

Rescare Inc

Funding for families and carers of a person with a disability living at home

GUIDELINES

Aims of the funding

Funding will be provided in accordance with the principle objectives of Rescare Inc. These are to:

- provide direct relief through material aid and practical assistance to people with disabilities, their carers and families.
- offer planned and emergency respite services for people with disabilities, their carers and families.

Funding Eligibility

Who can apply for this funding?

Families and carers who have a family member with a disability living at home are eligible to apply. Applications should be submitted where possible by the primary carer of the person with a disability ("the applicant").

Who is not eligible to apply for this funding?

Funding is not available for not for profit organisations, schools, service providers or for individuals whose family member with a disability is living outside the family home or in supported accommodation.

Respite funding may only be considered where it is evident that insufficient funding is available to the family member with a disability from other sources eg NDIS or ISP.

What is the type of support available under this funding?

Category 1

- Purchase of planned respite services in the family home to enable the primary carer to spend time away from the family home eg weekend sporting events and educational or social activities.
- Funding to support the costs of planned respite services outside the family home. For example in a respite house, a camp or other recreational activity.
- Purchase of emergency respite support where the carer is not able to meet the immediate needs of the family member with a disability living at home. For example family medical emergency.

Category 2

- Purchase of specific equipment to assist with the care of the family member with a disability living at home. For example, the installation of a wheelchair accessible hydraulic hoist for the family motor vehicle or other specific house modifications or lifting aides. Applicants may apply for support provided the request is not readily available through other grant

programs. Consideration however, may be provided where it can be demonstrated that there is a shortfall from fundraising activities or applications to other available funding eg. Government grants.

What is not likely to be funded

- Funding for carers and families where there is sufficient funding available for the family member with a disability for respite services from other sources eg NDIS or ISP.
- The purchase of equipment for the home or motor vehicle where sufficient funds have been received from other sources eg fundraising.
- Retrospective funding for purchases of equipment or respite services.
- Expenses for accommodation, travel or other expenses incurred by the family or carer.

Funding Limits**Category 1**

Funding for respite will depend on the availability, cost and frequency of the planned respite. For example a reasonable expectation of 4 hours a week x 6 months may be considered up to \$5,000. Emergency or immediate respite will only be considered for short term and may involve overnight support.

Category 2

Equipment funding will generally be considered on an individual basis taking into account support from other funding sources. Funding for wheelchair accessibility hydraulic hoists generally will be funded up to \$30,000.

Assessment Process

Applications will be assessed on a case by case basis and in the context of the funding available. An application does not necessarily result in a funding approval nor should there be an expectation that the total amount of the request will be funded.

Rescare will notify applicants by email of the outcome of the funding request within 2-4 weeks following the receipt of the application.

A letter supporting the application from a doctor or health worker should be provided with the application. This letter will be valid for 12 months from the time of the first application for support.

A delay in the assessment of the application may occur if the applicant has not provided sufficient information or attached required documents.

Applications may be assessed as a priority if the request is for emergency or more immediate needs.

How to apply for funding

All supporting documents including letters and quotes should be obtained before an application is submitted.

The application form should be downloaded and saved to a computer (in Word format). Typed applications should be submitted along with scanned supporting documents to rescare@iprimus.com.au. Handwritten applications will not be accepted.

Supporting Documents

To support the application for funding applicants should provide the following:

- A quote on the supplier's letterhead for any proposed equipment purchase. This must include the supplier's ABN and show the GST being charged.
- A letter from the proposed respite service provider outlining the type and duration of the respite and the expected cost. This should detail the reason additional support is required which exceeds any other funding available to the family eg NDIS, ISP.
- Letter of support from a doctor or health worker who is familiar with the needs of the family and / or the person with a disability.

How will funds be paid?

Category 1

Where respite is being purchased from a registered respite service provider funds will be paid into the bank account of the service provider. The applicant and the service provider will be asked to sign a declaration stating that the funds will be used for the purposes set out in the application and agreed with Rescare.

Category 2

Where the funding is to purchase equipment or for the costs of a contractor the funding will be paid into a nominated bank account of the supplier or the applicant's family as agreed with Rescare.

Cheques or cash will not be paid to applicants.

Applicants will be asked to sign a declaration stating that the funds will be used for the purposes set out in the application and agreed with Rescare.

Conditions of Funding

1. Reporting

- Applicants will be required to complete a brief report within 6 months of receipt of funding. Any request to vary the purpose of the funding or extend the funded period must be requested and approved by Rescare prior to such variation occurring.
- Applicants should keep all documents, receipts and invoices which are relevant to the funding and provide these with the report.

2. Subsequent Applications

Applications for subsequent funding within a 12 month period for planned or emergency respite care may be considered provided that:

- a) a satisfactory report from any previous funding from Rescare has been provided;
- b) evidence can be provided which demonstrates that the family has insufficient funding to meet the cost of planned or emergency respite for the family or carer: and
- c) funding from other sources such as NDIS or ISP has been exhausted.

Further information regarding this funding can be obtained by contacting the Chairperson, Cathy Nash at rescare@iprimus.com.au.

Applications will remain confidential and no information contained in the application will be provided to another party without the approval of the applicant.

Rescare Inc reserve the right to close, suspend or change the guidelines of the funding at any time.