



# Royal Life Saving WA Community Help Grants

Application Form



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# COMMUNITY HELP GRANTS

The Royal Life Saving Society Western Australia is committed to reducing the burden of drowning on the Western Australian community by helping families impacted by a non-fatal drowning incident.

## Objective of the Community Help Grants

The objective of the grant is to support families in Western Australia whose child has experienced a non-fatal drowning incident. This is achieved through financial assistance for counselling, therapy, specialised equipment, vehicle or home modifications, respite care, technology purchases or any other resources or items that would help make a difference in their lives.

## Grant Funding

Royal Life Saving Society WA is offering up to \$10,000 per quarter to be shared among all applications received at a maximum of \$2,500 each.

## When to apply

Applications may be submitted at any time.

## Who can apply?

Community Help Grants are available to the family or legal guardian of a child (under 18 years of age) who has experienced an injury or disability as the result of a non-fatal drowning incident.

Applicants must permanently live in Western Australia.

## What can the Community Help Grants support?

The family or legal guardian of the child can apply for funding for any service, resource or item they feel will make a positive difference to the child's care and welfare or the family's life.

RLSSWA will consider supporting counselling, therapy sessions, purchase of equipment, necessary vehicle or housing modifications (such as wheelchair restraints or wheelchair ramps), and specialised assistive technology for children with sensory, communication or physical impairments. This list is not exhaustive, so if your child's needs are different to those outlined above, please still complete the application. or contact us to discuss eligibility.

### Examples include assistance with:

- Counselling for family members
- Supplementary respite care for the child
- Nanny or additional childcare services for siblings to enable parents to be with the child
- Therapy sessions of benefit to the child's recovery
- Equipment and/or technology to assist with continuing the child's therapy at home
- Specialised equipment purchases, such as a wheelchair
- Vehicle modifications to enable carriage of a wheelchair
- Housing modifications and/or installation of wheelchair ramps enabling wheelchair access to the family home
- Furniture required to support the child's disability
- Repairs and/or maintenance to existing equipment, modifications or technology

## What are the funding criteria?

1. Community Help Grants are available to the family or legal guardian of a child (under 18 years of age) who has been impacted by a non-fatal drowning incident, particularly where the child has suffered long term permanent injuries as a result.
2. The family or legal guardian of the child can apply for funding for any service, resource or item they feel will make a difference to the child's care and welfare or the family's life.
3. Potential recipients must not have received funding in full for the requested service, resource or item from another organisation or entity.
4. Royal Life Saving Society WA will consider co-funding an item of equipment, modifications or technology with another organisation or entity at the request of the applicant; however, co-funding is not guaranteed and will be at the discretion of Royal Life Saving Society WA and the other proposed organisation.
5. Royal Life Saving Society WA will consider applications for retrospective funding for equipment, modifications or technology purchased/installed within the current financial year. That is, equipment, modifications or technology purchased/installed between 1 July and 30 June within the current financial year will be considered for funding.
6. Previous grant recipients may re-apply for funding when required for additional needs; however, funding will not be provided for anything that has previously been funded by a Community Help Grant and applications from families who have not previously received a grant will be prioritised.
7. The application must demonstrate how the funding will make a difference to the care and welfare of the child and/or the life of the family.
8. All funds are allocated at the absolute discretion of Royal Life Saving Society WA.



## Next Steps

Complete the electronic application form below and email to [grants@royallifesavingwa.com.au](mailto:grants@royallifesavingwa.com.au)

We recommend that you have the current version of Adobe Reader installed prior to completing the e-form. If you are using an older version of Adobe Reader, you will still be able to open the form but it may not function as it should.

If you prefer, simply print the form, complete by hand, scan, attach and return via email.

Applications are assessed on a bi-monthly basis by the grants committee.

## Notification

All applicants will be notified as to whether or not their grant has been approved, at the latest, by the end of the second month after their application has been submitted i.e. if your application is submitted in January you will be notified by the end of March. Please advise us in your application if funding is urgently required, as we may be able to fast-track the approval process.

## Acquittal process

All applications received will be eligible for consideration for a Community Help Grant. If we have any queries relating to your application we will contact you following receipt of your application.

All applicants will be notified by the end of the second month after their application has been submitted.

Written quotes may be required for requested goods and services. Proof of funding allocation may also be required.

Should your application not be successful this time, you may resubmit your application for funding consideration in the future.

Future funding applications may be submitted by families who have received Community Help Grants to help meet additional needs; however, priority will be given to families who have not yet received a grant and the subsequent application must not be for the same item or service that has already been funded.

# APPLICATION FORM

Name of child impacted by a non-fatal drowning accident:

Date of birth of child:

Name of applicant:

Relationship to child:

Postal address:

Suburb:

State:

Postcode:

Phone Number: Mobile

Home

Email:

Resource, service or item applied for (please describe its purpose and use):

Value of grant applied for (to a maximum of \$2,500):

Please tell us your story of the incident:

Please provide a brief description of the medical/hospital care received at the time of the incident and subsequent medical assistance required. (200 word max.)

How would the funding make a difference to the care and welfare of your child's life? (300 word max.)

How would the funding make a difference to the care and welfare of your family's life? (300 word max.)

I agree that I or my family have not received funding in full for the requested service, resource or item from another organisation or entity.

Yes

I agree to provide Royal Life Saving WA with tax receipts for resources, service or item purchased.

Yes

NB: Royal Life Saving WA would prefer to pay the supplier of the resource, service or item directly.

Are you willing to allow your story to be used in future communication and promotion of the program? This will not impact the result of your application.

Yes

Please email the completed form to: [grants@royallifesavingwa.com.au](mailto:grants@royallifesavingwa.com.au)

Contact us on (08) 9383 8200 with any questions.





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