

Financial Assistance for Aids and Equipment for Differently- Abled Persons

Funding Authority:

State Government

Objective of the Scheme:

This scheme aims to provide financial assistance to differently-abled individuals for purchasing aids and equipment based on their age and type of disability.

Eligible Categories:

As per the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, individuals belonging to any of the 21 disability categories are eligible.

Eligibility Criteria:

The applicant must have at least 40% disability.

The applicant must be a resident of Maharashtra.

The applicant's monthly income should be:

- ☐ 1,500 or less → Eligible for 100% financial assistance for aids and equipment.
- ☐ 1,500 to ☐ 2,000 → Eligible for 50% financial assistance for aids and equipment.

Financial Assistance Provided:

The scheme provides assistance for purchasing the following aids and equipment:

Hearing aids for hearing-impaired individuals.

Crutches, artificial limbs, wheelchairs, and tricycles for physically disabled individuals.

Audio recorders and blank audio cassettes (up to ☐ 3,000) for visually impaired individuals.

Application Process:

The applicant must fill out the prescribed application form and submit it along with the required documents at the District Social Welfare Office, Zilla Parishad, or Assistant Commissioner, Social Welfare Department, Mumbai (City & Suburban Areas).

Type of Scheme:

Special Assistance

Contact Office:

District Social Welfare Office, Zilla Parishad / Assistant Commissioner, Social Welfare Department, Mumbai (City & Suburban Areas)

Beneficiaries:

Differently-abled individuals falling under the 21 disability categories as per the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

Key Benefits:

Financial support to purchase essential aids and equipment for improving mobility, communication, and quality of life.

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