

Kids Support Department Community Grants (EduKids) Guidelines document



Community Grants are aimed at assisting organisations working directly with WA children who are sick, experiencing disadvantage or living with disability.

The Community grant (EduKids) is open specifically to assist children in receiving an essential education by providing funding for vital 'Back to School' equipment such as stationery, uniforms, technology and more. We provide assistance that is not accessible through government funding or alternative services.

Eligibility

Schools / community groups / organisations that are working with children who meet the following:


- o Child or children reside in WA.
- o Child or children are aged 3-17 (must be under 18 at time of submission).
- o Child or children are enrolled and attending (or will be attending) primary, home, or high school in 2023.
- o Child or children who are experiencing disadvantage (financial, geographical, social), that may also be living with a long-term health condition or disability.
- o The family household income is below the guide*.
- o Equipment is not available via government or alternative sources.

Application

- o Applications must be truthful and factual, with relevant documentation as evidence.
- o Quotes for equipment / items
 - Booklists / school lists to be included.
 - Quotes must be no older than three months at the time of submission and must remain valid throughout the assessment process.

Request & funding information

- o Requests can be for shared resources and/or items to be owned by individual children.
- o Funding is for equipment / physical items only directly related to 'Back to School' requirements.
 - Book / school list items (stationery / textbooks etc.)
 - Uniforms / clothing items
 - Mandatory technology
- o Applicants can request up to cap amount per child, not exceeding \$20,000.

| Category | Eligible items | Request limit \$ | *Household Income limit |
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| Education  | (A) - Booklist items & resources - Uniform - School bag - School shoes (1 pair) - Compulsory fees associated with equipment for core & elective subjects Condition: Does NOT cover voluntary contributions | \$250 (years K-3) \$350 (years 4-6) \$450 (years 7-12) | \$50,000pa |
| | (B) - Laptops - iPad or tablet (+ protective case) - Leased tech (school supplied) Condition: MUST be mandatory (evidence essential) | \$1,000 \$600 \$350 | \$70,000pa |

- You can apply for both column A and B (if eligible) however the total amount requested must not exceed the combined request limits (E.g. (A) \$450 + (B) \$1,000 = \$1,450 maximum per child).
- The items must be directly related to the child's education and schools' compulsory requirements only.

Ineligible requests

- o Equipment/items where funding is available from government / other grant funds
- o Individuals 18 years of age and older
- o Non-tangible equipment (warranties, maintenance, repair, plans, internet / subscriptions etc)
- o Experiences / excursions
- o Incomplete application forms
- o Services / therapies
- o Retrospective funding
- o Voluntary School fees

Process

Step 1 – Complete online application form and include all supporting documentation

Step 2 – Submit application before round closing date

Step 3 – Submission reviewed at Kids Support Committee meeting

Step 4 - Outcome emailed to applicants

Additional information

- o Community (EduKids) Grants is open from Nov to Jan.
- o Submissions are reviewed by the Kids Support Committee; a group of qualified professionals representing allied health, community and education sectors.
- o Shared technology resources that are loaned to students are eligible for consideration in lieu of individual applications will be considered for funding if it is a more appropriate option, circumstantial evidence will be required.
- o Approved outcomes are not guaranteed, each application is assessed on its merit and contributions may be offered in lieu of full funding at the committee's discretion.
- o Retrospective expenses WILL NOT be reimbursed, expenses can only be claimed if they have been purchased post the approval letter date.
- o Variety aims to have all submissions reviewed and applicants notified by no later than Wednesday 21st December 2022.

Outcomes

Successful Applicants

- o Full details and next step instructions will be provided to successful applicants in their outcome letter
- o Funds need to be used within 60 days of approval.
- o Variety WA does not provide funds directly to the applicant.
 - Funding can only be accessed via Tax Invoice from supplier or reimbursement upon proof of purchase.
 - A detailed list will be provided which outlines acceptable items for purchase / claim, and instructions on preferred suppliers that will be able to provide invoices for items.
 - Reimbursements will require completion of a 'reimbursement request form' which will be provided with the successful outcome letter.
- o Recipients must observe an exclusion period of 60 days from approval date before applying for further assistance through another Variety grant (subject to eligibility).

Unsuccessful Applicants

- o Reasons for unsuccessful applications are at the discretion of the Kids Support Committee and will not be disclosed to the applicant.
- o Application outcomes are not able to be appealed, the decision of the committee is absolute.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Kids Support team on 9355 3655 or kidssupport@varietywa.org.au