The Midwestern Amputee Golf Association Receives Make Golf Your Thing Grassroots Grant to Expand Access to Golf

The Midwestern Amputee Golf Association Among 69 Organizations Nationwide Selected for 2026 Funding

Northbrook, IL. June 10, 2026 – The Midwestern Amputee Golf Association has been selected to receive a 2026 Make Golf Your Thing Grassroots Grant, a nationwide initiative supporting organizations that expand access to golf and create opportunities for individuals from historically underrepresented communities.

Administered by the American Golf Industry Coalition and supported by industry partners, the Make Golf Your Thing Grassroots Grants Program is distributing $500,000 to 69 organizations in 2026. Since launching in 2021, the program has awarded $3.5 million in grants to 200 organizations nationwide.

Established in 2001, the Midwestern Amputee Golf Association (MWAGA) is a volunteer group of individuals who have experienced and overcome the loss of a limb or limbs and utilize the game of golf to promote friendship, fitness, fun and rehabilitation through active participation in golf for amputees of all ages. We believe our local annual amputee golf event helps not just amputee golfers, but any golfer with a physical disability, achieve some of these objectives.

The grant will support MWAGA's Adaptive Open, the organization's annual golf tournament open to golfers with physical disabilities not just limb loss.

"MWAGA is honored to be chosen to receive part of the 2026 Make Golf Your Thing Grassroots Grant. Since MWAGA formed in 2001, our organization's mission has been to bring the golf to those who have limb loss or another disability that want to play the game. This grant will greatly assist us in that cause."

Bradley Schubert, President MWAGA

The Make Golf Your Thing Grassroots Grants Program supports organizations that use golf to create opportunities, develop life skills and strengthen communities. Recipients represent a wide range of missions, including youth development, education,

mentorship, adaptive recreation, workforce readiness, community engagement and Veteran support.

Golf participation continues to grow across the United States. According to the National Golf Foundation, 48.1 million Americans engaged with golf in 2025, representing a 55 percent increase over the past decade. Participation among women, people of color and juniors increased 46 percent, 61 percent and 58 percent, respectively, during that period.

Make Golf Your Thing is a movement focused on expanding access to golf and creating opportunities for more people to experience the sport. Through partnerships and community-based programs, the initiative supports organizations working to make golf more welcoming and accessible.

For more information about the Midwestern Amputee Golf Association and the MWAGA Adaptive Open, visit MWAGA.org.

For more information about Make Golf Your Thing, visit makegolfyourthing.org/.