

MS Empower Grants

Empowering people to live well with multiple sclerosis



About MS Society SA & NT

The MS Society SA & NT (MS Society) is the leading provider in South Australia and Northern Territory of reliable information, allied health and social supports to minimise the impact of multiple sclerosis (MS) and other neurological conditions.

Our aim is to empower people with MS to live well, while supporting research. We work with our own MS experienced health professionals and other health professionals in the community to provide coordinated, caring and quality services and support.

About MS Empower Grants

The *MS Empower Grants* are available for individuals living with multiple sclerosis who need essential funding to access items, services or activities that will empower them to live well while improving their quality of life.

These grants are funded by proceeds raised in the MS Game Changer Lottery.

The *MS Empower Grants* can provide funding where there are gaps in an NDIS participant's plan, but there is still clear evidence of need.

APPLICATION DETAILS

Eligibility

Are you:

- A person living with multiple sclerosis
- A registered client of the MS Society
- Living in South Australia or Northern Territory

Eligible items

- Essential equipment
- Home modifications
- Essential support services
- Household items and utilities
- Activities that improve quality of life.

People with or without NDIS plans can apply. People with NDIS plans may be required to show evidence of funding. Grants will not be awarded where alternate funding is available.

How to apply

- Complete the application form.
- Indicate how the money will be spent and provide supporting evidence of general costings to help us determine the grant value.
- Provide a recent, high quality, digital photograph of yourself that may be used for promotional purposes.

Email completed applications,
and supporting documents,
to knixon@ms.asn.au.

Applications close:
Monday 25 November 2019, 5pm



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SUBMISSION PROCESS

What happens next?

- The MS Society will consider all completed submissions that meet the criteria.
- The application form is to be submitted by an eligible individual and must outline the proposed funding.
- Submissions must be signed by the individual or a nominated carer.
- Submissions will be considered using the selection criteria.
- A panel of allied health and disability sector professionals from the MS Society will determine the allocation of funds.

Selection criteria

- The extent to which the grant will support the recipient to live well.
- The long-term positive impact of the grant on the recipient's quality of life.
- The grant request is reasonable and necessary.
- The outcome if an individual was not to receive these funds.
- The recipient is living with MS, and is a client of the MS Society.
- Consideration of current support and NDIS funding.
- The application is completed in full and all supporting documentation has been provided.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By signing the application form, the applicant agrees to the following terms and conditions:

- The applicant must show how they have used the grant funding within a reasonable time period following the allocation of grant funds.
- The successful applicant must be willing to discuss the impact of the grant with staff from the MS Society and may be asked to share their story for publicity, and promotional purposes.
- The grant is given in good faith and the MS Society removes itself from any liability associated with expenditure in relation to the grant.
- The grant is a one-off. There will be no recurrent funding made available to successful candidates.
- Limited funding is available and submitting an application does not guarantee the applicant will receive a grant.
- Grants will only be awarded where alternate funding is not available. Applicants may be required to provide evidence of funding.
- Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications close Monday 25 November 2019, 5pm.

**For more information, please contact the MS Society SA & NT
on (08) 7002 6500 or at knixon@ms.asn.au**

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Application form

Applicant details

Name:

Date of birth:

Address:

Suburb:

State:

Postcode:

Email:

Phone: ()

Year of MS diagnosis:

What would the grant be used for?

Please state the item, service or activity that would be purchased with the grant.

Description and cost

Please include details of the specified item, service or activity and attach supporting evidence of general costings.

Are you currently a participant in the NDIS?

Yes

No (continue to next page)

If yes, have you applied for this item through the NDIS?

Yes

No

- If yes, please detail why the NDIS did not provide funding for this item.
- If no, please tell us why you haven't applied for NDIS funding for this item.

How would this grant have a positive impact on your quality of life?

How would this grant help you to live well with MS and manage your MS symptoms?

If applying for equipment, mobility aids, or home modifications, would you like an occupational therapist to contact you to arrange an assessment?

An OT assessment is an additional cost and may not be covered by the grant.

Yes No

Applicants must complete this form in full and supply relevant supporting documents, to apply for the *MS Empower Grants*. By completing this form, the applicant hereby consents to the terms and conditions. The MS Society is committed to the protection of private information. Our Privacy Policy is available at www.ms.asn.au.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name of person completing this form if not applicant: _____

Send your completed application, and supporting documents, to the MS Society SA & NT:

Email: knixon@ms.asn.au

Mail: PO BOX 377, Salisbury South DC, SA 5106

MS Society head office, 341 North East Road, Hillcrest SA 5086

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