



Youngcare Home Support Grant Information Guide

About Youngcare

Right now over 6,000 young people in Australia with full-time care needs are living in aged care and too many young people with high care needs are being left behind in inappropriate housing. Youngcare believes all young people deserve young lives, regardless of their care needs.

Youngcare is a nationally registered charity and not-for-profit organisation, formed in 2005 to deliver choice in care and housing for young people with high care needs.

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

- **Youngcare Connect information and support hotline**
- **Youngcare High Care Housing**
- **Youngcare At Home Care Grants**
- **Youngcare Home Support Grants**
- **Disability advocacy**

About Youngcare's Home Support Grants

The Youngcare Home Support Grants are available for individuals aged between 18 and 65 who have a permanent physical disability and who need essential funding to either remain living at home, move back home from inappropriate housing or to make their current place more accessible.

The Youngcare Home Support Grant provides up to \$20,000 for essential equipment, home modifications and services such as respite or in-home care, household items and utilities.

Youngcare's Home Support Grant can provide funding where there are critical gaps in an NDIS participant's plan, but there is still clear evidence of need. The grant also seeks to bridge the gap in essential services and support for families in need, during the transitional period while the NDIS is fully established.

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

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"When Youngcare came to help me move out of aged care and into my apartment, it was like 'The Great Escape'. I have so much more independence now, and I can live my life again."

— Brenda, grant recipient

Application Details

Eligible Individuals

1. Aged between 18 and 65
2. Have a permanent diagnosed physical disability (e.g. Multiple Sclerosis, Cerebral Palsy, brain or spinal cord injury)
3. People with or without NDIS plans can apply
4. People with plans must show evidence of additional need

Eligible Organisations (on behalf of individuals)

1. Government and non-government 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

Ineligible Applicants

1. Under 18 years or over 65 years of age
2. Non-essential items/services or things funded elsewhere
3. People actively palliating

Eligible items include

- Equipment not funded by the NDIS (e.g. cough assist machine, ventilator)
- Home modifications not funded by the NDIS to enable access and mobility
- Essential respite, attendant care and support services (ongoing or block)
- Vehicle modifications (you must have evidence of your ability to fund outstanding balance if above maximum grant amount)
- Essential household items and utilities
- Other critical items or services that will extend the recipient's ability to remain at home, or assist them to move to a new more appropriate home

**For further information please refer to the FAQs or call us to discuss*

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

*Items that will be funded by the NDIS are not eligible for funding.



"Youngcare is freedom. Someone left the bird cage open, I have flown free."

– Julia (on the right), Resident at Youngcare and Wesley Mission Queensland apartments at Sinnamon Park

Submission Process

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

How will recipients be determined?

A panel of allied health and disability sector professionals will determine the allocation of funds. The following criteria will be considered when identifying who will receive a grant and their decisions will be final.

Selection criteria (if applicable)

1. What will happen if the applicant does not receive these funds
2. Without these funds, would the applicant be at risk of entering or remaining in inappropriate housing
3. The recipient is aged between 18 and 65
4. The extent to which the grant will significantly enhance the recipient's quality of life
5. Current support and NDIS plans will be taken into consideration
6. The long term impact of the grant to enable the recipient to remain at home

Examples of successful application

items include:

- Essential gaps in an NDIS plan
 - Essential household items
 - Essential medical aids
 - Essential moving costs
 - Gaps in travel and accommodation costs for essential treatment
 - Air conditioning (where essential to regulate body temperature)
- *Please contact us to discuss possibilities

Youngcare Woolloowin Housemate Nick with mother Gill



Insurance

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

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/need-support/grants

TO BE CONSIDERED

Applications must be fully completed and emailed to youngcareconnect@youngcare.com.au using the editable PDF application form.

All supporting documentation must be included

You will receive confirmation of your submission within two business days.

Funding Arrangements

1. Successful organisations and individuals will have 12 months from the receipt of the funding to use and acquit the funding.
2. Service agreements must be signed by the service provider or the recipient (or legal guardian).
3. Equipment that is purchased becomes the property of the individual, therefore the ongoing maintenance and replacement is the responsibility of the recipient.
4. All of the funding received by successful organisations must be distributed, on behalf of Youngcare, for the direct benefit of the recipient.
5. Home modifications need to be organised and managed by the supporting organisation or individual. An agreement needs to be established regarding the maintenance and care of the renovations. In most instances, this is the responsibility of the individual/family. However, faulty or poor workmanship will need to be addressed by the supporting organisation in some cases.
6. Hours purchased for respite and support workers under this grant will be managed by the supporting organisation or individual.

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"Thanks to Youngcare I can stay at home amongst the things and the people I love. It makes it so much easier to wake up each morning. I can do the things I want, when I want."
— Chris, grant recipient

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Complaints process

Clients who benefit from the Youngcare Home Support Grant should access the complaints processes of the organisation that was responsible for administering 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.

Frequently Asked Questions

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

Yes, you can apply for as many essential items as you require, providing the total amount you are requesting is not more than \$20,000.

2. The total cost of my item/service I am applying for is greater than \$20,000. 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) as to how the remaining costs will be funded, and that they can be completely funded within 12 months of receiving a Home Support 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?

Yes you are, however Youngcare strongly encourages individuals to seek support with your application. Youngcare is unable to directly pay funding to 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 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 email or phone 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 an allied health professional) for equipment or home modifications, two quotes and a respite/support plan for services.

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 to 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, allied health and disability sector professionals and donor representatives determine how the grants will be awarded based on the selection criteria and the information provided in your application. No applicants are identified in the panel review.

13. Is there any further reporting required?

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



For further information
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