



What do we fund?

The Kinsmen Foundation of British Columbia does not fund the purchase of wheelchair accessible motor vehicles or mechanical repairs or modifications to motor vehicles.

Our organization funds a range of new and used equipment and will consider even the most obscure devices if they will assist an individual in their quality of life and personal mobility. Examples of the most frequently funded equipment include:

- Power wheelchairs
- Manual Wheelchairs
- Custom orthotics
- Specialized wheelchair seating systems
- Ramps
- Portable lift system
- Scooters
- Walkers
- Assistive technology devices (e.g. Dragon speaking software)

Funding limits:

As a way of fulfilling as many requests as possible, our organization imposes maximum amounts on certain types of equipment. All equipment and corresponding funding limits are listed below.

- Back-up wheelchair - \$250
- Scooters - \$1000
- Power wheelchairs - \$2000
- Manual Wheelchairs \$500
- Custom orthotics \$3000
- Specialized wheelchair seating systems \$3000
- Ramps \$300
- Portable lift system \$2000
- Walkers \$250
- Assistive technology devices (e.g. Dragon speaking software) \$1000



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Awards are considered by a combination of factors. Approved applications typically demonstrate a severe need, an inability to acquire the needed equipment through other means and applications address each of the following areas:

- financial need of the applicant
- type of disability
- how the equipment request will improve the applicants quality of life and increase personal independence
- if the applicant has explored other avenues of funding
- two or more quotes (from different vendors) for the equipment being applied for
- how long the equipment will meet the client's need
- letter of support and/or assessment from a health care practitioner such as a medical doctor, occupational therapist or physiotherapist

Our mandate is inclusive of a wide range of physical disabilities; these include, but are not limited to:

Spinal Cord Injury

Acquired Brain Injury

Stroke

Cerebral Palsy

Muscular Dystrophy

Spina Bifida

Multiple Sclerosis

ALS

Arthritis

Osteoporosis

Polio

Amputation

Severe Burns