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## **Quality of Life Grant Guidelines**

**Quality of Life Grant:** In order to access the program for grants consisting of medical equipment (equipment may be purchased new, recycled or available from existing loans cupboard), the MS Society of Canada, will require the following:

- **Written confirmation of the diagnosis of multiple sclerosis** from a family physician or neurologist. This is a **one-time requirement**. The information is retained in a confidential database.
- Being a member of the Society is not a criterion to receive a grant.
- **Completion of the application:** The application must be completed in full with the signatures of the health care professional and applicant. We encourage cost sharing and request the individual/family to contribute to the cost of the equipment to the best of their ability. **Please access as many other sources of funding possible before submitting an application to be considered for a grant.**
- **A written assessment by a health care professional** supporting the need for equipment, including the following factors where applicable:
  - Functional ability – physical and cognitive
  - Psycho-social needs, level of fatigue
  - How applicant/family will benefit from the equipment being requested
- **A signed Release of Information and the Equipment Release form** acknowledging that if the MS Society has purchased or loaned equipment on a permanent basis and paid 50% or more of the total cost the MS Society retains ownership of the equipment.

**Please be aware that the MS Society very rarely provides grants “after the fact” for equipment.** The amount of grants available through our program is based on individual need and the budgets available. Once completed application has been received the applicant and health care provider will be contacted to discuss amount of grant needed.

**Not funded:** home renovations; exercise equipment; TENS units; therapy; drugs, or food supplements.

**Note:** Grants for central air conditioning are approved only once in a lifetime. Portable/window air conditioners may be considered every 5 years.