

Kids Support Department

BeKids Individual Grant

Eligibility & Guidelines Document



Variety BeKids grants provide practical equipment to help WA kids have a fair go. The items funded will help kids access the community, extracurricular endeavours and support their wellbeing. We provide assistance that is not accessible through government funding and alternative services.

Eligibility

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

- Child must reside in WA
- Child is aged 0-17
- Child is affected by financial hardship or disadvantage, and may also have a long-term health condition or disability.
- The annual family household income is below the guide
- Equipment is not available via government funded or alternative service

Application

- An application can be completed by a parent/carer, or approved third party if consent has been authorised (Social Worker, Support Worker etc.).
- Applicants will be expected to submit a truthful and factual application and attach relevant documentation as evidence where requested.
- Income details to verify income are required (this includes any/all income received by any parent/carer who is financially responsible for the beneficiary to confirm annual household income)
 - Payslips – FT / PT work (dated within 3 months)
 - Centrelink statements (dated within 3 months)
 - 2020-21 ATO notice of assessment (for self-employed)
- Provide costing proof or quote(s) for the items. Screenshots, photos and quotes are acceptable as long as they are clear and readable, and remain valid for duration of application process.
 - Equipment must be sourced from suppliers that are price competitive
 - Equipment must be within the request limit
- Supporting referee
 - Variety requests a letter be provided from a social, case or support worker, teacher, coach or another appropriate professional to assist in advocating for the requested items.
 - If a letter isn't able to be supplied (exceptional circumstances only), contact details must be supplied so the referee can be contacted to verify information. This option may delay the outcome.

Request & funding limits

The applicant can select one or more items as part of their grant request, as long as it is within the capped request limit. The items must be directly related to the child wellbeing and needs.

Eligible items	Request limit \$	Household Income limit
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Bike or scooter (school age children only)- Prescription glasses*- Extracurricular supplies (sport uniform / equipment)- Play equipment (remote areas only)	\$400	\$53,000pa

*Is the child eligible for the WA Spectacle subsidy of \$54.34?

https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/S_T/Spectacle-Subsidy-Scheme

Child's initials must be listed on eligible pension cards.

Ineligible requests:

- o Items where funding is available from the government or other grant funds
- o Individuals 18 years of age and older
- o Projects that require recurring funding
- o Expenses considered to be part of an individual's typical cost of living
- o Travel expenses – including public transport and petrol
- o Retrospective expenses
- o Incomplete application forms
- o Services or therapies

Process

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

Step 2 – Pre assessment done by Kids Support team member

Step 3 – Submission reviewed by the Kids Support Committee

Step 4 - Outcome emailed to applicants

Additional information

- o Variety BeKids grants rounds are typically open between January to October, however this is subject to change at Variety WA's discretion. Current information will be available on the website.
- o Submissions are reviewed by the Kids Support Committee; a group of qualified professionals representing allied health, community and education sectors.
- o Outcomes are communicated 2-4 weeks after the respective round closure.
- o If a submission required additional review, it may delay the outcome.

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 successful applicants in their outcome letter

- Funds need to be used within 3 months of approval date
- Variety WA does not provide funds directly to the applicant
- Recipients must observe an exclusion period of 12 months from approval date before re-applying for further assistance through BeKids.

Unsuccessful Applicants

- Reasons for 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 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