Introduction

Please check if the item can be funded through NDIS or other services first. Variety supports children who have no other options available.

The Variety Freya Fund is the legacy of Freya Williamson. The Williamson family, who loved andcared for Freya for 21 years have been inspired by their own lived experiences, to help families who have children with severe disabilities.

Variety Freya Fund **provides a relief payment of up to $1,000** directly to Tasmanian families who are going through financial hardship as a direct result of caring for a child with a severe physical disability.

At Variety Tasmania's discretion, the amount may be increased in exceptional circumstances, or a family of a deserving child/ren, with a combined household annual income of less than $80,000.

The Fund is designed to be as flexible as possible to help relieve individual families at a time of need or financial distress and when experiencing additional emotional and physical challenges.

Eligibility for the Variety Freya Fund is carefully thought-out, particularly respecting and upholding the dignity of those families. Recipients should be **nominated** by a GP, therapist, specialist, teacher, caseworker, or allied health professional who has a direct and intimate knowledge of the family's situation.

Calling a family, at a time of need to let them know they have been nominated and willreceive up to $1,000 from the Variety Freya Fund, is the best gift anyone can offer.

Eligibility and Nomination

- Variety Freya Fund benefits families and carers of children, under 18 years old, with severe physical disabilities.
- This Grant does not cover the cost of diagnosis or assessments.
- Variety does not pay for installation, maintenance costs, or the cost of insurance. The applicant must cover any costs associated with the installation and maintenance of the equipment and bears all financial and legal liability should any claim arise in the future.
- The family cannot apply directly for a Variety Freya Fund themselves.
- Nominations can be made by Health Professionals, Allied Health

Professionals, or other professionals who are aware of the family's circumstances.

- The nominated family must reside in Tasmania.
- Variety Tasmania has the right to contact the nominated families as part of the grantassessment process to determine eligibility.
- If needed, Variety Tasmania has the right to contact the nominator for additional details.
- Applications are open all year round.
- This is a cash relief payment and can only be made directly to the nominated family.

Decision

Successful nominations:

- If the grant is approved, the family will be notified by telephone and with a formal,written letter within 7 working days of being notified.
- The name of the nominator will be shared with the family only if the nomination wassuccessful and the nominator opted to be identified to the recipient family.
- Families/carers have 3 months from the date of their grant approval letter to submittheir bank details for the grant to be paid to them.
- This is a one-off grant. Families will not be eligible for another Variety Freya Fund gift.
- Variety's decision is final.

Unsuccessful nominations:

- If the grant nomination is not approved, the nominator will be notified via email within 4 weeks after their initial submission.
- Reasons pertaining to unsuccessful nominations are at the discretion of VarietyTasmania.
- Unsuccessful nominations will not impact the family's ability to apply under a differentgrantstream such as an Individual Grant.

Help us reach more children in need

Variety enjoys receiving news about your child's progress, well-being and milestones, particularly those who's achievements were enabled by a Variety Grant.

Allowing us to share your story enables us to illustrate the different ways that Variety can empower children to reach their potential.

Ultimately as a small Tasmanian children's charity with no government funding, we need your testimony to encourage donations from our corporate partners and community supporters to allow us to reach more children and families who would otherwise miss out.

For more information, please contact us on (03) 6248 4888 or info@varietytas.org.au

Did You Know?

Variety is dedicated to empowering Tassie children who are sick, disadvantaged or have additional needs and who would otherwise fall through the gaps of the system.

Simply put, if there is a child living in Tasmania who needs help but can't get it from anywhere else, Variety would like to be there for them. Variety's support is available through the following:

- Grants – we provide individual and community grants for equipment, supplies and therapy that are not funded by government or other organisations. We also grant wigs for children who have lost their hair due to medical condition, such as Alopecia or cancer.
- Programs - we run programs to educate and empower children including:
    - VarietyCreative Arts Program
    - Bikes4Kids
    - Variety Kids Sports Days
    - Variety School Breakfast Club
    - Variety Motor Mouth Camp

- Experiences - we hold inclusive events that bring joy to children and their families. Such as Quiet Santa and Variety Day @ Hobart Zoo and Aquarium.