



# Information about the Care in the Community Disability Welfare Fund





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# What is the Care in the Community Disability Welfare Fund?



The Care in the Community Disability Welfare Fund:



- is for disabled people and their whānau / family who have been affected by COVID-19
- supports disabled people to connect with local funding providers in their community.



A **funding provider** is a group / service that you might get support from.











Some ways that COVID-19 might have affected disabled people are:

- making them very sick for a long time
- making it harder to go out to places safely
- making it harder to get the money needed to live well.

The Government has put a total of 8 million dollars into the Care in the Community Disability Welfare Fund.

In this document we will call the Care in the Community Disability Welfare Fund the **Fund**.

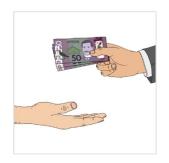
# Who can apply for funding?



Support is available from the Fund for every disabled person in a whānau / family.



This means if you have more than 1 disabled person in your whānau / family they can apply for the same amount of support.



Each disabled person can apply for funding of up to **2 thousand dollars**.



Disabled people of all ages can apply for funding.

# What kind of funding can you get?







You may be able to:

- get direct funding which is money given to you to purchase / buy the support discussed with the funding provider
- have things bought for you by the funding provider such as:
  - support services
  - devices such as flashing doorbells for the Deaf
  - equipment such as walking frames.









Different funding providers offer different kinds of support like:

- connecting people with the different services they need
- food deliveries
- support for Māori whānau and Pacific people.

People can only get funding from 1 funding provider.

#### What can the Fund be used for?



The kinds of things that will be given funding first are:



support for disabled people to connect with social groups and communities



support for the whānau / family of a disabled person

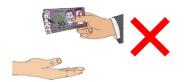


things that will make it less likely for a disabled person to catch COVID-19 like face masks



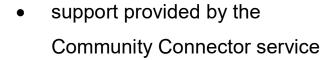
connecting with support networks.

#### What can the Fund not be used for?



The Care in the Community Disability Welfare Fund **cannot** be used for:







 supports / services that have already been bought



- paying for **subscriptions**
- buying cash assets.



Subscriptions are when you agree to pay money to someone lots of times such as every month.

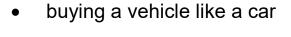


**Cash assets** are documents that can be used in place of money like:

- shares
- stocks
- bonds.



Other things the Fund **cannot** be used for include:







- items used for vaping
- gambling like Lotto tickets
- food.











You can get funding support for food from:



the Food Secure Communities
 Programme



• Special Needs Grant for food.



You can find more information about the Food Secure Communities

Programme at the Ministry of Social Development website here:



https://bit.ly/3UnQ2IT

WORK AND INCOME

You can find more information about the **Special Needs Grant** for food at the Work and Income website here:



https://bit.ly/2ReNyN6

# How do you apply for the Fund?



To apply for the Fund you need to first find a funding provider in the area where you live.



You can find a list of all funding providers on the Ministry of Social Development website at:

https://bit.ly/3hsTZ0f



You should contact the funding provider that best supports your needs.



The funding provider will work with you to find out what support / funding you need.



You do not need to show **proof** of your disability to get funding.

Showing **proof** is when you show that something is true / real.



Funding providers may ask if you can show proof of any supports you buy such as:

- a receipt
- an invoice.



You do not have to show proof of these if you cannot do so.





It is important to know that: funding **cannot** be used for:

- items you have already bought
- items / services you already get funding for.



All funding is given to meet the needs the disabled person / their whānau have now.



Funding will not be given to pay for any **future** needs you might have.

Future means in the years to come.

### Where to get more information





You can find more information about the Care in the Community Disability Welfare Fund on the Ministry of Social Development website at:

https://bit.ly/3TI8650



There are also answers to common questions about the Fund on the website at:

https://bit.ly/3TfAg1n



If you have a question that is not answered on the website you can contact us by email on:

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