

TABVAR: GUIDELINES FOR APPLYING FOR FUNDING (2012)

1) WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING?

1) Any *accredited member of TABVAR* is eligible for funding.

Membership (lifetime): \$25.

Accreditation Requirement: 4 approved routes or pitches, totalling about 100m of bolt protected climbing, each with an independent anchor. (To even out costs involved, a simple one time deduction of \$175 will be applied to the first claim.)

Rationale: this is a reasonable minimum to expect as a demonstration of competence and of commitment to the climbing community.

2) The above does not apply in the case of retrofitting (i.e. TABVAR may reimburse the costs of retrofitting regardless of membership status).

2) WHAT IS ELIGIBLE?

1) Fixed protection: **Stainless steel bolts and hangers only.** (No pins, non-stainless bolts or hangers, fixed wires etc.) Minimum bolt size: 3/8" (3" on limestone; 2/4" on quartzite).

2) Anchors: Fixe anchor systems, rap hangers, chains (min. 5/16") and quick links (min. 5/16") etc. **No slings, pitons, wires etc. NO LAPLINKS!!** Chained trees are a **last resort only**. **DO NOT** bolt anchor chain directly to the rock - use a quick link **with the same or higher SWL** to attach the chain to a hanger.

Hangers and anchors should be camouflaged wherever possible to make the climb as unobtrusive as possible.

3) **Redpointed routes only** (but not necessarily by the route's builder).

4) Details of all routes to be claimed should have been made public (post under New Routes at : <http://www.tabvar.org/forum>. Attach a topo if this is a new crag or sector (PDF preferred), otherwise give a detailed description of new route's location e.g. between route X and Y on Bozo Buttress). Failure to comply may result in claim being denied.

Rationale: "Secret" crags do little to foster our sport and we are an organization dedicated to and supported by the general climbing community.

5) Routes should conform to the environmental guidelines in "Bow Valley Sport Climbs". Routes on which there has been chiselling, importation of holds, painting of route names, tree cutting, or other practises defined therein as unacceptable are ineligible, **regardless of the perpetrator**.

Be especially careful building climbs or installing fixed hardware in National or Provincial Parks - bolting there is a privilege, not a right!

Rationale: Supporting environasties would result in loss of credibility within the climbing community and ultimately would result in our funding drying up.

6) Squeezed-in routes that compromise the integrity of adjacent routes are ineligible for the reasons cited above.

7) Reusable gear that is replaced should be returned to TABVAR for use elsewhere.

8) All routes claimed should be the applicant's projects only.

9) No part of the cost of materials that have been claimed as an income tax deduction is eligible for funding.

10) The retrofit of routes **must** have received **prior** approval of the first ascensionist(s) **except** in the case of replacement of top anchors, fixed pins or unsafe bolts. This courtesy can avoid unpleasant exchanges!

11) The current rates allowed on hardware and installation are indicated on the current claim form (line 22). These rates, which include G.S.T., are determined as follows:

a) Hangers and anchor hardware: the MEC price minus 10% (see Note 1 below) or actual cost, whichever is lower.

b) Bolts: the *bulk* purchase trade price. TABVAR sometimes makes bulk purchases of bolts. Check with TABVAR before you buy your bolts.

c) Depreciation/wear and tear allowance on drills, bits etc. *per hole*: Limestone **\$0.75**; **Quartzite** (e.g. Lake Louise) & Siltstone (e.g. Spray Slabs) **\$2.50**.

Note 1: TABVAR members can obtain a 10% discount from MEC on all FIXE hardware. To encourage all route builders to use this discount and hence make funds go further, the *maximum* allowed will be the discount price.

Two MEC orders per year are usually made (March and June) and members are asked to estimate what they will need for the coming year. Contact Roger Chayer for details (talusconsulting(at)gmail(dot)com). The **full** balance is due upon collection of the order.

Wicked Gravity (Calgary) and Vertical Addiction (Canmore) may also offer deals on hangers and bolts. Contact these stores for details.

You may be able to get bolts cheaper than this - shop/ask around!

12) The amount of a joint project that is eligible for funding is proportional to the number of accredited TABVAR members contributing to the project. (e.g. 50% of cost is eligible on a joint claim from one member and one non member).

3) APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS

1) Complete the TABVAR claim form (an Excel spreadsheet) and return it to: tabvarclaims(at)gmail(dot)com.

2) Deadline: October 31st in the *same calendar year* that the routes were completed. Claims cannot be carried over to a later year unless approved by the Directors. A written explanation (email) outlining the reason for carry forward should be submitted with the claim for review by the Directors.

3) Approval by a simple majority of TABVAR directors is required. (i.e. ≥ 4 of 6).

4) A one time deduction of \$175, equivalent to the value of equipping 4 bolt protected sport climbs, will be applied to your *first* claim. (See Accreditation Requirement above). Include any "qualifying" climbs completed in previous years as part of your first claim.

4) PRIORITIES

1st) *Approved* retrofits (replacement of substandard anchors and protection) and enviro projects (like trail work and anchor camouflaging) take precedence. Where the costs of such projects are likely to exceed \$200, protagonist(s) should submit a budget to TABVAR for approval *before* commencing the work to ensure that sufficient funds are set aside and that the project is deemed worthy of support.

2nd) *New* routes. Priority: 1st Sport climbs; 2nd Mixed rock climbs (i.e. bolts and gear); 3rd Mixed ice/rock routes. You may be eligible to claim up to \$500 in any one year to help defray the costs of new routes. If there are insufficient funds to cover all claims for new routes, the funds remaining after retrofits and enviro projects have been paid will be proportioned amongst eligible claimants. Claims for developments that have been identified as being especially meritorious by the climbing public may receive higher levels of funding than other efforts.

3rd) Surplus funds remaining after all claims for the year have been settled *may* be used to compensate additional costs incurred, or to settle unfunded portions of approved claims from previous years.