



Muscular Dystrophy Canada's Safeway Mobility Grants

What are Safeway Mobility Grants?

Muscular Dystrophy Canada has teamed up with Canada Safeway to raise much needed funds to support those living with neuromuscular disorders. The Safeway Mobility Grants were created to assist registered clients with the purchase of new medically necessary mobility related equipment; in order to be eligible to receive funding, you must be a registered client of Muscular Dystrophy Canada.

What type of equipment is eligible for funding assistance?

The focus of the grants is to provide specialized mobility related equipment that will improve the lives of individuals affected by neuromuscular disorders. Please note that funding will be available on an ongoing basis, and we will be accepting and approving requests throughout the fiscal year, from October 2011 to March 2012. Some items that we are able to consider are:

- Mobility aids such as power and manual wheelchairs, walkers and scooters;
- Seating and positioning aids such as specialty cushions, power tilt and lift chairs;
- Orthopaedic devices such as leg braces, AFOs and orthopaedic splinting;
- Access equipment such as stair glides, porch lifts and ramps;
- Other items such as hospital beds/mattresses, patient lifters, ventilators, cough assists and bathing devices;
- Small contributions to accessible vehicles and home modifications.

To ensure that as many families as possible are able to benefit from this wonderful opportunity, there will be limitations regarding the scope of approval, pertaining to both the amount of funding allotted to each individual, as well as the items that will be considered for funding.

Additionally, Muscular Dystrophy Canada cannot reimburse for purchases already made by individuals. To comply with the guidelines set forth in our Charity Registration Number, we can only issue payment to a licensed vendor.

How does a person apply for a Safeway Mobility Grant?

If you would like to be considered to receive funds from the Safeway Mobility Grant, you are requested to submit the following information:

- The application form, which is available to download at www.muscle.ca (also attached to this letter)
- Two quotes from two different vendors, for the item you are requesting
- A statement of medical necessity from an Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, Orthotist or Respiratory Therapist confirming that the equipment requested is best suited to fit your needs
- Information regarding any other funding sources approached for the equipment

The completed request can be mailed, faxed or e-mailed to the address below. Please note that a request is not considered complete and will not be reviewed until all of the required information is received.

Muscular Dystrophy Canada
Attn: Equipment Services
Western Canada:
1401 West Broadway, 7th floor,
Vancouver, BC, V6H 1H6
F: 604-731-6127, E: infowest@muscle.ca

Once an application is received in its entirety, it is reviewed and a decision is made within 30 days. A member of the Services staff will then call the OT/PT/Family with the decision, and if applicable, a purchase order will be faxed directly to the vendor.

If you are selected as a recipient of the Safeway Mobility Grant, you will be asked to submit a thank you letter and permission to release details of your equipment received and home community to Safeway.

For questions regarding whether or not an item is appropriate for the Safeway Mobility Grant, or for further information, please contact:

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Thank you to Safeway for their generosity and dedication in supporting individuals affected by neuromuscular disorders!

