



Grant-Making Policy



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All Motability Employees

Policy Statement

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

Grant-making Policy for Motability

Motability 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*". Motability'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 entirely at the Governors' discretion.

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 We Offer

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 Vehicle Conversions Grants Programme.

To apply for these grants programmes, an 'Application for Financial Help' (available from Motability) 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;
- Additional Transitional Support (ATS) Grants Programme.

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

3. Special Grants Programme

The Motability Special Grants Programme can provide support to a charity or other organisation which Motability's Governors identify as being able to have a very significant, positive impact on the transportation needs of disabled people.

To apply for a grant from the Motability Special Grants Programme, a formal proposal will need to be developed for consideration by Motability's Governors. See the Special Grants Programme Policy for more detail, 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 Motability have provided delegated authority to Motability'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 Privacy Policy](#).

Applications for the Motability Special Grants Programme

Applications for the Special Grants Programme will be considered by the Governors of Motability. Further information can be found in the Motability Special Grants Programme Policy.

Decisions made by Motability Governors

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

Any decision made by Motability's Governors in respect of a grant programme is final.

Funding priorities

The Governors of Motability have identified the grants programmes noted in this policy as being the charity's current funding priorities. Furthermore, Governors explicitly note that Motability 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

Motability 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 Motability 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'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's Governors.

Reviewing this Policy

Motability's Governors will review the terms of this policy and its operation every **two (GMC to decide) 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 Lisa Jones. Director of Charitable Operations.

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