees applying for funding renewal,
- (2) Initial Application for new applicants and current FY 2024 Grantees that plan to expand the scope of deliverables, who meet eligibility criteria, and
- (3) Noncompetitive Application when a condition exists for a noncompetitive grant as outlined in 38 C.F.R. § 77.4 the adaptive sports entity may submit a noncompetitive application that meets the same format as outlined for competitive grants set forth in the NOFO.

Applicants must state within the application and on [VA Form 10096](https://department.va.gov/veteran-sports/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2024/01/VA10096.pdf) (<https://department.va.gov/veteran-sports/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2024/01/VA10096.pdf>) which category they are applying under.

- (1) **Renewal Application:** After receiving an initial grant, FY 2024 grantees may apply for a renewal grant if the grantee's program will remain substantially the same. The grantee must submit to VA a complete renewal application as described in the NOFO in Section V.B.(2). Because evaluations of renewal applications rely on performance data related to the initial grant, the application and supporting documentation may vary from the initial application; however, renewal applications are competitive grants and will be evaluated under competitive grant selection processes.

Please note: FY 2024 grantees may only apply under **one** category. If applications are submitted under multiple categories, all applications will be disqualified for review.

- (2) **Initial Application:** To apply for an initial grant, an applicant must submit to VA a complete grant application package, as described in the NOFO.
- (3) **Noncompetitive application:** When a condition exists for a noncompetitive grant as outlined in 38 C.F.R. § 77.13, the adaptive sports entity may submit a noncompetitive application that meets the same format as outlined for competitive grants set forth in the NOFO.

B. Application Contents and Format

(1) Renewal Applications:

There are three elements that are required to make a complete grant application, and one additional optional element. Documents for elements requiring specific forms, and additional resources including a Frequently Asked Questions document, can be found on Grants.gov (<https://grants.gov/>) and the NVSPSE grant program webpage at <https://department.va.gov/veteran-sports/grant-program/>.

REQUIRED: Adaptive Sport Grant Application, [VA Form 10096](https://department.va.gov/veteran-sports/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2024/01/VA10096.pdf) (<https://department.va.gov/veteran-sports/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2024/01/VA10096.pdf>)–Requested file name: “VA-10096”. This document should be saved and uploaded as a portable document

format (PDF).

VA Form 10096 can be found on the [NVSPSE grant program webpage \(https://department.va.gov/veteran-sports/grant-program/\)](https://department.va.gov/veteran-sports/grant-program/). All fields in the form must be completed for the form to be considered complete. Applications including an incomplete VA Form 10096 may be screened out during the administrative review.

For the deliverables section (Exhibit A) all applicants should clearly indicate the:

- sport offered/training provided,
- city and state where the programming will be conducted,
- frequency of the programming,
- deliverable start dates and completion dates,
- the estimated number of Veterans served/adaptive sports providers trained, and
- budget estimate for each deliverable.

Additional guidance and/or suggestions related to completion of this form can be found at <https://department.va.gov/veteran-sports/grant-program/>. It is a requirement that all grant recipients participate in a joint outreach campaign with VA, consistent with 38 C.F.R. § 77.11, to inform all eligible Veterans and separating members of the Armed Forces with disabilities about the existence of the adaptive sports activities funded by the grant. This plan can be detailed in the outreach section of VA Form 10096.

Within the Program Budget (Exhibit B), personnel expenses should be delineated between Personnel (Operational) and Personnel (Administrative) expenses. Personnel (Operational) are any reimbursement costs associated with time spent by such an employee directly providing coaching or training for participants, and Personnel (Administrative) are any costs associated with an employee of the eligible entity other than reimbursement for time spent by such an employee directly providing coaching or training for participants. Any contracted work must adhere to 38 U.S.C. § 521A(d)(4)-(5).

REQUIRED: Narrative (10 single-spaced pages maximum)–Requested title “Narrative”. This document should be saved and uploaded as a PDF.

The Narrative should include the following:

- Executive Summary–should include data from Salesforce and the Payment Management System from the most recent awarded grant,
- Community Partners,
- Grant amount requested (Must be equal or less than current approved grant amount),
- Number of projected eligible individuals to be served,
- Geographic area served, and

- Compliance with Reporting Requirements as outlined in 38 C.F.R. § 77.16.

REQUIRED: Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)–Complete through Grants.gov (<http://www.grants.gov/>).

This form is completed through Grants.gov (<http://www.grants.gov/>) and will be included as part of the application.

OPTIONAL: Letters of Support (Combine all letters into a single document)–Requested title “Support”. This document should be saved and uploaded as a PDF.

Letters of support may be provided to demonstrate the applicant has relationships that will allow them to successfully recruit the population targeted in the proposal. These letters may come from, but are not limited to, VA medical centers, Department of Defense (DoD) medical treatment facilities, and Veterans Service Organizations (VSO). It is recommended these letters highlight the willingness of correspondent to collaborate and assist the applicant in identifying eligible participants for the proposed activities.

(2) Initial Applications:

There are six elements that are required to make a complete grant application, and one additional optional element. Documents for elements requiring specific forms, and additional resources including a Frequently Asked Questions document, can be found at <http://www.grants.gov/> and <https://department.va.gov/veteran-sports/grant-program/>.

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For the deliverables section (Exhibit A), all applicants should clearly indicate the:

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requirement that all grant recipients participate in a joint outreach campaign with VA, consistent with 38 C.F.R. § 77.11, to inform all eligible Veterans and separating members of the Armed Forces with disabilities about the existence of the adaptive sports activities funded by the grant. This plan can be detailed in the outreach section of VA Form 10096.

Within the Program Budget (Exhibit B), personnel expenses should be delineated between Personnel (Operational) and Personnel (Administrative) expenses. Personnel (Operational) are any reimbursement costs associated with time spent by such an employee directly providing coaching or training for participants, and Personnel (Administrative) are any costs associated with an employee of the eligible entity other than reimbursement for time spent by such an employee directly providing coaching or training for participants. Any contracted work must adhere to 38 U.S.C. § 521A(d)(4)-(5).

REQUIRED: Narrative (10 single-spaced pages maximum)–Requested title “Narrative”. This document should be saved and uploaded as a PDF.

The Narrative must be formatted in 12-point font. This document provides an opportunity to expand upon the information in the exhibits of VA Form 10096. Any additional information related to the VA Form 10096 can be included in the same format as the VA Form 10096. For example, additional deliverables may be proposed using the same table as [Exhibit A](#)³.

The Narrative must include detailed information that allows the VA Adaptive Sports Grant review team to fully understand the applicant's proposed project plan and ability to execute this plan, in relation to the scoring criteria listed in [Section VII.B.](#) of this NOFO and the priorities of the VA Adaptive Sports Grant Program listed in [Section II.B.](#) of this NOFO. The Narrative must also include evidence of eligibility in accordance with 38 C.F.R. § 77.2, including 2 or more years of organizational experience providing adaptive sports opportunities to at least 50 people with disabilities, or providing adaptive sports opportunities to Veterans residing in at least 5 Congressional districts. A listing of proposed sports should be provided, to include location for each sport, cost per participant, and number of Veterans proposed to be served.

REQUIRED: Budget Details (2-page maximum)–Requested title “Budget Details”. This document should be saved and uploaded as a PDF.

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³ A copy of Exhibit A of the VA Form 10096 can be found in section [XII. Appendix – VA Form 10096, Exhibit A](#)

- This document should convey the amounts in each cost category (supplies, operations, etc.) for the proposed deliverables and justifications for each amount.
- This document should list estimated cost per Veteran per session, and comparable market value.
- This document should summarize items that are in a given deliverable category (Deliverable #1 supplies shoes, skis, harnesses).
- This document should state the cost per Veteran per activity session.
- This document should expand on the Exhibit B and Exhibit C of the VA Form 10096. Budget Details should include an explanation of the budget and a categorical description of proposed costs⁴.

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REQUIRED: VA-FSC Vendor File Request Form, [VA Form 10091](https://www.va.gov/vaforms/va/pdf/VA10091.pdf) (<https://www.va.gov/vaforms/va/pdf/VA10091.pdf>) – Complete through www.cep.fsc.va.gov/

A web version of this document must be submitted through the VA Customer Engagement Portal at <https://www.cep.fsc.va.gov/> by the application deadline stated in this NOFO. Ensure that the information provided on this form aligns with the information listed in SAM.gov. This form is required for all applicants. **Proof of registration should be included in application packet.**

REQUIRED (only if applicable): Letters of Partnership (Combine all letters into a single document) – Requested title “Partnership”. This document should be saved and uploaded as a PDF.

If the adaptive sports activities will be implemented through partnerships as described in 38 C.F.R. §§ 77.5(a)(5) and 77.8(b), signed documentation of the partners confirming a partnership must be submitted. Letters of partnership should include details of the scope of activities and, if applicable, scope of funding involved in the partnership. If these letters are not provided as directed, the proposal will be evaluated as if the partnership has not been officially established. Additional supporting attachments may be provided at the applicant’s discretion. Letters of recommendation from individuals and entities that are not involved in delivery of adaptive sports services do not qualify as partnership letters.

⁴ An example of an itemized budget can be found in [XIII. Appendix – Budget Details - example](#)

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Additional guidance or suggestions related to completion of this form can be found on the <https://department.va.gov/veteran-sports/grant-program/>. It is a requirement that all grant recipients participate in a joint outreach campaign with VA, consistent with 38 C.F.R. § 77.11, to inform all eligible Veterans and separating members of the Armed Forces with disabilities about the existence of the adaptive sports activities funded by the grant. This plan can be detailed in the outreach section of VA Form 10096.

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If the adaptive sports activities will be implemented through partnerships as described in 38 C.F.R. § 77.5(a)(5) and 38 C.F.R. § 77.8(b), signed documentation of the partners confirming a partnership must be submitted. Letters of partnership should include details of the scope of activities and, if applicable, scope of funding involved in the partnership. If these letters are not provided as directed, the proposal will be evaluated as if the partnership has not been officially established. Additional supporting attachments may be provided at the applicant’s discretion. Letters of recommendation from individuals and entities that are not involved in delivery of adaptive sports services do not qualify as partnership letters.

OPTIONAL: Letters of Support (Combine all letters into a single document)– Requested title “Support”. This document should be saved and uploaded as a PDF.

Letters of support may be provided to demonstrate the applicant has relationships that will allow them to successfully recruit the population targeted in the proposal. These letters may come from, but are not limited to, VA medical centers, DoD medical treatment facilities, and VSOs. It is recommended these letters highlight the willingness of correspondent to collaborate and assist the applicant in identifying eligible participants for the proposed activities.

⁶ An example of an itemized budget can be found in [XIV. Appendix – Budget Details - example](#)

VI. Submission Requirements and Deadlines

- Submission deadline 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time on July 2, 2025
- All Adaptive Sports Grant Program awards will be for a 12-month period, September 30, 2025–September 30, 2026.
- To submit an application for funding consideration in response to this NOFO, submit the application and all affiliated materials via the www.grants.gov/ portal. Files should use naming conventions listed below. Applications that are incomplete or incorrect may result in the application not being considered for funding.
- Register in www.grants.gov. Authorization of roles, including the ability to submit an application on behalf of an organization, is managed by the E-Business Point of Contact for that organization. If you do not know the E-Business Point of Contact for your organization, please reach out to Grants.gov Applicant Support at 1-800-518-4726 or support@grants.gov.
- Submit by the required date: Once all submission requirements noted in Section V.B. are completed, applications must be submitted through www.grants.gov by 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time on July 2, 2025. In the interest of fairness to all competing applicants, the deadline is firm as to date, hour, and minute. Applicants should consider this stipulation and submit materials early to avoid risk of loss of eligibility brought about by unanticipated delays. Confirmation of an application submission will be auto generated and sent by www.grants.gov.
- Applications must be submitted as a complete package. Materials arriving separately will not be included in the application package for consideration and may result in the application being rejected. Applications not meeting the above criteria will be ineligible for further review and cannot be considered for funding.
- Amendment Submissions: After an applicant has submitted a complete application, an applicant may submit an amendment to the grant application package, as described under 38 C.F.R. § 77.6. An amendment submitted after the application submission deadline and prior to the grant award cannot change the scope of the original application or increase the amount of the grant requested by more than a total of 10%. An applicant seeking to amend its grant application must submit a narrative description of, and clear justification for, the requested changes, and a revised Standard Form 424 (Application for Federal Assistance). Amendments submitted after the application submission deadline will not be considered during the Administrative or Merit Review stages. Consideration of amendments will only occur for applications that progress to the Programmatic Review stage.

A. Requesting an Application Package:

Application materials, specific forms, and additional resources including a Frequently Asked Questions document, can be found on <https://www.grants.gov/> and the NVSPSE Program website, <https://department.va.gov/veteran-sports/grant-program/>.

B. Unique Entity Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM.gov):

Under 2 C.F.R. § 200, each applicant (unless the applicant is an individual, or meets the conditions under which a Federal awarding agency may exempt the applicant under 2 C.F.R. §§ 200 and 25.110(a)(b), or is exempt by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under 2 C.F.R. §§ 200 and 25.110 is required to:

- Be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) for a Commercial and Government Entity Code before submitting its application (<http://www.sam.gov/SAM/>). Please note, there is no cost to register, update, or renew an entity registration in SAM.
- Maintain an active SAM registration for the duration of the application period.
- Provide a valid Unique Entity Identifier in the application (<https://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/>).

C. Executive Order 12372:

Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs was issued to foster the intergovernmental partnership and strengthen federalism by relying on state and local processes for the coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance and direct Federal development.

Generally, VA Adaptive Sports Program grants are not subject to EO 12372 (<https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/codification/executive-order/12372.html>).

D. Additional Submission Requirements:

Submission of an incorrect or incomplete application package will result in the application being rejected during an initial administrative review Section VII.A. The application packages must contain all required elements listed in Section V.B. Selections will be made based on criteria described in 38 C.F.R. § 77.5 and this NOFO. The application package must be submitted through <http://www.grants.gov/>. Applications may not be sent by mail, email, or fax.

VII. Application Review Information

Submitted applications will undergo a three-phase review process: administrative, merit, and programmatic. Applications will be evaluated by selection criteria described in 38 C.F.R. § 77.5, and further detailed in this section of the NOFO. The administrative review criteria are indicated in [Section VII.A](#). Those determined to be ineligible based

on these stated criteria will not be scored for funding consideration. Those applications determined to be eligible for funding consideration after the administrative review will undergo a merit review, and scoring will be based on criteria indicated in [Section VII.B](#). Those applications receiving a total merit score of less than 65 will be determined to be ineligible for funding consideration. Remaining applications will be considered for funding recommendation based on the programmatic review process.

A. Administrative Review:

VA will only score applications that meet the following minimum requirements:

- The application is filed within the time period and submission process established in the NOFO.
- The application includes all required elements listed in [Section V.B](#).
 - VA will attempt to open documents but will not troubleshoot any problems related to opening files.
- The application is unique from other applications submitted by the same applicant, when submitting multiple applications.
 - FY 2024 grantees may only apply under one category. If applications are submitted under multiple categories, all applications will be disqualified for review.
- The applicant has an active SAM.gov registration in good standing (not debarred or delinquent) for the duration of the review period.
- The applicant is an eligible entity as defined in 38 C.F.R. § 77.2.
- The applicant does not have an outstanding obligation to the Federal Government that is in arrears and does not have an overdue or unsatisfactory response to an audit.
- The applicant is not in default by failing to meet the requirements for any previous Federal assistance.
- Proposed funding request is within \$750,000 cost ceiling, or Renewal applications do not exceed a 5% increase from FY 2024 awarded amount.
- Administrative fees are within 5% of requested award.

Administrative review applicant checklist can be found in [XII Appendix](#) for applicant use. The checklist can be used as a guide when preparing the application package to ensure that the application has met administrative screening criteria. Note that this checklist is only an aid for applicants and should not be included in the application package. If the application does not meet all of the screening criteria, the application will not move forward to the merit review process.

B. Merit Review:

The merit review will review inclusion of all required information in the grant application as specified by 38 U.S.C. § 521A(c) and will score the application as indicated in the following.

(1) Renewal Applications:

- **NVSPSE Program Outcomes (55 points)**
 - All deliverables are on track for completion.
 - Utilized 90% of proposed quarter funds, to date, as proposed in FY 2024 VA Form 10096.
 - Initiated Outreach goals proposed in FY 2024 application.
 - Met 90% targeted attendees for all deliverables that have been completed to date.
 - Lessons Learned added to all completed deliverables.
 - All expired grants successfully closed out.
 - All quarterly reports completed on time, to date.
- **Reasonableness of Cost (20 points)**
 - Budgeted costs are reasonable, allocable and allowable under 2 C.F.R. § 200 Subpart E and produce good value for the amount of funds paid for proposed activities.
 - Budgeted costs are comparable to regional market value for similar goods and services and adhere to General Services Administration (GSA) rates when applicable.
 - Proposal demonstrates an understanding that award funding shall be allocated solely to Veterans and members of the Armed Forces with disabilities.
 - Costs including storage and/or leased space, vehicles, horses, farm equipment, equine boarding, and equine supplies must include a strong justification and state allocability to the VA Adaptive Sports Grant Program.
 - Travel funds of 20% or less of the total grant award are usual and customary. Travel funds greater than 20% of the total grant award may be allowable but require a detailed written justification in the required Narrative document ([Section V.B. of this NOFO](#)).
 - Budget does not include travel for VA employees in official duty status.
 - Budget does not include costs to support athlete or staff travel to attend VA national rehabilitation events (National Veterans Wheelchair

Games, National Veterans Creative Arts Festival, National Veterans Golden Age Games, National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic, National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic, and National Veterans Summer Sports Clinic).

- **Compliance with NVSPSE Goals and Requirements (25 points)**
 - Grantee has demonstrated full compliance with grant agreement to date.

(2) Initial and Noncompetitive Applications:

Programmatic Plan (70 points)—Information is best displayed, but not limited to, the following documents: VA Form 10096, Narrative

- **NOFO Compliance (5 points)**—Applications that comply with the NOFO will receive 5 points. Applications that include documents exceeding page limit guidelines, or extraneous documents not stated in [Section V.B.](#), will receive an automatic 5-point deduction. Compliance is defined as:
 - Documents are within page limit guidelines.
 - Only documents stated in [Section V.B.](#) are submitted. No additional documents.
 - Deliverables are written appropriately, and indirect costs are distributed amongst deliverables.
- **Adaptive Sports Activities (10 points)**
 - Adaptive sports activities to be provided are clearly stated on VA Form 10096.
 - Target population/disability group for each proposed activity are clearly stated.
 - Any adaptations required for target population are clearly stated.
 - Equine therapy activities are clearly targeted to address mental health.
 - Program does not include a clinical fee-for-service reimbursement.
 - The inclusion of equine mounted work includes a strong justification.
- **Program Objectives and Design (15 points)**
 - Program's concept, goals, and objectives are clearly defined.
 - Programming is evidence-based and related to sport and population.
 - Each deliverable describes the activity and/or event to be implemented.

- Each deliverable includes an expected number of Veterans or trainers served.
- Actions that do not serve attendees (such as outreach and purchasing of equipment) are distributed amongst deliverables.
- Locations, dates, and/or frequency are provided for each deliverable.
- **Program Management and Past Performance (15 points)**
 - Information regarding program history, staff qualifications, and overall past performance (with particular focus on equine programming and mental health) is clearly provided.
 - Primary staff holds a certification by an accredited program.
 - Functions of key personnel are clearly explained.
 - Proposal demonstrates an understanding that award shall not reimburse any medical services.
 - Evidence of safety measures and policies are clearly stated, including an emergency action plan, inclement weather plan, and First Aid/Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation requirements.
- **Capability for Successful Execution of Program (15 points)**
 - Evidence of disabled Service member population in geographical region is provided.
 - Ability to recruit target population (Veterans with disabilities and Service members with disabilities) is clearly defined.
 - Timeframe is reasonable for successful execution of the proposed plan.
 - Significant experience in managing a large-scale equine therapy program, as defined in 38 C.F.R. § 77.2 and [Section IV](#) of this NOFO, is clearly stated.
- **Partnerships (10 points)**
 - Communication plan is clearly stated.
 - Partnerships and collaborating organizations are clearly defined and provide a clear benefit to implementation of the program.
 - Responsibilities of partners and collaborating organizations are clearly stated.
 - Relationships with VA medical centers, DoD facilities, VSOs, and/or other Veterans is evidenced through Memorandum of Agreements, Letters of Partnership and/or Letters of Support.

- **Financial Capability and Plan (30 points)**—Information is displayed, but not limited to, the following documents: VA Form 10096, SF-424, Budget Details, Narrative.
- **Capability (5 points)**
 - Experience managing funds is clearly stated.
- **Plan (15 points)**
 - Budget is justified and clearly explained within the proposal. Cost per veteran is clearly stated in application and matches non-veteran costs.
 - Expenses are distributed amongst deliverables (i.e. outreach, program equipment, administrative costs should be distributed amongst deliverables and should not be listed as their own deliverables).
 - Budget Details is clear, itemized, includes specific cost estimates and directly correlates to deliverables.
 - Budget Details includes an estimated cost per veteran per visit.
 - A clear and specific budget breakdown is provided.
- **Reasonableness of Costs (10 Points)**
 - Budgeted costs are reasonable, allocable, and allowable under 2 C.F.R. § 200 Subpart E and produce good value for the amount of funds paid for proposed activities.
 - Budgeted costs are comparable to regional market value for similar goods and services. Costs adhere to GSA rates when applicable.
 - Proposal demonstrates an understanding that award funding shall be allocated solely to Veterans and members of the Armed Forces with disabilities.
 - Costs including storage and/or leased space, vehicles, horses, farm equipment, equine boarding, equine supplies, and equine mounted work must include a strong justification and state allocability to the VA Adaptive Sports Grant Program.
 - Travel funds of 20% or less of the total grant award are usual and customary. Travel funds greater than 20% of the total grant award may be allowable but requires a detailed written justification in the required Narrative document ([Section V.B. of this NOFO](#)).
 - Budget does not include travel for VA employees in official duty status for VA employees in official duty status.
 - Budget does not include costs to support athlete or staff travel to attend VA national rehabilitation events (National Veterans Wheelchair Games, National Veterans Creative Arts Festival, National Veterans

Golden Age Games, National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic, National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic, and National Veterans Summer Sports Clinic).

C. Programmatic Review:

- Merit review score.
- Active agreements with VA (e.g. Memorandum of Agreement) to provide adaptive sports services or activities will be considered to optimize use of funding for grant awards, and to ensure that services are not duplicated.
- Relevance of application to the total grant funds allocated for equine therapy.
- Relevance of application to the total grant funds allocated for a specific type of activity.
- Relevance of application to the total grant funds allocated for a specific type of disability.
- The proposed program provides adaptive sports opportunities in geographic regions where VA has identified limited sports opportunities for disabled Veterans and disabled members of the Armed Forces.
- The proposed program provides an adaptive sports activity or adaptive sports activities that meet the current needs and priorities for Veterans and members of the Armed Forces with disabilities.

****Note: Final funding decisions will be based on the above three reviews.***

D. Risk Review:

In accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.206, VA requires all eligible grant applicants to undergo a pre-award risk assessment. In addition to a pre-award risk assessment, risk to the Federal government will continue to be monitored via internal controls including post-award reporting requirements and site visits. In evaluating risks posed by applicants, the program will consider the following items:

- (i) Financial stability. The applicant's record of effectively managing financial risks, assets, and resources;
- (ii) Management systems and standards. Quality of management systems and ability to meet the management standards prescribed in this part;
- (iii) History of performance. The applicant's record of managing previous and current Federal awards, including compliance with reporting requirements and conformance to the terms and conditions of Federal awards, if applicable;
- (iv) Audit reports and findings. Reports and findings from audits performed under 2 C.F.R. § 200 subpart F or the reports and findings of any other available audits, if applicable; and

(v) Ability to effectively implement requirements. The applicant's ability to effectively implement statutory, regulatory, or other requirements imposed on recipients of Federal awards.

VIII. Federal Award Administration Information

A. Federal Award Notices:

For grant applications that are selected for funding, NVSPSE will contact the applicants to enter into a grant agreement with VA. Payments will be made to the grant recipient in accordance with 38 C.F.R. § 77, 2 C.F.R. § 200, and other applicable provisions of this NOFO. Contact by NVSPSE prior to receipt and signature of the grant agreement does not confirm or suggest recommendation of funding is forthcoming. The grant agreement is the verification of award and will be sent for signature via email to the point of contact indicated in the application.

IX. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

A. General Terms and Conditions:

Although subject to change, VA expects to announce awards by approximately September 2025. VA reserves the right in any year to adjust the award (for example, to change funding amounts) as needed within the intent of this NOFO based on a variety of factors, including program priorities and the availability of funding. The applicant's signature on the SF-424, including electronic signature, constitutes a binding offer by the applicant and constitutes agreement to the terms and conditions of award. VA may elect to award funds with or without discussions with the applicant. Only a grant agreement with a VA signature is evidence of an award and is an authorizing document allowing costs to be incurred against the grant. Other notices, letters, or announcements are not authorizing documents. VA expects to provide a grant agreement with a VA signature to the registered organizational contacts around October 1, 2025. VA expects to notify unsuccessful applicants by email to the registered organizational contacts by October 30, 2025. Usually during the month of October 2025 general feedback applicable to all unsuccessful applicants will be available as requested.

B. Joint Outreach Campaign:

As a condition of receiving a grant, the applicant must agree to conduct a joint outreach campaign with VA as described in 38 C.F.R. § 77.11.

C. Reporting and Monitoring:

Upon execution of a grant agreement with VA, grantees will comply with requests from NVSPSE for provision of oversight and monitoring of adaptive sports activities as described in 38 C.F.R. § 77.16 and 38 C.F.R. § 77.18.

Reporting will be required quarterly and an annual report at award close-out. Submission of timely reports is a continuing condition of eligibility. All reporting will be completed electronically. In these reports, grantees will be required to report data including, but not limited to, information on participants served; time spent providing adaptive sports activities; financial and acquisition data related to the grant; types of supportive services provided; and other information as requested by NVSPSE. Grantees must report on all activities funded by the Adaptive Sports Grant Program. Through all reporting, the grantee will be expected to demonstrate adherence to the grantee's proposed program concept, as described in the grantee's application.

Monitoring will consist of all grant recipients being subject to visits to monitor operations and compliance. Grant monitoring is based on a grantee's level of risk, which will be determined by a pre-award risk assessment. A grantee's level of risk and monitoring cadence is subject to change during the award period, pending grantee performance.

X. Other Information

A. Payments of Adaptive Sports Program Grant Funds:

Grantees will receive payments electronically through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Payment Management System. All payments will be made on a reimbursement basis as per guidance from OMB.

B. Personal Identifiable Information (PII):

Applicants submitting applications in response to this NOFO must recognize that confidentiality of PII and other sensitive data is of paramount importance to the Department and must be observed except where disclosure is allowed by the prior written approval of the grant office or by court order. By submitting an application, applicants are assuring that all data exchanges conducted through or during the course of performance of this award will be conducted in a manner consistent with applicable Federal law.

C. Financial Risk:

Applicant confirms by acceptance of the award that the entity has financial management systems in place.

XI. Appendix–Definitions

For the purposes of this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO):

Adaptive sports grant program: A program facilitated and managed by the NVSPSE that awards grants to qualifying organizations to plan, develop, manage, and implement programs to provide adaptive sports opportunities and equine therapy for disabled Veterans and disabled members of the Armed Forces as authorized under 38 U.S.C. § 521A.

Adaptive sport: a sport that has either been adapted specifically for persons with a disability or created specifically for persons with a disability. This can include equine activities that do not address mental health and are solely for the purpose of participation in sport.

Adaptive sports activity:

instruction, participation, and competition in adaptive sports

For example: introductory sport clinics, adaptive sport camps, regularly scheduled practices, lessons, and tournaments for Veterans with disabilities and members of the Armed Forces with disabilities.

(1) training and technical assistance to program administrators, coaches, recreation therapists, instructors, VA employees, and other appropriate individuals.

For example: sport-specific certification courses, instructor trainings, referee training clinics, functional classifier certification classes, continuing education courses geared towards adaptive sports.

(2) 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.

For example: athlete classification sessions, equipment distribution programs, instructional media.

Applicant: an eligible entity that submits an application for an adaptive sports grant announced in a NOFO.

Construction: construction, rehabilitation, alteration, conversion, extension, or improvement of buildings, highways, or other real property.

DoD: the Department of Defense.

Eligible entity: a Non-Federal Government entity with significant experience in managing a large-scale adaptive sports program for persons with disabilities if those disabilities are those that many disabled Veterans and disabled members of the Armed Forces have. To demonstrate significant experience, all the key personnel identified in the adaptive sports grant application of the entity must have experience implementing the adaptive sports activities to be provided and have experience working with persons

with disabilities that many disabled Veterans and disabled members of the Armed Forces to be served through the adaptive sports grant have. The experience must be for two continuous years immediately prior to the date of submission to VA of the grant application. When more than one entity would be engaged in the provision of the adaptive sport activities, the entity applying for the adaptive sports grant must provide documentation that verifies that through the partnership, it has the experience necessary to implement all of the adaptive sports activities proposed in the adaptive sports grant application.

Grantee: an entity that is awarded an adaptive sports grant under this part.

Large-scale adaptive sports program:

(1) An adaptive sports program of an NPC or of a NGB that is authorized to provide Paralympic sports programs in one or more states;

(2) An adaptive sports program of a NGB that has been recognized by an external validating authority if the programs validated by that authority would meet the requirements of paragraph (3) of this definition if considered one program; and

(3) An adaptive sports program in which at least 50 persons with disabilities participate or in which the persons with disabilities who participate in the program reside in at least five different congressional districts.

Medical Service: any service provided by a health care professional that would be generally billable to any party, for example: physical therapy or mental health treatment. For the purpose of this NOFO, VA will not reimburse for these services nor provide oversight or assume liability of medical services provided by a grant recipient.

National Governing Body (NGB): an organization that looks after all aspects of a sport and is responsible for training, competition, and development for their sports.

National Paralympic Committee (NPC): the national organization recognized by the International Paralympic Committee as the sole representative of athletes with disabilities from their respective jurisdiction.

Notice of funding Opportunity (NOFO): a Notice of Funding Opportunity published in the OMB-designated government-wide Web site in accordance with 38 C.F.R. § 77.12 and 2 C.F.R. § 200.

Paralympics: a series of international contests for athletes with a range of physical and intellectual disabilities, including mobility disabilities, amputations, blindness, and traumatic brain injury, that are associated with and held following the summer and winter Olympic Games.

Participant: a disabled Veteran or disabled member of the Armed Forces who is receiving adaptive sport activities from a grantee.

Partnership: any type of arrangement in which the parties agree to cooperate and is not limited to a legal partnership.

Personal Identifiable Information (PII): Any representation of information that permits the identity of an individual to whom the information applies to be reasonably inferred by either direct or indirect means.

Persons with a disability: includes persons with physical disabilities or mental health diagnoses.

Sport: a usually competitive individual or group physical activity governed by a set of rules or customs, which, through casual or organized participation, aim to use, maintain, or improve physical ability and skills while normally providing entertainment to participants.

VA: the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Veteran: a person described in 38 U.S.C. § 3.1.

Veterans Service Organization: an organization recognized by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the representation of Veterans under 38 U.S.C. § 5902, a subgroup of such an organization, or a nonprofit entity registered with the U.S. Government that has a primary mission to provide services to Veterans and members of the Armed Services.

(Authority: P.L. 111-163, 38 U.S.C. § 501, 38 U.S.C. § 521a and 38 C.F.R. § 77)

XII. Appendix–Administrative Checklist⁷

Application Requirement	Complete?
The deadline submission requirements are met through Grants.gov	
All required components submitted and accessible (the VA will attempt to open documents, but will not troubleshoot any problems related to opening files):	
Renewal Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SF-424 (Completed and signed), Application for Federal Assistance • VA Form 10096 • Narrative 	
Initial and Noncompetitive Applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SF-424 (Completed and signed), Application for Federal Assistance • VA Form 10091 (Completed and signed in VA Customer Engagement Portal: www.cep.fsc.va.gov/) • VA Form 10096 • Narrative • Budget Details • Letters of Partnership (if applicable) 	
The application is unique from other applications submitted by the same applicant, when submitting multiple applications.	
The applicant has an active SAM.gov registration in good standing (not debarred or delinquent) for the duration of the review period.	
The applicant is an eligible entity as defined in 38 C.F.R. § 77.2.	
The applicant does not have an outstanding obligation to the Federal Government that is in arrears and does not have an overdue or unsatisfactory response to an audit.	
The applicant is not in default by failing to meet the requirements for any previous Federal assistance.	
Application does not exceed the ceiling amount of \$750,000 total costs (Initial and Noncompetitive) or 5% increase (Renewal).	
Admin costs do not exceed 5% of the budget.	

⁷ The checklist is not an exhaustive guide, but only an assistance tool. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all requirements are met and that all materials are complete in accordance with the entirety of the NOFO.

XIII. Appendix–VA Form 10096, Exhibit A

EXHIBIT A Program Goal and Deliverables <i>(Include locations, activities, frequency of occurrence and number of veterans.</i> <i>Note: for training of providers include an estimated number of Veterans that will benefit)</i>					
Program Deliverable					
	DELIVERABLES	NUMBER OF VETERANS	DELIVERABLE START	DELIVERABLE COMPLETION	BUDGET ESTIMATE
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					
11					
12					

XIV. Appendix–Budget Details; example

Deliverable	Item	Total Cost	Budget Category
<i>Example: Deliverable 1</i>	<i>10 Helmets</i>	<i>\$430</i>	<i>Supplies</i>