

Kids Support Department Community Grants Guidelines document



The Community Grant is aimed at assisting organisations working directly with WA children who are sick, disadvantaged or living with disability.

Variety provides funding for equipment to enable organisation to impact children through inclusion, education, independence and joy.

Eligibility

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

Application

- o Applications will be expected to be truthful and factual, with relevant documentation as evidence included where requested.
- o Budget / financial details required
- o Supporting documents / letter clarifying need and objective of equipment
 - Depending on equipment, it may be appropriate to seek support from an allied health professional to support the request
- o Quotes for equipment / items
 - Quotes required for items requested
 - 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 Applicants can apply for up to \$20,000.
- o Items must be directly related / impacting the children linked with the organisation.
- o Funding is for equipment / physical items only.

Ineligible requests

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



Process

Step 1 – Complete online application form and including 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 Grants are open from January to October.
- o Submissions are reviewed by the Kids Support Committee; a group of qualified professionals representing 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 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.

Decisions

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 6 months 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.
- o Recipients must observe an exclusion period of 12 months from approval date before applying for further assistance through another Variety grant.

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.
- o Unsuccessful applicants may be eligible to reapply in 3 months from the date listed on the 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