

## **Motability – Charitable Grants**

### **About Motability**

Motability is a national charity, founded in 1977, with the purpose of enhancing the lives of disabled people with transportation solutions. Our vision is that no disabled person shall be disadvantaged due to poor access to transportation.

In order to achieve this, we offer a range of charitable grant programmes to individuals and organisations to support the independence of disabled people with their personal or other transportation needs.

Our support can mean that disabled people are able to carry out everyday activities which other may take for granted, such as commuting to work, getting to hospital appointments or enjoying days out with their family and friends.

### **Scheme-Related Grant Programmes**

Whilst the vast majority of Motability Scheme customers use just their mobility allowance to lease the vehicle they require, some people are unable to afford the Advance Payment and any adaptations they need to be able to access the benefits of the Motability Scheme. We offer support through the following grant programmes:

- **Car and Vehicle Adaptations Grant Programme**  
Through our Car and Vehicle Adaptations Grant Programme, we support customers with the Advance Payment towards a Motability Scheme car and any adaptations or vehicle manufacturer options necessary to meet their disability needs. More about this programme can be found [on our website](#).
- **Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles (WAVs) Grant Programme**  
WAVs are vehicles which have been adapted to enable a wheelchair user to access and remain in their wheelchair when travelling. As they are specialist conversions, WAVs can be expensive. Through our WAVs Grant Programme, we offer help towards an Advance Payment, adaptations or dealer options needed on Scheme leases, and mid-lease adaptations where someone's mobility has decreased. More about this programme can be found [on our website](#).
- **Complex Driving Solutions Grant Programme**  
Some disabled people need a bespoke driving solution or adaptations which enable them to access a vehicle whilst remaining in their wheelchair, either driving from their wheelchair or transferring onto a specialist driver seat. They may also need specialist controls to be able to drive. As these vehicles

are tailored around the individual, they are considerably more expensive than a standard production WAV. Our Complex Driving Solutions Grant Programme can help with the additional costs that come with these vehicles. More about this programme can be found [on our website](#).

## **Access to Mobility Grant Programmes**

Our Access to Mobility Grant Programmes have been created to help disabled people who may need help towards the costs of their transportation needs. We currently offer support through the following grant programmes:

- **Driving lessons Grant Programme**  
Motability can provide grants towards the cost of learning to drive for disabled people who have a current or pending lease through the Motability Scheme. More about this programme can be found [on our website](#).
- **Transitional Support Package (TSP)**  
Motability offers a Transitional Support Package (TSP) which is designed to assist customers who lose their eligibility to remain on the Motability Scheme when they are reassessed from DLA to PIP by the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP). The package also allows customers to retain their vehicle for up to 26 weeks, but the TSP amount is reduced accordingly. This helps customers remain mobile, and in many cases by purchasing a used car. More about this package can be found [on our website](#).
- **Additional Transitional Support Grant Programme**  
Through our Additional Transitional Support (ATS) programme, Motability may be able to provide help towards keeping customers mobile if they cannot continue with their Motability Scheme lease due to a reassessment by the DWP. We can offer financial help towards the cost of buying a replacement vehicle, buying new adaptations or transferring adaptations to a new vehicle. More about this programme can be found [on our website](#).
- **Stopped Allowance Support Grant Programme**  
Motability has committed to helping customers who lose eligibility to the Motability Scheme as a result of a benefit reassessment by the DWP, either in renewing their PIP award, renewing their DLA award, or those transitioning to PIP but are not eligible for the Transitional Support Package. This is in the form of a Stopped Allowance Support payment of £1,000, replacing the Return to Dealer payment of £250, and will be available for three years from September 2019. Customers cannot receive both the Transitional Support Package and Stopped Allowance Support. More about this programme can be found [on our website](#).

- **Access to Work Grant Programme**

The Government's Access to Work programme provides support to disabled people who are in work or have been offered work. The help available through this programme includes grants towards the cost of equipment required for individuals to gain or retain employment. If a grant is offered through the Access to Work programme, it will require a personal contribution from the applicant if the equipment can also provide benefit outside of work. This is known as the "Social and Domestic Contribution" and has been a long standing feature of the Government's Access to Work programme.

In order to help more disabled people gain and remain in employment, Motability can reimburse the total cost of the "Social and Domestic Contribution" for transport-related equipment, which includes manual wheelchairs, powered wheelchairs, scooters and vehicle adaptations. More about this programme can be found [on our website](#).

### **Special Grant Programme**

Motability has identified a number of key areas where we believe there is the greatest potential to improve access to transportation for disabled people. Through our Special Grant Programme, Motability provides financial support to other charities and organisations identified as having the greatest potential to deliver innovative and impactful solutions in these key areas.

This programme is currently by invitation only while we continue to investigate the best way to deliver impact in each of the key areas. More about this programme can be found [on our website](#).