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*Fencers Club is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to promoting excellence through the sport of fencing. We actively support a culture of sharing by performing community services that extend beyond fencing.*

## Fencers Club Receives USOC/Dept. of Veterans Affairs Grant

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NEW YORK, NY – Today U.S. Paralympics, a division of the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC), announced that Fencers Club has been selected to receive grant funding in support of Paralympic and Olympic sport and physical activity programs for able-bodied and disabled Veterans and members of the Armed Forces. More than \$7.5M million in funds from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has been awarded to 70 community organizations and National Governing Bodies around the country.

Through this program, grants ranging from \$13,000 to \$500,000 were provided to USOC partner organizations and community programs to increase the number and quality of opportunities for physically or visually impaired Veterans to participate in physical activity within their home communities and in more advanced sport programs at the regional and national levels.

“This funding has allowed thousands of veterans and service members with physical disabilities to participate in Paralympic sport at the community level,” said Charlie Huebner, chief of Paralympics, USOC. “Through the leadership at Veterans Affairs and within Congress, these funds have a tremendous impact on the availability of programs across the country, not to mention thousands of lives.”

Fencers Club is using its grant funding to support two weekly training sessions for Veterans, to purchase adaptive fencing equipment and to host a competition for Veterans this June. Research has shown that regular participation in physical activity has a positive effect on the rehabilitation process, self-esteem, education, employment and overall health. Through the fast-paced, combat sport of fencing, Fencers Club hopes to promote physical fitness and emotional well-being in the diverse Veteran population of New York City.

The grant funding for this program is awarded by U.S. Paralympics, a division of the U.S. Olympic Committee, through funding provided by Veterans Affairs. The grants are provided to facilitate the growth of Paralympic sport programming for Veterans and members of the Armed Forces.

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