**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.org  We 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](mailto: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](mailto:wheelwrights@wheelpower.org.uk)