

Hrabik Rally Institute (HRI)

Foundation Funding Narrative



Organizational Overview

The **Hrabik Rally Institute (HRI)** is an inclusive driver-training program located in Malden, Missouri, offering comprehensive instruction for individuals of all ages and ability levels. Our curriculum includes adaptive driving training, road-rule and safety education, simulation-based learning, closed-course instruction, public-road testing, defensive driving, off-road rally driving, karting programs, and basic vehicle-maintenance education.

HRI was founded with a commitment to ensuring that safe, hands-on driver education is accessible to everyone, including individuals with physical limitations and medical professionals seeking training in adaptive controls.

Mission Statement

HRI's mission is to **empower individuals through safe, hands-on driving education that builds independence, confidence, and long-term well-being**. We believe driving is not merely a skill, but a pathway to opportunity, personal freedom, and a higher quality of life.

Statement of Need

Each year, preventable driving accidents change lives. HRI's founder personally experienced a life-altering spinal-cord injury 19 years ago following a crash caused by limited driving experience and inadequate safety instruction. This lived experience led to the creation of HRI and underscores the urgent need for comprehensive, real-world driving education.

Many individuals—especially young drivers, rural residents, and those with physical limitations—lack access to:

- Adaptive driving instruction
- Controlled closed-course training
- Defensive driving and accident-avoidance practice

- Simulation and safety-focused skill development

These gaps directly contribute to preventable injuries, reduced independence, and long-term economic and health hardships. Foundation support allows HRI to close these gaps and bring life-changing education to underserved populations.

Program Description

HRI offers a multi-tiered, holistic driver-training program designed to meet participants where they are and help them progress safely through increasingly advanced skill levels. Our program includes:

1. Adaptive Driving Instruction

Training designed for individuals using adaptive controls such as modified steering, braking, or acceleration systems.

2. Road-Rule & Safety Education

Foundational instruction on safe driving principles paired with simulation-based training.

3. Closed-Course Practical Training

Basic, intermediate, and advanced driving exercises on a controlled course environment.

4. Public-Road Testing (Age 15+)

Supervised, real-world driving for eligible students.

5. Defensive Driving & Accident Avoidance

Training for emergency maneuvering, skid control, and safe vehicle handling.

6. Off-Road & Rally Driving

Loose-surface training to increase vehicle-control proficiency.

7. Karting (All Ages)

Foundational driving skill development for children, youth, and adults.

8. Basic Vehicle Maintenance & Repair

Hands-on instruction that promotes responsible and safe vehicle ownership.

Goals & Expected Outcomes

Goal 1: Improve Community Road Safety

- Provide hundreds of students with hands-on emergency-response and hazard-avoidance training.

Expected Outcome: Students become safer drivers with a statistically higher chance of avoiding crashes or reducing crash severity.

Goal 2: Increase Access for Individuals With Physical Limitations

- Expand adaptive driving instruction and equipment.

Expected Outcome: Students with physical limitations gain the skills and confidence needed for independent mobility and improved quality of life.

Goal 3: Build Lifelong Driving Skills for Youth & New Drivers

- Engage youth starting at age 15 through public-road instruction and all-ages karting programs.

Expected Outcome: Early intervention reduces future crash risk and builds safe-driving habits from the start.

Community Impact

Foundation support strengthens:

- **Public safety** by preventing crashes and injury
- **Economic empowerment** by increasing mobility and independence
- **Community inclusion** for individuals with disabilities
- **Youth development** through early skill-building and responsible driving practices

HRI's impact resonates far beyond the individual student—it contributes to safer roads, stronger families, and healthier communities.

Use of Foundation Funds

Foundation support will be directed toward:

- Adaptive-driving technology and vehicle modifications
- Facility and closed-course enhancements
- Safety and simulation equipment
- Instructor training and certification
- Scholarships for low-income students
- Outreach and program expansion

These investments directly enhance safety, accessibility, and community engagement across all programs.

Conclusion

The Hrabik Rally Institute is uniquely positioned to deliver life-changing, inclusive driver education to individuals who need it most. By supporting HRI, foundation partners advance a mission that promotes safety, independence, and opportunity for people of all ages and abilities.

We welcome the opportunity to collaborate with foundations that share our commitment to community safety and individual empowerment.
