



## Sensory Grant Criteria

**PLEASE READ THESE GUIDELINES BEFORE COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION FORM**

Guide Dogs will consider a request for funding for up to £500 worth of Sensory equipment which will be of a clear, direct benefit to children and young people with vision impairment(s) where no source of statutory funding will pay.

### WE DO NOT FUND THE FOLLOWING

iPads	Therapy sessions	Repayments of loans
Vehicle adaptations	Medical treatment	General toys
Travel Costs	Household equipment	Furnishing/white goods

Applicants aged 18 and under who are certificated or eligible to be certificated as Severely Sight Impaired (blind) or Sight Impaired (partially sighted) to be considered. Applicants will need to supply proof of vision impairment.

The application will need to be supported by a VI Professional working directly with the applicant at the time of the submission.

All sections of the form must be completed and signed. Any incomplete forms will be rejected. The Sensory Grant application form is for applying for sensory items only. Applications for technology items, such as iPads, laptops and magnifiers should be made using a Guide Dogs Technology Grant form. This can be obtained via the Guide Dogs website. Applications for technology items on sensory forms will be rejected

Sensory equipment provided by Guide Dogs is for home use only. Applications will need to explain how the equipment applied for will support the applicant's everyday life. The decision to support an application will be based on the information provided. If it is deemed insufficient the application will be rejected.

Applicants will be informed of the result by letter and the return of the order confirmation will be required before an order can be placed.

One application, including an unsuccessful application, can be made in a one year period. Successful applicants may not apply again within a **two-year period** for the same or similar item.



The decision to provide support will be made by a board of professionals from Guide Dogs. Every decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into regarding this.

Funds will not be paid retrospectively or to individuals.

**All grants are dependent on available funding. All complete applications will be reviewed by the next available board.**

It is recommended that applications are sent recorded delivery as Guide Dogs will not pay for any missing postage. We will send an email notification when your application has been received. If you hear nothing within two weeks please review your recorded delivery.

Please return your completed application forms, including a supporting letter and other documents to:

Grant Service  
Guide Dogs  
48-62 Woodville Road  
Harborne  
Birmingham  
B17 9AT

Email any completed forms to [grants@guidedogs.org.uk](mailto:grants@guidedogs.org.uk).

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