



Michigan Chapter

MPVA Rollin' Traveler Grant Description

The MPVA Mission

The mission of the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA) is to enhance the quality of lives of veterans with spinal cord injury or disease, as well as all citizens with disabilities regardless of race, creed, or color, by:

- advocating for civil rights
- assuring quality healthcare
- supporting continued:
 - recreation
 - research
 - education
 - and healthy living

The Michigan Chapter serves as part of the national Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA), operating according to the standards and practices established by the PVA. The MPVA operates as a separate 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Grant Program & Funding Priorities

The MPVA accepts submissions starting at the beginning of each Fiscal Year (October 1st) for its *Rollin' Traveler* grant. Grant funds may be awarded at any time during the MPVA's Fiscal Year. Grant cycle may also close at any time during the MPVA's Fiscal Year.

This grant program seeks to fund projects that introduce or enhance equitable opportunity and access to recreation/leisure activities for people with physical disabilities. **Special consideration given to programs that reduce/waive fees for entrance, parking, etc. for paralyzed veterans.*

This grant program is offering up to \$10,000 in single award amounts in a grant cycle, commensurate with project goals, budget, and requirements as detailed in the application for

amount requested. **The MPVA will only grant one (1) grant to an organization per grant cycle. Awarded amounts will be up to the discretion of the MPVA Board of Directors. Award recipients must place signage recognizing the MPVA's support near project, inclusion of this provision in grant application is appreciated (further details regarding signage will be sent with award notification).**

****Accepting Applications October 1st**

Priorities:

Funding Priorities include, but are not limited to:

- ✓ Projects to introduce/improve barrier free access to Michigan parks, lakes, etc.
- ✓ Projects to introduce/improve access to inclusive enjoyment of Michigan recreation opportunities
- ✓ Projects that enhance the quality of life for those that the MPVA serves
- ✓ Projects that introduce innovative accessibility options to access Michigan travel, events, and/or related amenities

Unallowable Project Expenses:

- ✗ Capital building expenses (projects to improve building access as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis)
- ✗ Payroll
- ✗ Existing debt
- ✗ Non-inclusive Religious or Political projects

Eligibility:

City, county, or community parks & recreation agencies, municipalities, and 501c(3) nonprofits with a focus on inclusion in recreation are invited to apply. Funded project(s) **must** be inclusive and open to all people in Michigan, with special emphasis on members of the MPVA and on those we serve.

Applications **must** include:

- Completed application
- Project description and goals, with emphasis on how project will enhance & support the mission of the MPVA
- Budget for project activities/expenses
- Most recent Form 990 or financial statement

- Information on any partnering organizations, contractors used, or resources utilized to ensure ADA compliance. **Note: applicants are encouraged to use the MPVA as a resource to ensure ADA compliance.*

Award Evaluation Requirements:

Awarded projects will be expected to provide project progress reports every other month until project completion, with project completion and final report expected no later than one year after award recipients are announced, per grant cycle.

Contact:

Please email completed application and all supporting documents to:
chapterhq@michiganpva.org by April 1.