



GUIDELINES

FUTURE PARALYMPIANS GRANT 2026-27



The Future Paralympians Grant Guidelines provide important information on the application process and eligibility criteria. Please review carefully and consult the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) at [FAQ - EN](#) prior to contacting the Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC) with questions about your application.

BACKGROUND

The Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC) is a non-profit private organization with 28 member sports organizations dedicated to enhancing the Paralympic Movement. Its mission is to deliver the best prepared teams for Games excellence while enabling Canadians to experience the Power of Para sport. The CPC understands the significance of quality Para sport initiatives. We are committed to foster an environment and culture that will enhance preparation and performances at future games, leading Canada in becoming a more competitive nation. The Future Paralympians Grant is made possible by contributions from the Paralympic Foundation of Canada and the CPC.

Eligibility

In addition to the eligibility criteria below, the CPC expects all applicants to be committed to creating safe, welcoming, and inclusive environments for participants, athletes, coaches, staff, and volunteers.

Eligible Organizations

- Local Sport Organizations/Clubs
- Provincial Sport Organizations (PSO) / Disability Sport Organizations (DSO), these include provincial-level multi-sport organizations
- National Sport Organizations (NSO).



- NSOs must clearly demonstrate that the application supports the targeted development of athletes and coaches, facilitating progression along the Paralympic pathway. Applications should outline how the proposed activities will strengthen the depth and quality of the athlete pool, while also accelerating progression at earlier stages of development to ensure a stronger and more sustainable performance pathway. Funding does not support senior level programming.
- NSOs and PSOs may also apply on behalf of a group of local clubs to increase funding opportunities, and to decrease overall administrative workload
- Universities and Colleges
- Sport-based non-profit organizations
- Sport-based charitable organizations

Eligible Projects

- Funding is designed to support programs and development athletes tracking toward Junior, Zone, B-level international championships, and multi-sport Games (e.g., Canada Games, Youth Parapan American Games). It aims to encourage the development of high-performance skills and leverage multi-sport Games as a developmental step on the Paralympic pathway, supporting development athletes to reach their full potential while ensuring long-term, sustainable success in Paralympic sports.
- Enhanced training environments and national Para development camps
 - Funds may be used to create or enhance training opportunities such as daily training environments (DTE), camps or specialized coach support and any other area that contributes to enhanced capacity for programs, athletes, or teams on a sport specific Paralympic pathway.



- Enhancement of coach learning & development
 - Grantees can receive coach enhancement support with submission of their planned education, mentorship and apprenticeship with NSO endorsement.

We do not fund

- Municipalities
- Elementary or secondary schools, school boards
- Foundations
- For profit organizations
- Agencies of federal or provincial governments (e.g., boards, commissions, corporations and councils)
- Sports not on the Milano Cortina and LA Paralympic program
- Applications in isolation (no contact with NSO, DSO, or PSO)
- Organizations outside of Canada
- Individuals
- Organizations with outstanding reporting due to the Canadian Paralympic Committee

Ineligible Projects

- Projects that target facility accessibility or architectural changes
- Projects that support senior national team athletes
- One-day try it initiatives with no follow up plans or linked programs
- Equipment



Funding Available

- Funding amounts of up to \$10K, \$15K, \$20K available.
- Funding will cover program expenses for one year (April 2026-March 2027).

Guidelines for Types of Initiatives

National Para Development Camps

Development camps are structured training programs that focus on fostering personal growth and skill development for Para athletes demonstrating a trajectory toward strong future performance. Funds provide a structured setting for athletes and coaches to engage in various activities that foster tactical skills, technical skills, or a conducive environment for training and knowledge exchange.

Organizations are encouraged to invite external coaches, technical experts, high-performance leaders, or practitioners from the provincial or national level to the development camp to enrich or supplement the camps activities.



Please include a comprehensive list of prospective athletes, along with their positions on the sport-specific Paralympic pathway, in your application. We will give priority to initiatives that are sustainable and ongoing for the next few years.

Enhanced Training Environments

Funds may be used to support creating an environment and culture that enhances athlete preparation and performance. Initiatives can target these goals through training, recovery, high-quality competition opportunities, and National classification (including classification preparation). Athletes need to demonstrate a trajectory toward strong future performance, as outlined in the sport-specific Paralympic developmental plan.

Applications must clearly detail how funds will be spent and how this will enhance the training group's performance and/or development of high-performance skills. Eligible expenses can include skill testing, strength and conditioning, mental performance, nutrition, and/or national classification initiatives.

Coach Enhancement

This funding aims to support sport organizations in developing tailored plans to enhance expertise of its coaches working with any level of Para athlete to support holistic program development. Priority will be given to applications supporting Para athletes transitioning into coaching roles.

Funding can be used for activities such as Para development camps with integrated coach development plans, coach mentorship in the DTE or in competition, leadership training, and participation in Para sport workshops or webinars to enhance the coaches' knowledge or further their journey into coaching. Funds should help reduce the personal costs of coaches to receive training and education or those covered by the organization. Salary support is not an eligible expense.



The organization must provide a list of potential coaches who would benefit from the coach enhancement plan, along with their experience. If someone is invited to contribute as a mentor, workshop leader, or presenter please provide their experience and role.

APPLICATION PROCESS - What is required?

1. Complete the application form. It will ask you to provide 4 main components:

- A. Core Organization Details
- B. Project Information
- C. Financial Information & Budget
- D. Final Checklist & Signature

2. All applicants must include either a financial statement summary from the most recently completed operational year, or a letter of endorsement from your organization's financial representative.

3. To submit the application, complete the fillable web form at the following link on the CPC funding page <https://paralympic.ca/funding-opportunities>. Once complete, attach the application form and required supporting documents.

IMPORTANT Once the online web form is completed and submitted, you cannot make changes to the application. Please make sure all documentation is complete before starting the online web form.

SELECTION PROCESS– How are the recipients chosen?



The CPC's application review process consists of the following steps:

Step 1: Receipt of application and initial review by the CPC

- Verifies that the organization and application meet the eligibility requirements.

IMPORTANT Please note that any incomplete applications will not be considered and applicants who fail to properly complete the application process will not be notified.

Step 2: Review and decision by the Application Review Team

- A group of knowledgeable individuals with representation from NSOs, CPC staff and other Para sport experts will comprise the Review Team. This team will review eligible applications and make funding recommendations.
- Applications will be reviewed based on individual merit.
- Applicants must clearly demonstrate that their project/funding is aligned with their sport-specific Paralympic pathway. Applications done in conjunction with the NSO will receive a higher priority.
- Preference will be given to applicants that have matching funding.
- Preference will be given to initiatives led by organizations and/or sports that are building towards improvement in all their actions in their Paralympic sport pathways, governance, athlete and coach development or system alignment.

Step 3: Notification of decision to applicant

- The applicant will receive a notification of the decision. If the applicant is successful, they will receive a Letter of Agreement, which must be signed and returned within two weeks of receipt, or the recipient risks withdrawal of the funding offer.



- Upon receiving a signed Letter of Agreement from the successful applicant, funds will be distributed approximately 4-8 weeks later.
- Applicants who are not successful will receive a letter briefly outlining the reasons for the decline.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS – What if my organization is selected?

Organizations that are selected will be required to sign a Letter of Agreement that details the terms and conditions of the grant. These include:

- The organization will receive 75% of the grant upon signing the Letter of Agreement, with a 25% holdback to be paid upon receipt and review of the required reports.
- Final Reports will detail successes, challenges, and key impacts. The Final Report Templates will be provided with the Letter of Agreement and are due on the date specified in the Letter of Agreement
- Completion and submission of a final budget with copies of receipts/invoices for all project expenses
- List of all program participants and athletes taking part in the program including:
 - Name
 - Contact Information
 - Age
 - Date of birth
 - Impairment type and/or classification
 - Competition results (if applicable)



Please Note

Athletes are asked to sign a waiver expressing consent for their information to be shared with the CPC. All information will be kept confidential and used for primarily statistical purposes. The CPC may follow up with the athlete individually if the athlete gives consent.

A comprehensive list of successful applicants and their respective applications may be made available to our government partners at the federal and provincial levels, as well as publicly via the CPC communication channels.

QUESTIONS – Who do I contact?

Please first refer to these guidelines and to the FAQs available here:

<https://paralympic.ca/funding-opportunities>

Should you still have questions, you may email grants@paralympic.ca but please be advised that during periods of high demand responses may be delayed. Thank you for your understanding.