



## Motoring Event Grant

Our vision is to create a world where every child can thrive, belong, and reach their full potential, regardless of disability or circumstance. Each year, thousands of children who are sick, experiencing disadvantage or living with a disability, get support from Variety – the Children's Charity when they need it most.

At Variety NSW/ACT, we are committed to fostering access and inclusion by creating environments where every child feels valued, respected, and empowered to fully participate.

Through fundraising efforts of our Motoring Events, we provide grants to schools and community groups enabling them to purchase equipment or experiences that encourages a more accessible and inclusive environment for children experiencing disability and disadvantage.

### HOW VARIETY CAN HELP

Variety can assist by providing inclusive equipment and experiences that will directly benefit the children in your community with a focus on children who may be living with a disability or experiencing disadvantage.

The Applicant can apply for one or more items as part of their grant request. The items must directly benefit the children and promote inclusivity. The applicant will be allocated a maximum amount to which they can apply for.

### WHAT YOU CAN APPLY FOR: LET'S BRING JOY ~~and~~ OPPORTUNITY!

Below are ideas to get you brainstorming!

- Communication software and portable amplification equipment
- Inclusive recreation equipment and resources
- Accessible outdoor/sporting equipment such as beach wheelchairs
- Inclusive play equipment, adaptive toys and items that are designed with neurodivergence/disability in mind
- Ability switches and switch-adapted toys
- Customised or adjustable furniture
- Mobility equipment and resources
- Literacy aids
- Community garden/food education set-up costs
- Musical instruments and/or sports equipment that have a clear purpose to invite,





include and support children living with a disability or experiencing disadvantage

- Bikes to assist in implementing a learn to ride program
- Experiences such as bus hire for excursions

Things outside of the scope:

- Purchases made before grant approval
- Building works, permanent fixtures, or labour costs
- Ongoing expenses (insurance, maintenance, wages)
- General programs or admin costs
- Items covered by NSW Government Schools
- Tech devices (laptops, iPads, tablets)
- Playground line markings or standard classroom furniture
- Items not directly benefiting and/or supporting children

### **GETTING STARTED: YOUR GRANT JOURNEY**

1. **Initial Visit** – Variety staff representatives visit your school and confirm your participation in the event.
2. **Review the Guidelines** – Familiarise yourself with the eligibility criteria and funding details.
3. **Collaborate & Brainstorm** – Bring your community of children, staff, parents, and the P&C together to brainstorm what you'd like to apply for?
4. **Connect with the Variety Kids Support team** – A Kids Support team member will contact you to discuss the grant process, share application links, and help refine your ideas to align with the guidelines.
5. **Gather Quotes** – Source quotes for the items you plan to include in your application.
6. **Submit Online** – Complete and submit your application through the online portal at least **2 months** in advance of the event.

### **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

Your application will be assessed by the Variety Kids Support Team, and eligible submissions will then be presented to our Grants Committee for approval.

If approved, you'll receive your outcome letter via email approximately 4-6 weeks after your submission. If your application isn't successful, Our Kids Support team will be in touch to discuss next steps. Reasons for outcomes are at the discretion of the Kids Support Committee. You may be invited to apply again in the future.





## IF YOUR APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL: CONGRATULATIONS!

Our goal is to have your approved items onsite before your motoring event visit, so our event participants can see the incredible impact of their fundraising!

- You'll have 12 months from your approval date to use your grant.
- Only items purchased after your approval date are eligible for funding.
- You'll provide your outcome letter to the supplier of your approved item(s).
- Your preferred supplier must then provide a tax invoice for the approved item(s) and amount. You can provide your outcome letter to the supplier of your approved item(s) as proof if need be.
- Variety NSW pays suppliers directly – we don't provide money directly to applicants. Detailed instructions for invoice submission will be in your outcome letter.
- It's your responsibility to follow all directed steps after receiving your outcome letter.
- Any unused funds will be forfeited after the grant's expiry date.

### OUTCOME REPORTING

Once your grant funds have been put to use, we'd love to hear how things are going! Variety will send you a short survey to capture the wonderful impact the grant has made. Please complete and return this within 4 weeks – your feedback helps us understand the difference the grant is making and lets us celebrate your achievements alongside you.

If you require further information, please don't hesitate to contact the Kids Support Team on (02) 9819 1000 or at [kidssupport@varietynsw.org.au](mailto:kidssupport@varietynsw.org.au)

