



## Project Application Guidelines

### What we do

MedEquip4Kids provides medical equipment and facilities for hospitals, health centres, clinics and special schools. Our remit is not to replace statutory funding, but to deliver additional, upgraded or enhanced equipment that benefits children's health, but is not available from limited NHS resources.

We do not make grants and we don't have funds readily available to purchase equipment straightaway. Instead, we accept requests from medical staff and we go out and fundraise on your behalf, so that your time can be dedicated to caring for your patients.

### How it works

1. You submit a request for your equipment to us, either by completing the application form on our website or by contacting us for a discussion first. Please ensure that you have explored all internal funding opportunities before applying.
2. Your application is considered by our trustees at their next meeting and we let you know if it has been accepted. We may ask for more information at this stage.
3. Once your request is approved, we begin fundraising for the equipment from charitable trusts, companies and the local community. Raising the funds takes us around six months on average.
4. During this time, we ask you to notify us if there are any changes to your equipment needs or if you manage to secure internal funding for it.
5. Once funding is complete, we will order the equipment, which is delivered to your hospital, health centre or school. From this point on, you are responsible for its use and maintenance.
6. Six months after the delivery of your equipment, we will contact you again with an evaluation form to complete, including a case study and photographs wherever possible. This is very important to us as we need to demonstrate to our funders the impact of their support. We may also ask to arrange a site visit.

**On the next page are examples of what we do and don't fund. If you are not sure if your request meets our criteria, or for further advice, please contact our project coordinator Evelyn Glarvey on 0161 798 1600 or email [evelyn.glarvey@medequip4kids.org.uk](mailto:evelyn.glarvey@medequip4kids.org.uk) before completing your form.**

# MedEquip4KIDS

## What we fund

- ✓ Neo natal and paediatric medical equipment, for example: incubators, cots, heated mattresses, respiratory equipment, oxygen monitors, phototherapy lamps, cardiac monitors and vein scanners.
- ✓ Play and sensory resources for children's wards, clinics and waiting areas, including sensory lighting, bubble tubes, projectors, toys and games.
- ✓ Enhancing of clinical environments, for example: toys and furniture for outdoor play areas and gardens, or artwork and murals for wards and corridors.
- ✓ Resources for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) including books, toys, games, art materials, and communication aids.
- ✓ Equipment for community nursing teams to use with families at home, for example: phototherapy lamps, diabetes monitors and lung suction machines.
- ✓ Resources for paediatric clinics that support children with specific health issues, for example: continence training tools.
- ✓ Mobility and postural support equipment for local authority-run special schools, for example: Acheeva Beds, walking frames, and specialist posture cushions.

You can see examples of our current projects at: [www.medequip4kids.org.uk/projects](http://www.medequip4kids.org.uk/projects).

## What we do not fund

- ✗ Applications on behalf of individual children or families
- ✗ Medical equipment that does not directly benefit babies or children up to age 18
- ✗ Training for clinical staff
- ✗ Building work
- ✗ Costs of maintaining equipment
- ✗ Private schools (even if they are for children with special needs)

## What we are unlikely to fund\*

- ✗ Electronic items such as televisions, iPads, gaming equipment, etc.
- ✗ Equipment requests with a total value of more than £25,000

\*We can sometimes be flexible with these criteria, so if your project falls into the 'unlikely' category but has demonstrable benefits for children's health, please contact our project coordinator for an initial discussion.

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