



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**
- **Y Kids Grants**
- **Disability advocacy**

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About the Youngcare Y Kids Grant

Youngcare's Y Kids Grant is critical in keeping children at home with their families. Y Kids assists children (aged 0 - 17) with high physical care needs, and their families who are living at home and have significant gaps in their NDIS Plans

The program provides one-off grants of between \$2,000 and \$10,000 for the provision of essential support items that are unable to be funded through other means, such as the NDIS.

By providing funding for equipment, home modifications, emergency respite care and travel costs associated with essential medical treatment, Y Kids aims to enhance the standard of living for children with high care needs and their carers. The Y Kids Pilot is proudly funded by our Foundation Partner, Suncorp, and the Grant Thornton Foundation.



Time frames

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| > Y Kids Opens | <i>Wed 23rd Oct</i> | > Panel Meeting | <i>Fri 6th Dec</i> |
| > Closing Date | <i>Wed 20th Nov</i> | > Applicants Notified By | <i>Fri 20th Dec</i> |

Who can apply?

Both individuals and eligible organisations on behalf of an individual can apply for a grant.

Eligible individuals

1. Aged 0 - 17.
2. Living with a recognised physical disability that results in a high level of physical support needs.
3. Living at home, foster care, rehab or hospital.
5. Eligible to all children living in Australia.

Eligible organisations

1. Non-government organisations that currently provide care and support to children living with a disability can apply on behalf of a child or family.
2. Must be able to provide evidence of current Public Liability Insurance for no less than \$5 million.
3. Must be able to provide current financial records or a current annual report.
4. Ideally, have an existing relationship with the beneficiary of the grant so that the 'item' purchased through this grant complements what is already being provided by the organisation.

Ineligible applications

1. Individuals over 18.
2. Individuals requiring palliative care.
3. Individuals living with a condition not causing physical disability .
4. Any organisation with outstanding acquittals (acquittals not received within 12 months).

**If you would like to discuss a potential application or need more information, please contact
Youngcare Connect on **1800 844 727** or email **ahcg@youngcare.com.au****

Submission process

- › All submissions that meet the criteria outlined will be considered by Youngcare.
- › Application forms submitted with support from eligible organisations should be jointly submitted by the eligible organisations and individual grant recipients. Individual applications need to be submitted by the individual grant recipient and or their next of kin/advocate.
- › Submissions will be considered using the criteria outlined below.

What can the grants be used for?

Eligible items are those that are unable to be funded by the NDIS or elsewhere, including

- › Equipment (including essential medical equipment, double adjustable beds, air conditioners and other essential items).
- › Home modifications to enable access and mobility (e.g. ramps).
- › Respite and support services (ongoing or block).
- › Travel costs associated with essential medical treatment.
- › Other items that will extend the recipient's ability to remain at home.
- › Pre-planning reviews/reports.
- › Possible gaps in NDIS funding where cost is incurred by the family.

* All requests for home modifications or equipment must include an Occupational Therapy report.

** All requests must provide evidence that other funding sources, including NDIS, have been declined or significantly delayed.

For further information please refer to the FAQs on page 6.

How will the recipients be determined?

A panel comprising Youngcare staff, sector and donor representatives determine how the grants will be awarded. The following criteria will be considered when choosing who will receive a grant. The panel's decision will be final.

Selection criteria

1. The extent to which the purchase of the 'item' will support the family to care for their child.
2. The extent to which this purchase would be complementary to current service provision and support the recipient is receiving.
3. The recipient is aged between 0 to 17.
4. The extent to which the grant will enhance the child and family's quality of life.
5. The long term impact of the grant on the child and family's life.
6. The extent of the child's care needs.
7. The extent to which funding may be available elsewhere.

Funding arrangements

- › Equipment that is purchased becomes the property of the individual, therefore the ongoing maintenance and replacement is the responsibility of the family.

Examples of possible application items include:

- › Respite care
- › In-home support
- › Wheelchair ramp
- › Air conditioning
- › Wheelchair modification
- › Hire equipment
- › Gaps in NDIS funding
- › Cough assist machine
- › Suction equipment
- › Companion bed
- › Travel costs

Applications by eligible organisations

- › Successful organisations will have 12 months from the receipt of the funding to use and acquit the grant funding.
- › Must have consent of the child's legal guardian.
- › All of the funding received by successful organisations must be distributed, on behalf of Youngcare, for the direct benefit of the individual.
- › 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 modifications. 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.
- › Hours purchased for respite and support workers under this grant will be managed by the supporting organisation.

Applications by families

- › Grants awarded to individuals without the support of an organisation will be paid directly to a supplier or service provider.
- › The individual is responsible for obtaining a valid GST invoice addressed to Youngcare Ltd for the amount of the grant (plus GST) from the supplier or service provider whose quote was used as part of a successful funding application.
- › Home modifications need to be organised and managed by the family (or legal guardian). An agreement needs to be established regarding the maintenance and care of the modifications. This is the responsibility of the family (or legal guardian), and faulty or poor workmanship will need to be addressed by the family (or legal guardian).
- › Hours purchased for respite and support workers under this grant will be managed by the family (or legal guardian).

Insurance

- › Eligible organisations must maintain Public Liability Insurance for no less than \$5 million per event and provide evidence of that insurance to Youngcare.
- › Families making applications without the support of an eligible organisation must ensure that any contractors or installers engaged in connection with the use of their grant funds have Public Liability Insurance and, if required by law, insurance specific to the works being undertaken.

Complaints process

- › Clients who benefit from Y Kids Grants and who received that grant with the support of an organisation must access the complaints processes of the organisation that was funded to administer the grant. In any circumstance whereby the child did not receive the benefit of the grant, Youngcare's complaints process will be used.
- › Youngcare reserves the right to contact the child 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 www.youngcare.com.au/what-we-do/grants/y-kids-grants.

How to lodge an application

To be considered for a Youngcare At Home Care Grant, **applications must be completed and received by 4:00pm (QLD time) on the closing date.** You will receive confirmation of receipt of your submission within two business days.

Submissions can be lodged by completing the form online at youngcare.smartygrants.com.au

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Youngcare Connect on **1800 844 727** or email ahcg@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 more than \$10,000.

2. The total cost of my item/service I am applying for is greater than \$10,000. 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 achieved, personal funds, other grant funding) of how the remaining costs will be funded and that they can be completely funded within 12 months of the agreement.

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 why you are unable to submit two quotes (i.e. live remotely or can only source one supplier for the equipment).

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

While it is recommended that grant applicants apply through a non-government organisation, it is not required. 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 Organisation, am I able to apply for the grant on behalf of a client?

Unfortunately, Youngcare is unable to acquit funds through a government department, be it local, state, or federal. However, some not-for-profit organisations which are government agencies may be eligible, and we encourage you to facilitate the application between the applicant and an eligible organisation. Please note that only not-for-profit incorporate organisations are eligible to apply on behalf of an individual, but you are able to assist individuals to apply on their own behalf.

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

An 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, and that any company undertaking such works has public liability insurance and any other insurance reasonably necessary to undertake the works required. Where individuals are applying for grants without the assistance of an organisation, this responsibility to ensure each of the above is satisfied rests with the individual. Any reputable construction company should be able to provide a Certificate of Insurance.

7. Why do applicant organisations need to provide financial reports and/or a current annual report?

Where the grant has been made to an organisation, 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.

9. When will we be notified and how?

Applicants will be sent an email and a letter notifying them of the outcome. If successful, you will also be sent a service agreement and an acquittal report.

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 registered allied health professional), two quotes, and a respite 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.

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 show the greatest risk of admission into inappropriate housing.

13. How will the funding be allocated?

Due to the high number of applicants, funding is allocated to applicants based on the selection criteria on page 4.

14. Is there any further reporting required?

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

15. If successful, how soon can payment be made?

Youngcare cannot make emergency or urgent payments. Payment will be made within 10 days of receiving the returned signed Service Agreement and an invoice accurately made out to Youngcare.

16. How long is a significant delay in regards to the NDIS?

Anything longer than 6 months, or if the applicant is at immediate risk. Please call us on 1800 844 727 if you are unsure.