



Adaptive Technology and Accessibility Program Policy and Procedure

Please read the policy and procedure below.

DISCLAIMERS / WAIVERS / CONSENT

To be eligible for any Paralyzed Veterans of America – Wisconsin Chapter (PVA-WI) program/benefit, an individual must be in good standing with the organization, must not be under suspension or subject to disciplinary action, and must conduct themselves in a manner that does not disparage PVA-WI's reputation or mission.

Eligibility Requirements for PVA-WI Programs/Benefits

To participate in PVA-WI programs/benefits, individuals must:

- Meet the eligibility requirements for the applicable program/benefit as outlined in this Manual.
- Comply with all obligations described in the PVA-WI Chapter bylaws, this manual, and any required registration forms. Noncompliance will result in suspension of eligibility until the requirements are met and approved.
- Agree to complete a brief survey, if requested, to aid in research or donor development efforts.

Additional Program Information

- Programs/benefits, policies, and procedures may change at any time and are contingent upon the availability of chapter funds.
- Applications and forms are available at: <https://wisconsinpva.org/formspolicies-procedures>
- For questions or additional information, email info@wisconsinpva.org or call (414) 328-8910.
- All application materials will be kept confidential.

Liability Waiver

By participating in PVA-WI events or programs, participants release and discharge PVA-WI, event organizers, sponsors, volunteers, staff, property owners, affiliated organizations, and their representatives from any liability, claims, or actions arising from injury, loss, or damage experienced while participating in, observing, or traveling to or from an event.

Media Consent

By participating in PVA-WI programs or events, participants grant permission to PVA-WI to use their verbal or written statements, photographs, digital images, and audio or video recordings. These materials may be used for publicity, promotional, educational, or informational purposes, including but not limited to newsletters, websites, social media, marketing materials, and other PVA/PVA-WI communications, in any medium now known or developed in the future.

ADAPTIVE TECHNOLOGY & ACCESSIBILITY PROGRAM POLICY & PROCEDURE

Eligibility

Life Members: Eligible

Associate Members: Not eligible

The Adaptive Technology & Accessibility Program assists eligible members with funding for adaptive technology and accessibility-related needs that improve independence, safety, and quality of life. This includes, but is not limited to, home accessibility modifications and adaptive vehicle controls.

This program is intended to support needs not covered by other funding sources, such as Social Security, Medicare, or the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (e.g., SAH Grant, HISA Grant). All program requests are subject to Board of Directors approval and contingent upon the availability of chapter funds.

Eligibility & Application Requirements

- Applicants must have been a PVA-WI life member for at least **one year** prior to emailing a request to info@wisconsinpva.org.
- Funding may be provided only when **no other VA or public funding source is available**.
 - **Proof of denial** from the VA or other funding sources (e.g., Social Security or Medicare) must be submitted with the request.
- This is a **one-time award**. In cases of **extreme or extenuating circumstances**, the award may be granted a **second time**. Examples include:
 - Natural disasters
 - Home or apartment fires
 - Other significant emergencies, as determined by the Board of Directors.

Reimbursement Procedures

- Reimbursement is issued **after verification that the project or installation has been completed**.
- Members must submit:
 - **Photographs of the completed project or installed equipment**, and
 - A **written statement** describing how the modification or technology improves accessibility, safety, or independence.
- Payment will be made **directly to the service provider** that performed the work.
- Approved funds will be disbursed only after project completion and submission of all required documentation and receipts.

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Covered Expenses

1. Home Structural Modifications

Funding assistance may be provided for **modifications or adaptations to a primary residence** that improve accessibility or safety in or around the home.

- Reimbursement is limited to **50% of the total project cost**.
- Each request must include **at least 2 written bids**.
- Each bid must clearly describe the **scope of work to be performed**.

2. Adaptive Driving Controls

Funding may be provided for adaptive driving controls installed on a member's **personal vehicle**, including but not limited to:

- Hand controls
- Left-foot accelerators
- Other adaptive driving equipment

Requirements:

- Installation must be completed by a **certified dealer or technician**.
- Reimbursement is limited to **50% of the total project cost**.
- Requests must include **at least 2 written bids**, unless the equipment is available from a **single source only**.
- Each bid must include a **description of the work and equipment**.

3. Other Adaptive Technology or Accessibility Needs

Funding for other adaptive technology or accessibility needs not listed above may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

- In general, reimbursement is limited to **50% of the purchase or project cost**.

Chapter Liability

- Funding provided under this program is considered a charitable gift.
- The member acknowledges that **PVA-WI assumes no liability** related to the funded project, service, or equipment.
- By submitting a funding request, you **agree to hold PVA-WI harmless** and release the chapter from any responsibility or obligation related to the funded item or work.