

Adapted Equipment Resource

ADAPTED EQUIPMENT VENDORS
ADAPTED EQUIPMENT TYPES
AVAILABLE GRANTS



RECREATION
NOVA SCOTIA



ADAPTED
EQUIPMENT

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Nordic Pole Walking NS

Nordic Pole Walking NS is a Nova Scotia distributor of Nordixx Pole Walking Canada that supplies adaptive walking equipment including various types of walking poles, rubber feet for walking in Winter conditions, accessories for snow shoes called snow baskets, and more. They also offer instruction and clinics on how to use their products. Offers moderately priced walking poles and accessories.

Embracor

Embracor is an Atlantic Canadian company that offers many different adaptive recreational equipment from sledges, to hippocampes, to multisport chairs, and even a smaller sensory item like a mesh ball. They do not have a catalogue online to look at equipment before purchasing currently, but they do have sales reps to walk you through the transaction. They have locations in Halifax, Fredericton, and Moncton.

Harding Medical

Hardy Medical is an Atlantic Canadian company that offers a variety of mobility aids including a Buddy Roamer; which is a device that supports children who need extra support walking, with its partial weight bearing structure along with the chest and pelvic support, and the help of a central positioning bar, it allows the child to move freely indoor or outdoors. They also provide other mobility equipment from children learning how to crawl to adults that need assistance while walking.



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Lawtons

Lawtons is an Atlantic Canadian company that offers a variety of mobility aids including manual wheelchairs, power wheelchairs, tilt wheelchairs, various walking aids including an ice pick accessory for a cane during the Winter months. They offer most equipment for purchase or for rent. They also have the capacity to make deliveries of this equipment to their stores, and the ability to fix the more intricate equipment (I.E., power wheelchairs).

Flaghouse

Flaghouse is an Ontario-based company that offers a variety of adapted recreational equipment that range in price depending on the item. They offer adapted games and activities, sensory balls, giant game pieces for bowling, giant tennis rackets, etc. for PE classes or adapted sport sessions. They also have various outdoor equipment which could range in size from a scooter to a bigger item like a Wheelchair accessible merry-go-round.

Targe

Targe is a Ontario-based company that specializes in Goalball equipment. They sell everything from goalball nets, blindfolded goggles, to adaptive physical education kits that include a carrying kit for the Goalball, a goalball with extra bells, tape, and six pairs of goggles.

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Blue Imp

Blue Imp is an Alberta-based company that specializes in adaptive and inclusive playgrounds. Their playgrounds incorporate many different inclusive pieces from seating areas for supervisors, accessible ramps for people with mobility issues to safely get onto the equipment, different colour sections for people who have a visual impairment, and even static-free stainless steel slides for people with cochlear implants to mitigate damage to the implant. They have designs for playgrounds from early childhood up to outdoor adult fitness stations.

TrailRider

TrailRider is a BC company that supplies an adapted hiking chair for those living with physical disabilities. The TrailRider has handles built into the top and bottom of the chair which allow for people to be carried up inaccessible terrain.

YakTrax

YakTrax is distributed in Canada by Interex Industries which is a company based in British Columbia that provides shoe grips for icy treks in the Winter time. Their products fit over the shoe and provide a grip and stabilizes while walking or hiking around Nova Scotia during the snowy season. They come in various grip strengths and sizes.

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Enabling Technologies

Enabling Technologies is a US-based company that manufactures adaptive ski and snow equipment. Their products range from mono-skis, to Dynamique Bi Skis, to sit-skis, and many different accessories. Offers specialized ski equipment and accessories to provide quality equipment, and can be on the more expensive side.

Aqua Mentor

Aqua Mentor is a US-based company that has adaptive pool equipment that can range from outdoor beach chairs, water wheelchairs, poolside lifts, to adaptive Suspended Aquatic Mentor pool swing.

IndeMedical

IndeMedical is a US-based company that provides sport wheelchairs ranging from hand cycles, basketball sport chairs, tennis chairs, to adapted racing cycles. Apart from the racing chairs and a couple of the tennis chair models, all other bikes can be customized to specific needs and comfort levels, I.E. adding extra safety straps depending on the riders safety needs or extra padding for comfort.



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Creating Ability

Creating Ability is a US-based company that offers adapted kayaking and sled hockey equipment. Their inventory consists of multiple different paddle adaptations for hands and wrist, supportive seating options, transfer benches, and even cushions to support the legs and heels to prevent injury.

Mobility Sports

Mobility Sports is a US-based company that offers a variety of hockey sleds including a goalie sled and various accessories for the sled hockey sport or for adapted recreational skating, they also have different types of sleds based on the person's needs. They also have a specialized puck available for blind hockey programs.

Spokes'n Motion

Spokes' n Motion is a US-based company that provides a variety of adaptive equipment for all ages. They have products from different Winter activities, to water sports like Wakeboarding, they even have adapted saddles for therapeutic recreation and other recreation and leisure activities. They also work together with Enabling Technologies to provide adaptive ski equipment.



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Mobi Mat

Mobi Mat is a company based in the US. They manufacture and distribute roll-out portable pathways that aid those who ride wheelchairs easier access to the beach as they are most commonly known for. They also have Mobi-chairs which are floating beach wheelchairs.

ADAPTED EQUIPMENT OVERVIEW: OUTDOOR

Based on community needs, here are some examples of adaptive equipment



◀ 3-in-1 Game Set (Tennis, Volleyball, Badminton)

2 large rackets, 1 birdie, 1 volleyball, 2 tennis balls, 1 free-standing net, and 1 hand-pump

Vendor: *Flaghouse*



◀ Adaptive Snow Sled

Two independently operating brakes, a tail brake, and swivel-coupled platform are built to withstand extreme use. Ergonomically shaped front and rear sections and incorporated footrests assure safety and good weight-bearing characteristics. Virtually indestructible, injection-molded shell with padded seat, three safety straps, raised back support, headrest and steel runners. For riders with good head, neck and trunk control.

Vendor: *Flaghouse*



◀ Hippocampe (with ski attachments, balloon wheels)

Allows riders to explore rocky mountain paths, sandy beaches, snowy trails, or floating over cool, calming waters securely and independently. Durable, lightweight, compact all-terrain wheelchair is easy to clean and transport.

*(Flaghouse: 2 sizes (S,M,L,XL) ski attachments, balloon wheels, etc. sold separately)

Vendors: *Flaghouse, Embracor, Spokes'n Motion*



◀ YakTrax Walk

A snow and ice traction device that fits over participants' shoes to mitigate risk of slipping in Winter conditions. *is not for use on gravel, concrete or sanded roads cleared of snow (with the exception of the ski model). Avoid surfaces such as marble floors, or any non-icy, non-snowy surfaces when wearing Yaktrax. Also these do not completely eliminate the risk of slipping in Winter conditions.

Vendor: *YakTrax/Interex Industries*

ADAPTED EQUIPMENT OVERVIEW: OUTDOOR

Based on community needs, here are some examples of adaptive equipment



◀ Nordic Walking Poles

Two poles that aid walking to decrease impact on knees and hips

Vendor: *Nordic Pole Walking*



◀ Monique-1 Mono Skis

Singular ski mount, low center of gravity, customizable (seat width, foot rest, etc.), waist strap to secure rider in place, adjustable footrest

Vendor: *Enabling Technologies*



◀ Stabilizing Outriggers for Kayaks

Mount to the back deck of a kayak to stabilize it in the water

Vendors: *Creating Ability*



◀ Adaptive Handles for Paddles

Adjustable handles on a kayak paddle to support grip

Vendor: *Creating Ability*



◀ Adapted Bikes - 3 Wheel Cruiser

Recumbent design reduces shoulder and arm stress. Features an adjustable frame, caliper hand brakes, a generously padded seat, Spokes'n Motion adaptive 3 wheel cruiser that has hand pedals

Vendor: *Flaghouse (for children), Spokes'n Motion (for adults)*

ADAPTED EQUIPMENT OVERVIEW: PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Based on community needs, here are some examples of adaptive equipment



◀ ADA Ramp

Provides easy access into the play space

Vendor: *Flaghouse*



◀ Sign Language Panel

Highly-resonant instrument inspired by the African marimba and the kalimba (a thumb piano), notes are arranged to allow full access to both upper and lower notes

Vendor: *Blue Imp*



◀ “Prince of Peace” Playground Design

School playground delivers an immense variety of climbing, sliding, balancing and upper body activities at graduated skill levels

Vendors: *Blue Imp*



◀ U Swing

Multi-user disc swing. Provides fun, secure swinging for all ages and abilities. Designed for multiple users to sit, lie back or stand, curved posts create a unique look

Vendor: *Blue Imp*

ADAPTED EQUIPMENT OVERVIEW: PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Based on community needs, here are some examples of adaptive equipment



◀ Wheelchair Accessible Merry-Go-Round

The merry-go-round sits flush with the required poured in place rubber safety surface, which allows wheelchairs to roll easily onto the 8' diameter deck. Once children in wheelchairs are secured in place with wheelchair brakes in a locked position and the merry go round swing gates closed, handrails give kids a place to hold on

Vendor: *Flaghouse*



◀ Braille Clock Panel

Features braille alphabet on one side and clock with braille numbers on the other side, kids can feel the raised alpha and numeric braille digits, moveable minute and hour hands help kids learn to tell time

Vendor: *Blue Imp*



◀ Gang Slide

Static-free for prevention of damage to cochlear implants, extra-wide to accommodate multiple users or parents sliding with their children. Gentle slope enables sliding for children with limited body control

Vendors: *Blue Imp*



◀ Cozy Cubby

Provides a spot to curl up and escape the frenzy of the playground for children who are feeling overstimulated. Side panels feature calming, tactile play activities

Vendor: *Blue Imp*

ADAPTED EQUIPMENT OVERVIEW: PROGRAM EQUIPMENT

Based on community needs, here are some examples of adaptive equipment



◀ Bumpy Ball

Raised bumps cover the ball, sensory item

Vendor: *Flaghouse*



◀ Giant Drum

An enlarged drum, 8 can sit around it, produces a deep warm sound

Vendor: *Flaghouse*



◀ Inflatable T-Ball Set

An oversized, inflatable set that includes all inflatable t-ball stand, enlarged bat and baseball

Vendor: *Flaghouse*



◀ Giant Ball Set

Enlarged soccer ball and football set comes with 2 pumps and 2 needles. Balls are covered in soft fabric

Vendor: *Flaghouse*

ADAPTED EQUIPMENT OVERVIEW: PROGRAM EQUIPMENT

Based on community needs, here are some examples of adaptive equipment



◀ Frisbee Pocket Set

3 bendable, durable and soft fabric frisbees

Vendor: Flaghouse



◀ Roller Racer Deluxe Sit-Skate

Compact sit-skate with handles on the side for upper-body movement and place for feet

Vendor: Flaghouse



◀ EzyRoller

Tricycle-like design with handles near sides and place for feet, close to the ground

Vendor: Flaghouse



◀ Gym Ringette Set

Shatter-resistant and bendable ringette set for gym class

Vendor: Flaghouse

ADAPTED EQUIPMENT OVERVIEW: PROGRAM EQUIPMENT

Based on community needs, here are some examples of adaptive equipment



◀ Basketball Hoop Clip LED Light

A motion-sensored light tracking device that clips onto any hoop used for teaching people with a visually impairment and developing gross motor skills

Vendor: Flaghouse



◀ Skilcoach Basketball

Illustrates correct left- and right-hand positions on the ball to develop optimum shooting technique

Vendor: Flaghouse

ADAPTED EQUIPMENT OVERVIEW: SPORT/RECREATION EQUIPMENT

Based on community needs, here are some examples of adaptive equipment



◀ Goalball Ball

A ball filled with noise-makers used in the Goalball sport for people with visual impairments

Vendor: *Targe*



◀ Sprint Aquatics Water Walking Assistant

Improves balance and gait by increasing strength. Supports arms and upper body while in the water

Vendor: *Flaghouse*



◀ Multisport Chairs

Wheelchair that has sport wheels, high pressure clincher tires, quick release axles, adjustable height fixed swivel ant-tip

Vendor: *IndeMedical (Basketball and tennis chairs), Embracor*



◀ Blind Hockey - Puck

A larger version of a hockey puck for increased visibility on the ice with a hollow inside

Vendor: *Mobility Sports*

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Based on community needs, here are some examples of adaptive equipment



◀ Hockey Sledge

A Bucket seating with adjustable telescopic nose for leg support to sit comfortably, adjustable waist strap, with two skates on the bottom of the bucket and one on the tip of the leg support

Vendors: *Mobility Sports, Spokes'n Motion, Creating Ability*



◀ Racing Chairs

Headtube angle for great cornering and maximum traction, T-frame design, wrap around fenders, aluminum side panels and rubber coated push rims

Vendor: *IndeMedical*



◀ Multisport Chairs

Wheelchair that has sport wheels, high pressure clincher tires, quick release axles, adjustable height fixed swivel ant-tip

Vendor: *IndeMedical (Basketball and tennis chairs), Embracor*



◀ Jingle Tennis Balls

Softball-sized foam ball with a bell inside that rings when it hits any surface

Vendor: *Flaghouse*

ADAPTED EQUIPMENT OVERVIEW: SPORT/RECREATION EQUIPMENT

Based on community needs, here are some examples of adaptive equipment



◀ Slow Motion Soccer Ball

Has 10 ounces of sand allowing, weight of the ball is ideal for users with vision impairment or those who can benefit from auditory stimuli.

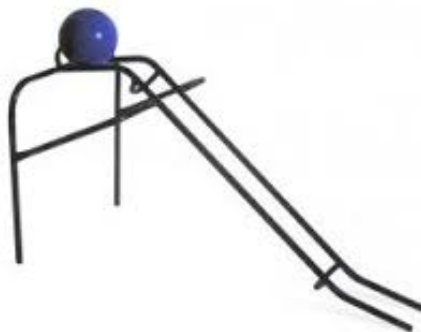
Vendors: *Flaghouse*



◀ Wheelchair Leg Harness

Harness goes around wheelchair frame and across the wearer's legs so legs do not move during activities

Vendor: *Flaghouse*



◀ Freestanding Bowling Ramp

The ramp is easy to move, wider rear legs allow students who ride wheelchairs to get right up to the ramp with no obstacles. No-slide rubber feet on the legs keep the ramp in place when a student is using it

Vendor: *Flaghouse*



Adapted Equipment Grant Opportunities

National Grants

Enabling Accessibility Fund

To provide funding for eligible capital projects that increase accessibility for people with disabilities in Canadian communities and workplaces, to create more opportunities for participation in community activities, programs and services, or to access employment.

Website: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/enabling-accessibility-fund.html>

Sport Support Programs

To support the development of Canadian athletes and coaches. Funding is provided to eligible organizations for programming that is aligned with the goals of the Canadian Sport Policy.

Website: <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/sport-support.html>

Canadian Sport Centre

A component of the Sport Support Program funds eligible organizations for programming that supports the development of Canadian athletes and coaches.

Website: <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/sport-support/sport-centre/application-guidelines.html#a5>



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National Grants

National Multisport Services Organization

For the development and delivery of a non-SFAF assessed national team program for persons with a disability, to perform at a significant international event in a sport that is on or anticipated to be added to the Paralympic Games program; furthering Canadian leadership and influence within international sport federations; and the advancement of areas specifically outlined in budget announcements, or other Sport Canada priorities, including Supporting Initiatives.

Website: <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/sport-support/multisport/application-guidelines.html#a5>

Social Development Partnerships Program (Disability component):

Building a stronger foundation for leadership of youth with disabilities

To support projects intended to improve the participation and increase the social inclusion of persons with disabilities in all aspects of Canadian society.

Website: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/social-development-youth-disabilities.html#h2.05>



Adapted Equipment Grant Opportunities

National Grants

Social Development Partnerships Program (Disability component):
Financial security for persons with disabilities

To support projects intended to improve the participation and integration of persons with disabilities in all aspects of their life.

Website:
<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/social-development-financial-security-disabilities.html#h2.5>

Infrastructure Canada - Green and Inclusive Community Buildings

Is a national merit-based program with the objective of improving the availability and condition of community buildings in Canadian communities experiencing higher needs and who are currently underserved. At the same time, the program will stimulate the economy, create good job opportunities, and align to the goals of Canada's strengthened climate plan. This program supports retrofits, repairs or upgrades of existing publicly-accessible community buildings and the construction of new publicly-accessible community buildings that serve underserved and high-needs communities across Canada. Community buildings are non-commercial community-oriented structures and spaces that provide open, available, and accessible community services to the public

Website: <https://secure.infc.gc.ca/gicb-bcvi/applicant-guide-demandeur-eng.html>



Adapted Equipment Grant Opportunities

Provincial Grants

Community Access-Ability Grant

To assist non-profit community organizations or groups and municipalities with the removal of barriers for persons with disabilities in public buildings or spaces

Website:

<https://cch.novascotia.ca/investing-our-future/community-funding-and-awards/community-access-ability-program>

Built Environment and Accessibility Certification

Funds are available for cost-shared grants to businesses for accessibility-related improvements which may fall under one or more of the following categories: Built Environment, Accessible

Accessible Communication and Information

Communication Services, Assistive Devices, Accessible Transportation & Universal Design Capacity Building Courses and Workshops.

Assistive Devices

Accessible Transportation

Website:

<https://cch.novascotia.ca/sites/default/files/inline/documents/access/sm-all-business-access-ability-grant-guidelines.pdf>

Universal Design Capacity Building



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Provincial Grants

Community Works Program
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To help municipalities to pay summer students and others to work on community projects, including active community involvement in accessibility planning (i.e., audits of municipal infrastructure such as buildings, sidewalks, trails, and signal lights).

Website:

<https://novascotia.ca/accessibility/Municipal-Toolkit-Appendix-D.pdf>

Accessible Transportation Assistance Program, Pg. 27-28

To help community-based organizations and municipal accessible transit organizations to buy accessible vehicles or modify existing vehicles

Website:

<https://novascotia.ca/accessibility/Municipal-Toolkit-Appendix-D.pdf>

Nova Scotia Transit Research Incentive Program (NS-TRIP), Pg. 28

To provide funding for projects that generate new and improved public transit services in rural areas and under-served urban areas of the province.

Website:

<https://novascotia.ca/accessibility/Municipal-Toolkit-Appendix-D.pdf>



Adapted Equipment Grant Opportunities

Provincial Grants

Sport Nova
Scotia Sport
Fund

To increase sustainable, quality participation, sport programs including new programming or the expansion of existing programs. It may also provide support by helping offset the cost of sport equipment.

Website:

<http://www.sportnovascotia.ca/Portals/0/docs/sportfund/SportFundAppRefGuideMar2021.pdf>



Adapted Equipment Grant Opportunities

Provincial Grants

Active Communities Fund

To help your community get active and stay active. In particular, this fund supports community-wide approaches and plans for low barrier, less- structured movement.

Website:

https://cch.novascotia.ca/sites/default/files/inline/active_communities_fund_guide_print_web.pdf

Recreation Community Development Grant

To support initiatives which respond to the recreation and physical activity goals and priorities of communities and the Shared Strategy for Recreation in Nova Scotia. (Active Living, Inclusion and Access, Connecting People with Nature, Supportive Environments & Capacity Development).

Website:

https://cch.novascotia.ca/sites/default/files/inline/rcdg_guidelines.pdf

Community Recreation Capital Grant

To assist in the development of small scale indoor and outdoor capital recreation projects.

Website:

<https://cch.novascotia.ca/sites/default/files/inline/community-recreation-capital-grant-guidelines.pdf>



Adapted Equipment Grant Opportunities

Community Grants

Available for:
Glooscap First
Nation, the County
of Kings, the
District of West
Hants, and the
Towns of Berwick,
Kentville,
Middleton, Windsor
and Wolfville -
Collective Impact
Project
(Charity/Non-
profit)

For a single project funding to a maximum of \$1,000 will be available to community organizations that partner on initiatives that are in accordance with the objectives of this policy. The purpose of the Valley REN Collective Impact Project is to provide leadership in the Annapolis Valley in supporting Collective Impact and the “We Choose Now” Action Points.

Website:

<http://www.valleyren.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Valley-REN-Collective-Impact-Project-Policy-2017-2.pdf>

Canadian Tire
Community
Development
Grant

Community Development Grants can help offset the following costs:

1. Registration
(coaching fees, facilities rentals, etc.)
2. Equipment
(applicable to sports)
3. Transportation
(bus fees to and from a program.)

Website:

<https://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/pages/community-development-grants>



Adapted Equipment Grant Opportunities

Community Grants

Canadian Tire
Para Jumpstart
Grant
(Application
currently on
Sport Relief
Fund)

Sport Relief Fund has two funding streams. Qualified organizations may apply for either stream or both within each period, however, the requests must be clearly justified, and funding will be dependent on overall demand. Operational or Program support.

Website:

<https://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/pages/sport-relief-fund>

Goodlife Kids
Foundation

Funding requests from organizations providing ongoing physical activity programs for children and youth with intellectual disabilities and/or autism, ages 4 to 21.

Website:

<https://www.goodlifekids.com/the-grant-program/grant-fund-criteria/>



Adapted Equipment Grant Opportunities

Community Grants

Canada Post
Community
Foundation
Grant

Two Fund streams: first, projects increase the capacity of an organization. Such projects create or expand services rather than maintaining existing services, for example purchasing new equipment or launching new programs (Community-based Support projects). Second, overall work and mission of national organizations that deliver programs or support to children and youth (Signature Grant).

Website:

<https://www.canadapost-postescanada.ca/cpc/en/our-company/giving-back-to-our-communities/canada-post-community-foundation.page>

Paralympic
Sport
Development
Fund

Targets initiatives designed to enhance support for development initiatives in areas such as athlete recruitment, coaching, daily training environments and equipment.

Website:

<https://paralympic.ca/sites/default/files/2021-02/Paralympic%20Sport%20Development%20Fund%20Guidelines%20-%202021-22.pdf>



Adapted Equipment Grant Opportunities

Community Grants

Government NS
Age-Friendly
Communities
Program

The Age-Friendly Communities Grant program, administered by the Nova Scotia Department of Seniors, provides funding up to \$25,000 for initiatives that lead to more age-friendly and inclusive communities and help advance the goals outlined in SHIFT. Two streams: planning and projects.

Website:

<https://novascotia.ca/age-friendly-grant/>