



# Applying for grants for equipment

There are organisations and charities that you can apply to for help in covering the cost of equipment for children and adults. We have created this short guide to help you feel more confident in making an application.

## What do you need?

Think about what is needed. Make sure you have details and a picture of the piece of equipment. A quotation can be very handy. Think about what you could contribute to the cost and what amount of funding you would need to cover the remainder.

## How will it help?

Write down all of the ways in which the piece of equipment will enhance day to day life. e.g. independence, social opportunities, educational purposes

## It's good to talk!

Talk to the organisation about your application. Many of them have advisers or family liaison workers. As well as asking them for their advice on your application it is worth finding out;

- If they can fund the equipment you need
- Who can make the application
- Supporting documents/letters required
- Waiting times for the funding

## Health and social care professionals

Speak to health and social care professionals supporting you and tell them you are thinking of applying for a grant. Depending on what the application requires, ask them if they would be prepared to make the application on your behalf or provide a supporting letter

## Other things to consider

If the piece of equipment will need regular maintenance, think about how you will cover the cost of this and if there is any insurance you need to take out. For families applying for children, will the piece of equipment be suitable for them as they grow?

If you would like to find out about organisations you can apply to for grants, or if you have other questions about applying for a grant contact us on 07535 498 506 or [info@actionduchenne.org](mailto:info@actionduchenne.org).