

We Play - Community Grant

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Community Grants

Variety NSW/ACT promotes inclusivity for all children. Schools and NFP organisations are invited to apply for a grant of up to \$50,000 towards play equipment or the design and development of an inclusive playground that will promote access and inclusion in the community for children living with a disability or chronic illness, financial disadvantage and/or geographic isolation, aged 0-18 years.

Eligibility Criteria*

- The grant must fund play equipment or the design and development of an inclusive playground that will promote access and inclusion in the community for children aged 0-18 years; and
- The project and applicant organisation must be located in NSW or the ACT; and
- The applicant organisation must be a school or NFP organisation that provides services to children aged 0-18 years in one or more of the following areas:
 - Children living with a disability
 - Children living under financial hardship
 - Children living with chronic illness
 - Children living in remote/rural areas; and
- The applicant must not have been declined for a Variety We Play grant in the twelve months prior to the current application.

**Note: Meeting the eligibility criteria does not guarantee that a grant will be awarded.*

Example of Grant requests

The following are examples only. We recommend that prospective applicants contact the Kids Support team before completing an application to ensure their requests are suitable for consideration. Items/projects that will be considered include:

- All access carousel
- Nest or gyro swing
- Sensory play centre
- In-ground trampolines
- Design or development of an inclusive playground.

The Applicant can apply for one or more items/projects per application. The items/project must directly benefit children.

Examples of Ineligible Applications

The following list contains examples of applications that will not be considered:

- Retrospective funding. Only items purchased after the approval date will be eligible to claim as part of the grant;
- Capital works;
- Installation costs;
- Employment/contract staff
- Insurance costs;
- Servicing or maintenance costs;
- Administrative costs

Application Information Required

- Applications will open twice per year via the Variety NSW website.
- Applications can be made on behalf of an organisation by an authorised representative.
- Applicants must submit a truthful and factual application & attach relevant documentation as evidence, addressing but not limited to the following points:

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- Contact details of the organisation and its authorised representative; and
 - Details of the project and its benefit to the children and the community; and
 - Information related to expected outcomes and measurements; and
 - If for a piece of equipment, details of the requested item(s) must be provided, including supplier information.
- Applicants will be required to stipulate why they are requesting support from Variety NSW/ACT and where applicable, any other sources of funding.

Applicants need to ensure the application addresses all eligibility criteria and all the application information required or risk the application process being delayed or in some cases, denied.

Quote/s

Applications for equipment will require a quote directly related to the requested item(s) from your preferred supplier. This must be no older than three months at the time of submission and remain valid through the assessment process. Please keep in mind that the assessment process may take up to two months from the closing date of the grant.

Decision

Outcome letters are generally emailed to applicants within two months of the closing date.

Successful Applicants

- Successful applicants have 12 months from the date of approval on their letter to expend their grant funding.
- For play equipment funding, successful applicants are directed to provide their outcome letter to the supplier associated with their approved granted item
- For play equipment funding, the supplier must provide a tax invoice for the approved item/s and for the approved amount (please note, Variety NSW does not provide money directly to applicants and/or parent/carers; money is paid directly to suppliers). Instructions for invoice submission will be provided to applicants in their outcome letter.
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to action all appropriate steps after receiving the outcome letter (as directed)
- Any unused and/or unspent funds will be forfeited after the expiry date of the grant

Unsuccessful Applicants

- Due to the large volume of applications, individual feedback will not be provided, except at the discretion of the Kids Support Committee.
- Unsuccessful applicants may not reapply until 12 months after the date listed on the outcome letter.

Acquittal Reporting

- Successful applicants are required to provide an acquittal report in the template provided by Variety at the completion of the grant period.
- The recipient will have four weeks to complete and submit the report to Variety.

If you require further information, please don't hesitate to contact the Kids Support Team by emailing kidssupport@varietynsw.org.au