

Funding Options

Digital Assistive Technology



This workshop will cover

- Government agency funding.
- Grant funding options.
- What type of information should be included in a funding application.

National Disability Insurance Scheme

NDIS funding is available for people aged between 7 and 65 years old.

To find out more information about eligibility please visit the NDIS website.

<https://www.ndis.gov.au/>



NDIS - Reasonable and Necessary

- Do I need this because of my disability?
- Is it reasonably priced and good value compared to other options?
- Will it help me reach the goals in my NDIS plan?
- Will it help me to participate in community activities and social participation?
- Is it most appropriately funded by the NDIS or are there other funding avenues available?
- Is it safe and will it be effective?



NDIS - Is the item disability specific?

NDIS will not fund day-to-day living costs, that are not attributable to a participant's disability support needs.



NDIS - Process for Application

Assistive technology falls into one of three categories

- Low Cost (under \$1500)
- Mid Cost (\$1500 to \$15,000)
- High Cost (Over \$15,000)

If your situation changes, change of circumstances request can be submitted at any time.



NDIS - Appeal process

What if my request for AT is declined?

- Internal review
- External review by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal

<https://www.ndis.gov.au/participants/how-review-planning-decision>



NDIS Appeals supports

There are two types of supports available via NDIS Appeals:

- Access to a skilled disability advocate
- Funding for legal services.



Lifetime Support Authority

Individuals involved in a motor vehicle accident on South Australian Roads who sustained serious and permanent injuries

To find out more information about eligibility please visit the LSA website.

<https://www.lifetimesupport.sa.gov.au/>



LSA - Funding

- Increase independence
- Support participation in community
- Improve mobility
- Facilitate communication
- Support vocational, educational or leisure activities
- Maintain health
- Relieve pain or discomfort
- Increase safety



LSA - process of application

- Discuss with your LSA service coordinator.
- <https://www.lifetimesupport.sa.gov.au/>



My Aged Care

- For people over 65
- Assistive Technology must:
 - be directly linked to care needs and goals
 - improve your well-being
 - support safety and independence in your own home
 - be delivered as part of your home care package budget
- And would be considered an acceptable use of government funds.
- <https://www.myagedcare.gov.au/>



Return to Work S.A.

- For people who have been injured at work.
- AT needs to be assessed and prescribed.
- <https://www.rtwsa.com/>



Department of Veterans Affairs

DVA funding is available for veterans and reservists engaged in the Australian Defence Force.

To find out more information about eligibility please visit the DVA website.

<https://www.dva.gov.au/>



Job Access

This pathway of funding is specifically around modifications to your workplace, to allow you to complete work duties

For more details please visit:
<https://www.jobaccess.gov.au>



Grants

- Julia Farr Trust Fund
<https://www.purpleorange.org.au/what-we-do/our-grants>
- Joseph Seridis Trust Fund
<https://jstf.org.au/>
- Beyond Blindness
<https://beyondblindness.org.au/>
- Young Care
<https://www.youngcare.com.au/>



What should I include in my funding application

- Address all of the eligibility criteria.
- Emphasise the personal impact the AT will deliver.
- Information about value for money where possible.
 - Provide comparisons.



Thankyou for listening

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