

Kids Support Department TechKids Individual Grant Eligibility & Guidelines Document



Variety TechKids Grants provide assistive technology to help WA kids with their education, communication, behavioural regulation, and safety.

Eligibility

You are eligible to apply for a grant provided the following criteria are met:

- Child is residing in WA.
- Child is aged 0-17 (must be under 18 at time of submission).
- Child has a disability or sickness (long-term health condition).
- The family household income is below the guide.
- Equipment is not available via government funded or alternative sources.

Application

- The application can be completed by a parent or carer, or approved third party (key therapist, social worker, support worker etc.) if they have consent of the parent or carer.
- You will be expected to submit a truthful and factual application and attach relevant documentation as evidence where requested.
- Income details are required (this includes any/all income received by any parent or carer who is financially responsible for the beneficiary to confirm annual household income).
 - Payslips (dated within 3 months).
 - Centrelink statements (dated within 3 months).
 - Most recent ATO notice of assessment (for self-employed).
- Provide two (2) quotes for equipment that are no older than three months at the time of submission and will remain valid throughout the assessment process.
 - One quote is acceptable if from a Variety WA preferred supplier (listed in the application form), or if there is only one supplier that can source the equipment.


Supporting document

A thorough supporting document is essential and must be uploaded with the application. Please select the most appropriate professional (request dependent) to support the application. The referee can either complete the referee template (preferred and downloadable [here](#)) or submit a thorough letter addressing the following;

- Confirmation of diagnosis or condition
- Rationale behind requested equipment (ensure you cover current function and goals to justify the requested equipment).
- Details of trial (where applicable)
- What are the anticipated outcomes / impact for the recipient?
- Proof of exhausted, denied, or ineligible NDIS funding (where applicable)
- If equipment requested is considered restrictive practice, please ensure there is evidence of behaviour support plan or intervention.
- Any other relevant circumstances that will assist.

Request & funding limits

You can select one or more item as part of your Variety TechKids Grant request, as long as it is within the capped request limit. The items must be directly related to your child's diagnosis or condition, and the intended outcomes outlined in the supporting document.

| Category | Eligible items (not limited to these) | Request limit \$ | Household Income limit |
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| Technology  | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tablets (iPad etc)- Laptop / computer- C-Pen / scanning pen- Software- GPS watches- Accessories | \$1,200* *Certain items attract additional cap - more detail in application form. | \$100,000pa |

Please note:

- If your income is over the suggested limit you may choose to apply, however you need to be able to demonstrate extraordinary hardship, expenses and/or circumstances.
- If the equipment required exceeds the request limit, you can request additional funds if there is a clearly demonstrated need outlined within your application & supporting documents, however this does not guarantee additional funding.

Ineligible requests:

- Equipment where funding is available from the government or other grant funds.
- Individuals 18 years of age and older.
- Projects that require recurrent funding.
- Expenses considered to be part of an individual's typical cost of living.
- Warranties, insurance, maintenance, service agreements, batteries or repairs.
- Subscriptions or plan costs.
- Services or training costs.
- Retrospective expenses.
- Incomplete application forms.

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 letter emailed to main contact listed in application.

Additional information

- Variety TechKids Grant rounds are typically open between January and November, current information will be available on the Variety WA website.
- Submissions are reviewed by the Kids Support Committee; a group of qualified professionals representing the allied health, community and education sectors.
- Outcomes are typically communicated 6-8 weeks after the closing date of your application round. Timeframes can be longer if there is a large volume of requests, or additional information is required.

Outcomes

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

Successful Applicants

Full details and next step instructions will be provided to you in your outcome letter.

- Funds need to be used within 3 months of 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 apply for another Variety grant for a period of 12-36 months after your Variety grant is approved, depending on the category. This will be outlined in approval letter.

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 after 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