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Sep. 15, 2015**VA Awards \$8 Million in Adaptive Sport Grants to Aid Disabled Veterans***Grants promote rehabilitation, health and wellness and community reintegration*

WASHINGTON – Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert A. McDonald today announced the awarding of up to \$8 million in grants to eligible recipients with experience managing largescale adaptive sports programs for disabled Veterans and disabled Servicemembers of the Armed Forces. The grant recipients may use these funds for planning, developing, managing and implementing adaptive sports programs.

The VA is awarding the Grants to national governing bodies, which prepare high-level athletes for Paralympic competition; Veterans service organizations; city and regional municipalities; and other community groups to provide a wide range of adaptive sports opportunities for eligible Veterans and Servicemembers. The Grants will support sports ranging from rowing, cycling and skiing to golf, fly fishing and equestrian sports.

“Adaptive sports help Veterans heal both physically and emotionally,” said Secretary McDonald. “We are proud to partner with organizations nationwide to provide these rehabilitative opportunities for America’s Veterans.”

VA will distribute the [grants](#) to [89](#) national, regional and community programs serving all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam. Approximately 10,000 Veterans and Servicemembers are expected to benefit.

Information about the awardees and details of the program may be found at [www.va.gov/adaptivesports](http://www.va.gov/adaptivesports).