

Kids Support Department

Community Grants

Guidelines document



Variety Community grants are aimed at assisting organisations working directly with WA children who are sick, disadvantaged or living with disability. Variety WA provides funding for equipment to enable organisations to impact children through inclusion, education, independence and joy. We provide assistance that is not accessible through government funding or alternative services.

Eligibility

- Schools, community groups, organisations, *NFP or NGO
- Working with children aged 0-17
- Children are disadvantaged (financial/ geographic/ social), sick (long-term health condition) or have a disability
- Funding must not be available via government or alternative sources

Application

- Your application will be expected to be truthful and factual, with relevant documentation as evidence included where requested
- Financial details are required to be supplied
- Supporting documents must be provided
 - A letter clarifying the need and objective of equipment or items (depending on equipment, it may be appropriate to seek support from an allied health professional to support the request)
 - A budget breakdown for the proposed assistance including quotes that are no older than three months at the time of submission and must remain throughout the assessment process

Request & funding information

- You can apply for up to \$20,000*
- Item requested must be directly related to or impacting the children linked with your organisation
- Funding is for equipment and physical items only

Ineligible requests

- Administration and/or salary expenses
- Therapy or rehabilitation
- Research
- Capital works
- Services
- Retrospective expenses
- Travel costs or vehicle rental

Process

Step 1 – complete and submit the online application form including all supporting documentation

Step 2 – pre-assessment done by the Kids Support Team

Step 3 – submission reviewed by the Kids Support Committee

Step 4 - outcome emailed to you

Additional information

- o Variety Community Grants are typically open between January and November, current information will be available on the Variety WA website
- o Submissions are reviewed by the Kids Support Committee; a group of qualified professionals representing the allied health, community and education sectors
- o NFP organisations (or others) who receive 'fee for service' are generally ineligible for funding. We do, however, consider each and every application and the committee has the ability to use its discretion in exceptional circumstances
- o Outcomes are communicated 4-6 weeks after the closing date of your application round
- 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 committees discretion

Outcomes

Your outcome letter will be emailed to you following assessment by the Kids Support Committee.

Successful Applicants

If successful, full details and next step instructions will be provided to you in your outcome letter

- Funds need to be used within 6 months of the approval date
- Variety WA does not provide funds directly to you, payment is made via Tax Invoice to the supplier
- You will not be able to reapply for another Variety Grant for a period of 24 months after your Variety Grant is approved

Unsuccessful Applicants

- Reasons for an unsuccessful application will not be disclosed
- Application outcomes are not able to be appealed, the decision of the committee is absolute
- If unsuccessful, you may be eligible to reapply in 3 months from the date listed on your outcome letter, however the request must be altered or new information supplied

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