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# home soon GRANTS

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## About Youngcare

Right now over 6,200 young Australians with full-time care needs are living in aged care (National Disability Agreement 2011-12) and too many young Australians with high care needs are being left behind in inappropriate housing. These young people deserve the freedom to choose where they live, who they live with and how they live their lives - and it's up to all of us to make sure that happens.

Why? If you or a loved one were to suffer an accident, or fall ill in a way that left you in need of permanent, full-time care, there are currently few alternatives for care and housing available in Australia. Youngcare believes all young people deserve young lives, regardless of their care needs.

Youngcare is a nationally registered charity and non-profit organisation, formed in 2005 to deliver choice in care and housing for young Australians with high care needs.

Through the combined support of the community, business and government, Youngcare aims to deliver greater choice through a range of initiatives, including:

- › **Youngcare housing solutions**
- › **Youngcare Connect information and support hotline**
- › **Youngcare At Home Care Grants**
- › **Youngcare Home Soon Grants**
- › **Research**

## About the Home Soon Grants

In 2014, Youngcare introduced the Home soon Grants, which are aimed at helping young people exit inappropriate housing.

Ideally, the Home Soon Grant will supplement an existing plan for a young person to leave unsuitable housing or a long term health facility, and make the transition smoother and more comfortable for both the young person and their carers.

Grants can be applied for between \$5,000 and \$20,000 (\$50,000 in exceptional circumstances) to fund equipment, home modifications or respite/ attendant carer services.

The grants are not means tested, and do not affect any government funding a person may be eligible for.

## Timeframes

- › Applications open 10 August 2017
- › Applications close 1 June 2018

We encourage applications at any time during this period and will convene a panel within 30 days of receiving a completed application.

## Who can apply?

1. Eligible organisations can apply on behalf of their client/s.
2. Individuals can apply but must have the support of an organisation.  
To be eligible, grant recipients must reside in Queensland or in one of the NDIS trial sites. It is mandatory that all individual applications must be supported by an eligible organisation. (Please contact Youngcare if you need any further information)

## Eligible organisations

1. Government and non-government disability services organisations.
2. Able to provide evidence of current Public Liability insurance for no less than \$5 million.
3. Able to provide current financial records or a current annual report.

## Eligible individuals

1. Aged between 18 and 65.
2. Currently living in inappropriate housing, hospital or rehabilitation centre.
3. Have a moderate to severe diagnosed disability (e.g. Multiple Sclerosis, cerebral palsy, brain or spinal cord injury).

## Ineligible applicants

1. Under 18 years or over 65.
2. Requiring palliative care.
3. Living with a condition not recognised as a disability that requires high care needs.

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- Living at home or in supported housing.

### Submission process

- › All submissions that meet the criteria outlined will be considered by Youngcare.
- › The application form is to be jointly submitted by eligible organisations and individuals, and must outline the proposed use of funding.
- › Submissions must be co-signed by the management of the eligible organisation and the recipient (or legal guardian).
- › Submissions will be considered using the criteria outlined below.

### How much funding can be requested?

Funding is allocated for amounts between \$5,000 and \$20,000 (up to \$50,000 in exceptional circumstances).

### Eligible items include

- › Equipment (e.g. hoist, bed, walking frame)
- › Home modifications to enable access and mobility (e.g. ramps, bathroom modification)
- › Respite, attendant care and support services (ongoing or block)
- › Therapy services (e.g. physio, OT)
- › Vehicle modifications (you must have evidence of your ability to find outstanding balance if above maximum grant amount)
- › Staff hours in NDIS trial areas to support people in inappropriate housing to access the NDIS and start a plan to exit back into the community
- › Other items that will extend the recipient's ability to remain at home
- › For further information please refer to the FAQs on page 6

\*All equipment and home modification items require a specific assessment to be provided by an allied health professional.

### How will the recipients be determined?

A panel of health care and industry professionals will determine the allocation of funds. The following criteria will be considered when choosing who will receive a grant and their decisions will be final.

### Selection criteria

- The extent to which the request will assist the recipient to exit inappropriate housing and return to the community (benefit to recipient, family, daily living).
- The extent to which this purchase would be complementary to the applicant's current plan to exit unsuitable housing.
- The recipient is aged between 18 and 65.
- The extent to which the grant will enhance the recipient's quality of life.
- The extent to which it will improve the recipient's community access.
- The long term impact of the grant in the recipient's life.
- The extent of the recipient's care needs.

### Examples of successful application items include:

- › Pressure care mattress
- › Respite care
- › Attendant carers
- › Water powered hydraulic lift
- › In-home support
- › Wheelchair ramp
- › Air conditioning
- › Power wheelchair and pressure cushion
- › Electrical adjustable bed
- › Motor vehicle wheelchair modification

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- › Walking frame
- › Bathroom or shower modifications
- › Other essential home modifications

## Funding arrangements

1. Successful organisations will have 12 months from the receipt of the funding to use and acquit the funding.
2. Submissions must be co-signed by the service provider and the recipient (or legal guardian).
3. Equipment that is purchased becomes the property of the individual client, therefore the ongoing maintenance and replacement is the responsibility of the client.
4. All of the funding received by successful organisations must be distributed, on behalf of Youngcare, for the direct benefit of the client.
5. Home modifications need to be organised and managed by the supporting organisation. An agreement needs to be established regarding the maintenance and care of the renovations. In most instances, this is the responsibility of the client/family. However, faulty or poor workmanship will need to be addressed by the supporting organisation.
6. Hours purchased for respite and support workers under this grant will be managed by the supporting organisation.
7. In NDIS trial sites the use of funding to purchase staff hours to enable organisations to reach people in inappropriate housing to support them to access the NDIS funding.

## Insurance

The organisation must maintain Public Liability insurance for no less than \$5 million per event and provide evidence of that insurance to Youngcare.

## Complaints process

Clients who benefit from the Youngcare Home Soon Grants will access the complaints processes of the organisation that was funded to administer the grant. In any circumstance whereby the client did not receive the benefit of the grant, Youngcare's complaints process will be used. Youngcare reserves the right to contact the client to ensure they have received the benefit of the grant.

## Documentation

All submissions must be made by completing the Application Form. You can obtain a copy of this and seek further information to assist you in developing your funding submission by contacting Youngcare Connect on 1800 844 727 or by visiting [youngcare.com.au/homesoon](http://youngcare.com.au/homesoon).

## How to lodge an application

To be considered for a Youngcare Home Soon Grant, applications must be completed and lodged online using the editable PDF application form. You will receive confirmation of receipt of your submission within two business days.

Submissions can be lodged by:

**Email:** [youngcareconnect@youngcare.com.au](mailto:youngcareconnect@youngcare.com.au)

**Fax:** Attn: Youngcare Connect 07 3041 3411

**Mail:** Youngcare Home Soon Grants PO Box 725 Spring Hill QLD 4004

**For more information,** please contact Youngcare Connect on 1800 844 727 or at [youngcareconnect@youngcare.com.au](mailto:youngcareconnect@youngcare.com.au)

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### 1. Can I apply for more than one item/service?

Yes, you can apply for as many items as you require, providing the total amount you are requesting is not less than \$5,000 and not more than \$50,000.

#### 2. The total cost of my item/service I am applying for is greater than \$20,000 (\$50,000 in exceptional circumstances). Am I still able to apply for a contribution of the grant towards my 'item'?

Yes, you are able to apply for a grant; however you need to provide evidence (i.e. fundraising activities, personal funds, other grant funding) of how the remaining costs will be funded and that they can be completely funded within 12 months of receiving a Home Soon Grant.

#### 3. Am I able to apply with only one quote for the item/service?

Youngcare requests two quotes, however, if you are unable to source a second quote, please provide evidence and an explanation of why you are unable to submit two quotes (i.e. live remotely and can only source one supplier for the equipment).

#### 4. I am not in contact with a non-government disability services provider. Am I able to apply as an individual for the grant?

It is a policy requirement that Youngcare acquit all funds through an organisation. Because of this Youngcare is unable to directly fund any individuals. If you need advice or assistance in sourcing an eligible organisation, please contact Youngcare Connect on 1800 844 727.

#### 5. I am a case worker from a Government agency, am I able to apply for the grant on behalf of a client?

Yes. Youngcare understands that to successfully leave unsuitable housing or a long term hospital bed each individual will need the ongoing support from the state funded agency or National Disability Insurance Agency. Youngcare will work with both non-government and government organisations to assist the successful submission of applications for this funding opportunity.

#### 6. Is the organisation responsible for the safe construction of home modifications?

The organisation applying on behalf of an individual is responsible for ensuring any construction or modifications are completed by a reputable company and, if applicable, meet all local government regulations for certification and approval. Any reputable construction company should be able to provide the organisation with a Certificate of Insurance.

#### 7. Why does the applicant organisation need to provide financial reports and/or a current annual report?

The grant funding will be acquitted through the applicant organisation and Youngcare must therefore ensure that the organisation has the capacity to acknowledge and fulfil the service agreement within 12 months.

#### 8. Are there any non-government organisations that are not eligible to apply?

An organisation will be deemed ineligible if they fail to acquit the grant within 12 months. To date, no organisations who have previously received funds from Youngcare have outstanding acquittals greater than 12 months.

#### 9. When will we be notified and how?

Youngcare will notify you by mail if your application has been successful or unsuccessful after the panel has reviewed your application.

### **10. What supporting evidence do I need to provide?**

The more documentation you include in your application the better. At minimum, Youngcare requires an assessment (by a health professional), two quotes, and a respite/support plan (if applicable).

### **11. Who will my information be shared with?**

Youngcare only shares or obtains information regarding the applicant with those people stated on the application form. Should we wish you use your information for marketing or media purposes, we will contact you to obtain your approval before releasing any information.

### **12. Who decides on the successful applicants?**

A panel comprising Youngcare staff, sector and donor representatives determine how the grants will be awarded. No applicants are identified in the panel review. Funding is allocated to the applicants who would benefit the most from a Home Soon Grant.

### **13. How will the funding be allocated?**

Due to the high number of applicants, the funding is allocated to the applicants the panel deems as showing the greatest potential to transition from inappropriate housing back into the community.

### **14. Is there any further reporting required?**

Successful organisations will be required to complete brief evaluations after 12 and 24 months.