

Variety NT Guidelines and Eligibility for Individual and Community Grants



Introduction

Variety Northern Territory (Variety NT) provides support to Northern Territory children who are sick, disadvantaged or living with a disability through our grant and other programs. Variety NT aims to provide equipment, products or assistance where other avenues of funding have been explored and found to be unavailable.

Grant Guidelines – Individual (Capped at \$8000 per grant)

Variety NT provides grants to children aged 0-17 years who are sick, disadvantaged or living with a disability for the purchase of life-changing aids or assistance to increase physical development, independence and social inclusion. Examples include mobility equipment, communication devices, education aides and medical equipment.

Grant Guidelines – Community (Capped at \$15000 per grant)

Assistance is available for organisations supporting Northern Territory children aged 0-17 years who are sick, disadvantaged or living with a disability. To apply for assistance, the organisation must be able to show a genuine need (including financial evidence) and provide information on how the assistance requested will meet this need.

A strong application will demonstrate the following:

- Unmet need i.e. it cannot be met through the organisation's own funding, Government sources or other organisation funding.
- Direct benefit to the children in the organisation's care.

General Variety NT Grants Criteria

Grant applications will not be considered if:

- The requests do not meet Variety NT's eligibility criteria.
- The requests do not align with the child's conditions or needs.

Grant guidelines

- Individuals or organisations submit applications for grants online using forms accessed via the Variety NT website.

- Variety NT Grants are typically open between January and November, with current information available on the Variety NT website.
- Grant applications will be assessed under a process as determined by the Variety NT Board.
- Grant applications from individuals and community are considered against a set of guidelines including, but not limited to, the following:
 - Variety NT supports causes that aid children aged 0-17 years.
 - There is a limit of one grant per recipient in any 12 month period, except in exceptional circumstances. The 12 month period starts from the date of the grant Approval Letter. The limit of one grant application in a 12-month period can **only** be overruled by the Variety NT Board on the recommendation of the Kids Support Committee.
 - Each applicant (individual or community) must submit the application form available via the Variety NT website. Before applications are considered, they must be complete with all questions answered and supporting documentation provided.
 - Variety NT will not approve grant applications if proof of any unsuccessful alternate funding is not included in the application.
 - The information listed on the application will form the basis of the grant and, if successful, cannot be amended after the approval date.
 - Approved grant funds must be spent within 6 months of the date of the Approval Letter. Any unspent grant funding shall remain the property of Variety NT.
 - Applications will not be considered for retrospective funding.
 - Variety NT does not give cash donations.
 - Variety NT does not fund research or rehabilitation services.
 - Variety NT will not pay salaries, fees or administration costs.
 - Variety NT does not fund property construction or renovation (owned, rented, leased or otherwise).
 - Variety NT does not fund travel for family members/carers. *

* Note: Additional expenses or financial assistance not covered by the Patient's Assistance Travel Scheme, may be considered for approval in extenuating circumstances, on an individual basis.

Application process

For further information on the application process for Variety NT Individual and Community grants, please refer to the related document:

- Variety NT Grants Application Process for Individuals.
- Variety NT Grants Application Process Community – Schools, Community Groups, Not for Profit or Non-Government Organisations.

Post-Submission

Submissions are pre-assessed by our team at Variety NT, presented to the Kids Support Committee (KSC), and then to the Board of Directors for final decision.

Outcomes

The entire process (from submission of an application online to issuing of an outcome advice) may take approximately 12 weeks.

- A Grant Application Number will be assigned to each application and the application registered in the Variety NT Grants Register.
- Applicants will be advised promptly if their application does not meet the eligibility criteria.
- Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application in writing.

If successful:

- You will be notified in writing with an Approval Letter that indicates next steps.
- You will not be eligible to apply for another grant for 12 months from the date of the approval letter.
- The Grant Reference Number provided in the Approval Letter should be quoted on all correspondence and invoices related to the approved grant.
- Successful applicants must return the signed funding agreement to Variety NT before funds are disbursed.
- Applicants are required to report against funding agreement outcomes within 12 months.

If unsuccessful:

- You may be eligible to reapply provided the new application meets the Variety NT eligibility criteria.
- Reasons for an unsuccessful application will not be disclosed and Variety NT's decision is final.

Publicity and Acknowledgment

- Variety NT may share information about successful grants for marketing purposes, the aim being to acknowledge donors and encourage support.
- The applicant's assistance with content and images will be appreciated. Written permission will be sought before any use of an individual's name, situation or image.