**Wheelwrights’ Charity Small Grants Scheme**

**Guidance Notes**

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| WheelPower manage a small grants fund aimed at financially supporting more people with a physical impairment to take part in sport and physical activity.The funding has been made available through the Worshipful Company of Wheelwrights and their Small Grants Scheme: www.wheelwrights.orgWe know that taking part in sport and physical activity enhances disabled peoples’ quality of life, giving them confidence, improving their wellbeing and helping to connect them to other people. |

**Purpose of Grant**

This grant aims to make it easier for individuals to start getting active and to remain active. It also aims to support individuals to achieve their sporting potential.

**Application Dates**

* The grant opens on Monday 2 June 2025 and the closing date for applications is
Monday 1 September 2025
* Applicants will be notified by Wednesday 15 October 2025.

**Application Criteria**

* Individuals applying must be a resident in the UK
* Individuals applying must have acquired a spinal cord injury within the past five years
* The fund is available for all ages
* Individuals applying must include a reference from a member of staff at the spinal unit
* Part-funding will only be released when the balance is raised

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| We expect to receive more applications than we can afford to fund so we will prioritise those applications that we believe will have the greatest impact for the individual. |

**Conditions of Grant**

* The grant must be spent within six months of receiving the payment
* A short case study including images must be completed and submitted within six months of receiving funding (we will contact you regarding this)
* Unused equipment must be returned to WheelPower for redistribution

**What will be Funded?**

Most grants made will be in the range of £100 to £1,000. We are flexible in the types of things that we can fund but some examples we would consider are:

* New equipment purchase
* Replacement or upgrade of existing equipment
* Contribution towards manual sports wheelchairs
* Kit and clothing required to take part in activity
* Travel costs
* Membership/session/competition fees

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| Grants will not be awarded for items that do not address the Fund’s aims, powered wheelchairs or retrospective funding (funding for items/activities that have already been paid for or taken place). |

**How to Apply**

* Please complete the application form and return to wheelwrights@wheelpower.org.uk
* Each application will be considered on its own merit
* All decisions made are final and at the discretion of the Wheelwrights Committee

**Contact Us**

If you require assistance, please contact WheelPower on 01296 395995 or email wheelwrights@wheelpower.org.uk