



Lottery Individuals with Disabilities Grants

Eligibility

You must have a permanent physical, sensory, psychiatric or intellectual disability which:

- reduces your mobility or ability to communicate
- reduces your ability to use normal means of transportation

Applications have more chance of being approved if you meet the funding priorities which are listed overleaf.

What Could I Get?

Lottery Individuals with Disabilities will fund the **purchase of vehicles, vehicle modifications, scooters and other mobility equipment that will provide outdoor mobility**. It also provides grants to people with communication-related disabilities for the **purchase of equipment to facilitate communication**.

The maximum grant for a car is \$12,000 (plus GST). If an applicant can justify the need for a van rather than a car, the maximum grant available is \$15,000 (plus GST). The maximum grant for a mobility scooter is usually \$4000 (plus GST). There is no maximum amount for disability equipment, but as a general rule, grants rarely exceed \$10,000 (plus GST).

Lottery Individuals with Disabilities Committee **does not** give grants for:

- applicants who have received a grant for a vehicle or the same mobility equipment in the last six years
- applicants who have had an application considered (including an unsuccessful application) during the current financial year (which runs from the beginning of July to the end of June) unless there has been a significant change in circumstances
- the purchase of and/or alterations to any property or building or home furnishings
- vehicles and equipment already purchased
- vehicle or equipment repairs or maintenance
- medical equipment or treatment
- domestic or overseas travel
- participation in educational courses or training or educational aids
- hearing aids, glasses or wigs
- debt repayment, including applications where debts have been incurred after the application is made

Where To From Here?

For more information or to apply online, visit www.communitymatters.govt.nz. We also hold application forms here at DRC, in our Community Library. Please see overleaf for funding priorities.

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Lottery Individuals with Disabilities Grants Funding Priorities

The Committee prioritises each application for funding, having regard to:

- the severity of the disability
- the contribution the vehicle or equipment would make to the applicant's quality of life
- the financial circumstances of the applicant with the disability and their family
- the availability of alternative transport or assistance
- the family situation of the applicant
- the applicant's locality
- any assistance provided in the past
- applicants for whom funding is not demonstrably available elsewhere

Situations in which Priority is Awarded

When the vehicle or disability equipment will be used:

- to improve independence in day-to-day living
- to maintain a person's presence/mana in the community
- to help ensure family/whānau coherence
- for transport to activities during the school day
- for personal shopping by the disabled person
- to transport medical or rehabilitation equipment (where the individual is disabled)
- to help prevent career instability or vulnerability
- for transport to leisure/recreational activities or craft groups

Situations in which Priority is not Awarded

- for transport to school, medical treatment or other therapy
- for transport to renal dialysis
- for travel to training/employment

However, you may provide information on your needs in these areas for background information.

Lower Priority for Funding

Grant requests for children under two years are given lower priority for funding.