

## **Adaptive Technology/Accessibility Policy:**

### **1. Who can apply:**

All PVA-WI members may be considered for funding assistance in the area of adaptive technology or accessibility items (e.g. the removal of barriers in a primary living quarters, hand controls for a vehicle other adaptive driving controls to a personal automobile).

### **2. How to apply:**

Members submit a request to the board of directors. The application form for this type of request is located as an enclosure to this policy. Funding may be provided to a PVA-WI member in the absence of any other VA funding option. The adaptive technology/accessibility grant is intended for needs that are unable to be funded by other funding sources such as Social Security/Medicare or via the VA with a SAH Grant, HISA Grant etc. Proof of denial from such programs must be attached to the funding request. The PVA-WI member must have been a member for at least one year.

### **3. Funding available to apply:**

The Chapter has established an endowment grant that is used to fund this program. The board of directors will establish the amount of funds available each year. Each member may apply every five years for a grant. All grants are subject to funds availability.

### **4. Chapter liability:**

There is an understanding between the member and PVA-WI that the applicant is receiving a charitable receipt and that PVA-Wi has no inherent liability regarding the project or the item that is funded. The funding request submitted by the member states that the PVA-WI is held harmless and has no responsibility or obligation of any kind and that the charitable funds committed will be paid upon completion of the project and submission of receipts for the project.

### **5. Covered Expenses:**

#### **a. Home Structural Modifications**

Funding reimbursement is provided for modifications or adaptations to a home structure that improves a member's safety or accessibility in or around the house. Each application is limited to 50% of the project. The request must include at least two bids. Each bid must have a description of the work that will be performed.

**b. Hand and other driving controls**

Funding for driving controls (left foot accelerator, hand brakes etc.) to be placed on a member's personal automobile must be performed by a certified dealer or technician. Each application is limited to 50% of the project. The request must include at least two bids unless the technology only has a single source. Each bid must have a description of the work that will be performed.

**c. Other type of technology or accessibility**

Funding for any other type of technology or accessibility needs not mentioned above can be covered. In general costs are generally limited to 50% of purchase.

**6. Reimbursement procedures:**

PVA- WI will pay the member after verification of completion. Photos and a written statement of how the project helps the member must be provided before payment is given. Payment may be made to the service provider that performed the work or to the member directly.

\*Any exception to policy must be presented to the board of directors for consideration.

Approved by BOD 12/10/2019

# Adaptive technology/Accessibility Fund Request Form

**Applicants Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**PVA Number** \_\_\_\_\_

This request is for (check the box):

Hand or other Driving Controls for a Vehicle

Accessibility Issues

Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

PVA-WI will make payment after verification of completion. Photos and a written statement of how the project helps the member must be provided before payment is given. Payment may be made to the service provider that performed the work or the member directly.

PVA- WI's role is to provide charitable funding. The chapter has no inherent liability or supervisory requirement or is obligated in any way regarding this issue. By signing this request form, the member acknowledges that PVA- WI is to be held harmless.

## Applicant Checklist for Funding

- first apply at VA NSO office; if denied for funding, provide PVA-Wi with signed, dated NSO note that specifically identifies you are turned down due to non-funding; note needs NSO representatives name and phone number; turn in to PVA-Wi office
- secure 2 or more vendor bids with drawings for home modifications or a quote for driving control installation from a certified NMEDA installer and attach to this form

Signature and date \_\_\_\_\_