# FUNDING OPTIONS FOR ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

## VICTORIA BASED FUNDING

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Emergency call and monitoring                                    
Environmental control and home automation                         
Computers & other Smart AT                                        
Recreation and leisure                                           
Vehicle modifications                                             
Building modifications                                            
Repairs and maintenance                                           

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You could access this funding if you:

- Are a permanent resident of Victoria or an asylum seeker
- Have a permanent or long term disability and/or are frail aged
- Require aids and equipment from the aids availability list on a permanent or long-term basis
- You are not receiving assistance from other government-funded aids and equipment programs (e.g. DVA, NDIS, Workcover, My Aged Care Home Care Packages)
- Not receiving compensation relating to your disability or able to claim the cost of the aid through a private health insurance policy
- Are not a hospital in-patient or requiring AT related to the hospital admission

Useful for:

- Mobility aids, including walking aids, wheelchairs and scooters
- Orthoses and splints
- Transfer aids, including hoists
- Beds, bed blocks and specialised mattresses
- Electronic lounge chairs
- Bath and toileting aids, including bath seats, change tables, commodes and mobile shower commodes
- Communication devices
- Environmental control units
- Home modifications and portable ramps

Other notes:

- Will not fund AT that is specifically for use at work or in educational settings
- All funding applications must be supported and submitted by an approved health professional
- Subsidy only – expect to pay for part of the AT purchase. Extra funds are available for children under 18 years of age who are listed on a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card.
- Exclusions apply
You could access this funding if you:

- Are a permanent resident of Victoria or an asylum seeker
- Have a permanent or long term disability and/or are frail aged
- Require vehicle modifications on a permanent or long-term basis
- You are not receiving assistance from other government-funded aids and equipment programs (e.g. DVA, NDIS, Workcover, My Aged Care Home Care Packages)
- Not receiving compensation relating to your disability or able to claim the cost of the aid through a private health insurance policy
- Are not a hospital in-patient or requiring AT related to the hospital admission

Useful for:
- Vehicle modifications to a private vehicle

Other notes:
- $10,000 over a 7 year period.
- Assessment must be completed by an Occupational Therapist or Occupational Therapist Driver Assessor
- Intended to be a subsidy only and is not intended to meet the full cost of all vehicle modifications.
- Exclusions apply – please see the scheme’s guidelines document for details
Victoria State Wide Equipment Program (SWEP) – Supported Accommodation Equipment Assistance Scheme (SAEAS)

You could access this funding if you:

- Are a permanent resident of Victoria or an asylum seeker
- Live in a Department of Health & Human Services funded accommodation facility
- Have a long term disability and/or are frail aged
- You are not receiving assistance from other government-funded aids and equipment programs (e.g. DVA, NDIS, Workcover, My Aged Care Home Care Packages)
- Not receiving compensation relating to your disability or able to claim the cost of the aid through a private health insurance policy
- Have not been released from hospital or an extended care centre within 30 days, where equipment required is related to the hospital admission

Useful for:

- AT for bathing and toileting
- Electronic voice aids
- Environmental control units
- Pressure care equipment
- Specialised seating
- Transfer equipment
- Mobility aids

Other notes:

- You will need to be assessed by a SWEP registered prescriber. Your prescriber will complete a prescription form based on your needs.

swep.bhs.org.au/supported-accommodation-equipment-assistance-scheme-saeas.php
1300 747 937
## Better Hearing Australia - Victoria

You could access this funding if you:

- Live in Victoria
- Are not eligible for other government assistance
- Are unable to afford a hearing aid

[www.betterhearing.org.au](http://www.betterhearing.org.au)
1300 242 842

### Useful for:
- Hearing aids

### Other notes:
- Each person has their hearing tested and assessed to determine the type of hearing aid needed and the programming it will require
- Donated hearing aids are matched to the person, programmed and fitted
### Hearservice (Victorian Deaf Society) Reduced Price Scheme

You could access this funding if you:

- Are not eligible for the Australian Government Hearing Services Program
- Have a Health Care Card, or your income is below the upper threshold for payment of Commonwealth Benefits

Useful for:
- Hearing aids

Other notes:
- Subsidised hearing aid service – sells new hearing aids at a reduced cost

1300 30 20 31
Variety – The Children’s Charity Grants

You could access this funding if you:

- Are a child up to 17 years of age who is sick, disabled, disadvantaged or has special needs and lives in Victoria
- Applicants must be Australian citizens or have Permanent Resident status
- Or are a school, organisation or family member who is looking for assistance for a child who fits the above description
- Are looking for financial support for equipment
- Can demonstrate a genuine need (including financial evidence) and information on how the assistance requested will meet this need

Useful for:

- Provision of AT for mobility, communication, notetaking, emergency call or other similar equipment
- Adapted play equipment and/or wheelchair modifications to bus fleets for a school or organisation

Other notes:

- Individuals or organisations can apply for one piece of equipment / program per funding round. There must be an 18-month gap between successful applications.
- In most instances, Variety requires supporting letters from relevant professionals (e.g. doctors, specialists, therapists, teachers) and quotes for the items requested.

Contact details

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1300 LIFETEC (1300 543 383)
mail@lifetec.org.au

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