

Earsay - Funding Policy

This funding policy has been agreed by the Executive members with the following key principles:-

- applications for funding are welcomed from all of Jersey's deaf or hearing impaired children, young adults and their families
- the purposes for which funding will be granted will normally be to overcome disadvantages that may be experienced as a result of hearing loss or possibly to help the deaf or hearing impaired child or young adult reach their maximum potential
- any funding approved for one party should be available on a similar basis to all other parties
- approval of funding requests is at the committee's discretion and by their majority decision.

These principles will be subject to the following provisions:-

- all funding provided will be in line with the purpose of the society and within the powers of the committee to approve
- all applications for funding will not be means tested
- funding requests will not be considered purely on the basis of financial hardship
- the purpose for which funding is sought is not covered by funding from States of Jersey or any other funding source
- provision of funding is not governed by precedent, but will be considered by the committee based on the relevant circumstances at the time of application.

Earsay will consider applications for contributing towards funding various purposes including, but not limited to:-

- **environmental aids** to assist with listening to audio devices including television, radio and telephones
- **safety equipment** including fire/smoke alarms,
- **alarm clocks** with vibrating pad/flashing light
- **travel costs** to hospital appointments in the UK for the patient and accompanying adult
- attendance of **hearing-related training**, for instance BSL courses or NDCS courses
- **computer equipment** for educational purposes including laptops and printers
- **specialist software** to assist deaf or hearing-impaired children and young adults
- additional **pre-school nursery care**
- involvement in training courses and trips for **extracurricular activities** including sports, music and dance.

Funding for replacement equipment will only be considered if the committee considers a reasonable time has elapsed since a previous funding of that equipment or a professional recommendation has been given to replace the equipment.

The applicant will have responsibility for the proper use, maintenance and the insurance of any equipment that is purchased. Any equipment purchased will effectively become the property of the applicant. However, if the equipment is no longer required and still has a useful purpose then we expect the applicant to offer the equipment back to Audiology to see if someone else can benefit from it.

In the case of any equipment that has been recommended and purchased through Audiology (e.g. environmental aids, alarm clocks and fire alarms) then Earsay will make payment direct to the supplier/s.

All other funding requests should be supported by:-

- specific details of the equipment to be purchased
- evidence of the cost of the item (e.g. a quotation, or the web address for a page showing the item and cost).

Funding support should be sought prior to making any purchase for any purpose, including environmental aids. Retrospective applications will normally only be considered within a 6 month period after any purchase.

The application must state clearly whether funding has been sought from States of Jersey or any other funding source and the amount of any funding that has been granted.

The proportion of the funding that the committee approves may vary according to the purpose the funding will be applied to, funding provided by other bodies and other related funding requests submitted by the applicant.

Funding for these other purposes will only be made to the applicant against a receipt showing the purchase has been completed. In exceptional circumstances where the applicant does not have sufficient funds of their own available to make the purchase prior to receiving funding, the committee may consider making payment direct to the supplier.