

Variety - the Children's Charity of Queensland
Variety Sunshine Coach – Application Guidelines and FAQs



Thank you for your interest in applying for a Variety Sunshine Coach from Variety – the Children's Charity of Queensland

- Variety Sunshine Coaches provide transport to organisations who cater to kids with a physical disability, regional or social disadvantage, to enable them to access the community and to experience a range of special programs and activities.
- Variety Sunshine Coaches can be fitted with wheelchair modifications, ensuring that all children can attend excursions and extra-curricular activities together.
- The Sunshine Coach should be used to take the children out on educational and recreational activities which would otherwise be unavailable to them.
- The coach should only be used by the applicant organisation and never carry passengers for hire or reward.
- As these are a large expense, applications for Sunshine Coaches will go on a waiting list, pending funding or corporate support becoming available.
- The Variety Sunshine Coach Program is achieved by working closely with corporates, trusts & foundations and individual donors to secure required funds.
- The applicant will be required to make a contribution to their Variety Sunshine Coach; the amounts are shown below.
- The applicant must be able to provide qualified drivers, secure garaging or parking and ensure that coach will be serviced and maintained with in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and keep it comprehensively insured.
- Variety reserves the right to place logos of corporate supporters on the Sunshine Coach provided to the organisation.
- To be able to process every application as efficiently as possible, all questions on the application form should be answered in detail. Once the Sunshine Coach has been received, Variety will keep in touch with the Sunshine Coach recipient and ask to receive regular feedback.
- If a Sunshine Coach is no longer required by an organization or is at the end of the Sunshine Coach's useful life, we request the organisation donates it back to Variety Queensland.

Who can apply for a Sunshine Coach?

Applicants must:

- Be an Educational Organisation or a Not-for-Profit
- Be based in QLD
- Support kids aged 0 – 17
- Support kids living with a disability, chronic illness, financial hardship or geographic isolation

What information does my organisation need to provide?

As the main contact, you will be asked to provide general information about your organisation and details about how the coach will benefit your organisation.

Can I request funding for a second hand coach?

Generally, applications will only be accepted for new coaches. However, special consideration can be taken if a quality second hand coach is available, and quotes and background of the coach will need to be provided. This is subject to the Board's approval.

What is the decision making process?

Once submitted, your application will be pre-assessed by the Kids Support Team to make sure it meets criteria. If eligible, you will be contacted to discuss your application.

If your application is shortlisted, it will then go to the committee and Board for a final decision.

How much will the Sunshine Coach cost?

The cost will vary depending on which type of coach is required and which modifications are selected during the application process. This amount will be discussed after the application has been submitted and pre-assessed.

Will my organisation need to contribute towards the purchase of the coach?

If approved, organisations will need to contribute the below amounts as a minimum toward the total cost of the coach and any selected modifications.

Sunshine Coach Model	Minimum Organisation / Institution Donation
Toyota HiAce - 12 seat minibus	\$20,000
Toyota Coaster - 22 seat minibus	\$40,000
Toyota HiAce - 9 seat w'chair lift	\$30,000
Toyota Coaster - 17 seat w'chair lift	\$50,000

How will my organisation raise this contribution?

Successful applicants will receive an info pack to help with fundraising ideas (e.g.: sponsorship, fundraising events etc.).

How long does my organisation have to raise this contribution?

Once formally approved, applicants are given 12 months to fundraise. Extensions may be given where required but will be at the discretion of Variety.

What other ways does Variety support kids and community organisations?

For more information about how Variety can support individual kids or organisations, please check our website here and contact the Kids Support Team on kidssupport@varietyqld.org.au if you have any questions.

Can I still apply for an Organisation Grant if I have submitted a Sunshine Coach Application?

Yes, eligible organisations are still able to submit an Organisation Grant application; guidelines and application can be found [here](#).

If you have more questions, please contact our Kids Support Team on 07 3907 9300 or kidssupport@varietyqld.org.au