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## **Funds Available to Golf Programs for Individuals with Disabilities**

Alexandria, VA – July 28, 2011 - The National Alliance for Accessible Golf (Alliance) announced today that it has granted more than \$67,000 to inclusive golf programs for people with disabilities thus far in 2011. Through an on-going grant from the United States Golf Association, the Alliance has expanded its efforts to provide financial assistance and resources to help make the game of golf more accessible to people with disabilities. These grants may be used to defray core program costs and support programs to help golfers with disabilities both learn and transition into playing the game.

Funds are still available for program grants in 2011. Program grantees have up to one year from the original date of grant to use the funds and complete their inclusive program.

In addition to the availability of funds for existing programs, funds can be requested for the establishment of a GAIN™ program. GAIN™ is a community-based instruction golf program primarily focused on assisting individuals with disabilities to become involved in the fabric of their community. This inclusive program uses golf as a primary vehicle to achieve that. Sites can choose from three existing GAIN™ models — a partner, camp or community. In addition to funding, the Alliance provides program support and assistance to individuals and organizations seeking to establish a GAIN program in their community.

The Alliance will continue to accept grant applications on a rolling basis in 2011 until funding is exhausted. There are no specific deadlines for grant submissions. However, the Alliance Grants Committee will review applications on a rolling basis every 30 days.

Interested local programs are encouraged to apply. Eligibility guidelines and application materials are available at [www.accessgolf.org](http://www.accessgolf.org) in the Grants section. For additional information, please contact the Alliance's Grant Coordinator, Gary Robb, at (812) 320-1126 or [grants@accessgolf.org](mailto:grants@accessgolf.org).

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*The National Alliance for Accessible Golf is a charitable organization working to ensure the opportunity for all individuals to play the game of golf. The Alliance is represented by major golf organizations in the United States, organizations that provide services for people with disabilities and other advocates. Through GAIN™ (Golf: Accessible and Inclusive Networks) and other programs, the Alliance promotes inclusion and awareness to the golf industry, golf instructors, and the public. For more information about Alliance programs, please visit [www.accessgolf.org](http://www.accessgolf.org).*