



Grant-Making Policy

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Applies to

All Motability Foundation Employees

Policy Statement

This policy has been written and will be applied in line with Motability Foundation's Core Values. Motability Foundation, at its discretion, may vary this policy from time to time. **Grant-making Policy for Motability Foundation**

Motability, operating as Motability Foundation, is a charity incorporated by Royal Charter with the charitable objective “*to facilitate the relief and assistance of disabled persons in connection with the provision to the beneficiaries of personal or other transportation*”. The Motability Foundation's Governors, in their role as Trustees of the Charity, set the grant-making strategy with the intention of furthering this objective. Grants may be made to individuals or organisations for exclusively charitable purposes in aid of our objective but are subject to the availability of funds and are made by the Motability Foundation's Charitable Operations Department using eligibility criteria set by the Motability Foundation's Governors.

Applications for grants will be considered in line with this Grant-making Policy, along with specific policies that set out the process and considerations for the different grants programmes available.

Grants Programmes

1. Scheme Grants

'Scheme Grants' are available to support beneficiaries to join the Motability Scheme. The following Scheme Grants Programmes are currently available:

- Cars and Vehicle Adaptations Grants Programme;
- Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles (WAVs) Grants Programme;
- Complex Driving Solutions;
- Bespoke Passenger Solutions

To apply for these grants programmes, an 'Application for Financial Help' (available from the Motability Foundation) should be completed.

2. Access to Mobility Grants

'Access to Mobility' grants are available to beneficiaries where, by awarding a grant, it will provide relief and assistance to a disabled person's transportation needs. The following Access to Mobility Grants Programmes are currently available:

- Driving Lessons Grants Programme;
- Access to Work Grants Programme;
- Transitional Support Programme;
- Additional Transitional Support (ATS) Grants Programme.

To apply for these grants programmes an 'Application for Financial Help' (available from the Motability Foundation) should be completed.

3. Grant Making to Charities and Organisations

The Motability Foundation has two funding channels to support other organisations in providing mobility solutions, the Special Grants Programme and a portfolio of Grants to Charities and Organisations.

This funding can provide support to a charity or other organisation identified as being able to have a very significant, positive impact on the transportation needs of disabled people using eligibility criteria set by the Motability Foundation's Governors..

To apply for a grant from Grants to Charities and Organisations Programmes, a formal proposal will need to be developed for consideration by the Motability Foundation. Information on how to apply can be found on our website and the relevant policy document, including guidance on what to include with the formal proposal.

How we make our decisions

Applications for Scheme-related and Access to Mobility Grants Programmes

The Governors of the Motability Foundation have provided delegated authority to the Motability Foundation's Directors and Charitable Operations Department to consider

applications for Scheme Grants and Access to Mobility Grants Programmes.

When considering applications for these grant programmes, a number of factors will be considered. These will include understanding:

- The disabled person's personal transportation needs;
- The financial circumstances of the disabled person and their family.

The applicant may also be asked to provide further information or supporting evidence in order to progress a grant application. All personal information provided in connection with a grant application will be handled in accordance with the [Motability Foundation's Privacy Policy](#).

Decisions

There is no right of appeal in respect of an unsuccessful application to any grants programme.

Any decision made by Motability Foundation in respect of a grant programme is final.

Funding priorities

The Governors of the Motability Foundation have identified the grants programmes noted in this policy as being the charity's current funding priorities. Furthermore, Governors explicitly note that the Motability Foundation will not make grants:

- Which promote or support political purposes;
- For non-charitable purposes;
- That do not align with our charitable purpose;
- In respect of expenditure already incurred (except in exceptional circumstances);
- Where there is a statutory responsibility of the Government to provide funding to meet the transportation needs of the disabled person.

Terms and Conditions

The Motability Foundation shall apply such terms and conditions to each grant as considered appropriate with regard to the size and nature of the grant. This may be via a letter to the recipient that sets out the basis on which the grant is being made and how it should be used or, in the case of more substantial or complex grant funding, a formal grant agreement.

Where a grant is made to an organisation for a specific purpose, the terms and conditions may stipulate that funding is to be held as a restricted fund.

If the Motability Foundation provides a grant to a non-charitable organisation, this will be subject to a legally-binding grant agreement that ensures the funds are used for exclusively charitable purposes, in line with Motability Foundation's objective and for the benefit of the public.

Changes to this Policy

This policy may be amended, varied, added to or revoked at any time by resolution of Motability Foundation's Governors.

Any change that results in a revision or removal of any of the listed programmes will not be applied retrospectively and will not affect grants already awarded prior to the change.

Reviewing this Policy

Motability Foundation's Governors will review the terms of this policy and its operation every **two** years.

This policy was approved by Grant-Making Committee at its meeting on 3 September and by the Board of Governors on 26 September 2019.

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For further information regarding this policy, please contact the Motability Foundation's, Head of Grant Programmes.