

Kids Support Department

BeKids Individual Grant

Eligibility & Guidelines Document



Variety BeKids grants provide practical equipment to help WA kids experiencing disadvantage to help them get out and about in the community. 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 Variety BeKids grant provided the following criteria are met:

- Child must reside in WA.
- Child is aged 0-17.
- Child is experiencing financial 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).
 - If completed by a third party, it is essential that the third party lets us know in the application, that they have been authorised to do so, and for what reason (for example, accessibility issues, lack of understanding).
- 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).
 - Most recent 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, 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.
- Whilst a supporting referee is not required for a BeKids application, it may be beneficial for you to attach one with your other documents, to give further information about your situation from an external source (social, case worker, teacher, coach for example). If the Committee feel that your application is not strong enough, they may come back and ask for additional information which can delay your outcome. This is something for you to consider on application.

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 (non-motorised) (school age children only)- Prescription glasses*- Extracurricular supplies (sport uniform / equipment)- Play equipment (remote areas only)	\$400	\$74,000 pa

*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 supporting documentation.

Step 2 – Pre assessment done by Kids Support team.

Step 3 – Submission reviewed by the Kids Support Committee.

Step 4 - Outcome e-mailed to applicant/s.

Additional information

- o Variety BeKids grants are open all year, however this is subject to change at Variety WA's discretion. Current information will be available on our 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 generally communicated from 3-6 weeks after initial application is received by us.
- o If a submission requires additional review, it may delay the outcome.

Outcomes

An outcome letter will be e-mailed to you following assessment by the Kids Support Committee.

Successful Applicants

If successful, full details and next step instructions will be provided in the 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 1 year from approval date before re-applying for further assistance through BeKids.

Unsuccessful Applicants

- Reasons for unsuccessful applications 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 the 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 e-mail kidssupport@varietywa.org.au