

2010 - PRE-QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

ALL PREVIOUSLY ISSUED GRANT APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OBSOLETE.

The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project, Inc. is a non-profit organization providing small grants to the parents of chronically-ill children with life-long **physical disabilities**. We are not a disease-specific organization, and applications will be considered regardless of the underlying disease, disorder or diagnosis that results in the **physical disability** of the child.

*If your child has a diagnosis that qualifies him/her for funding assistance from another organization, you **MUST** provide proof that you have applied to them and been denied **before** you will be considered for funding through our programs. Our programs are intended to be funding of last resort for those families that have no other funding opportunities available to their child, and proof of denials are **required** for consideration.*

Grants will be made by providing the necessary tools (product or service) to a parent, with the specific goal of helping the parent to be better able to care for their child, thereby enhancing the quality of life for the child and his/her family at the same time.

The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project is not affiliated with any other organization having similar objectives.

1. Grants will be in the form of needed equipment, **not in cash**. The grants will be paid directly to the licensed company, facility, manufacturer, business, service provider or individual that goods or services are provided by. **Provider will be chosen by The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project.**
2. Only those items **pre-designated as eligible** will be considered for grants in 2010. At this time we are **not** accepting applications for items that are not on our pre-approved list. However, **The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project** may substitute comparable items if necessary, and only at our sole discretion.
3. **Under no circumstances** will applications requesting **partial funding** or reimbursements for previous purchases be considered.
4. Applications will be accepted only for children **under the age of 18**. However, **The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project** may grant exceptions to this rule at our sole discretion.
5. Applications will be accepted without regard to race, national origin, ethnic background, sex or religion. However, the child must be diagnosed as medically-fragile with a life-long **physically disabling special-need** and meet **all** minimum criteria in order to be considered for a grant.
6. Grants will be made only to parent/caregivers of **physically disabled** special-needs children, on an *individual* basis. Primary beneficiaries of the grants will be natural parents, adoptive parents, and legal guardians. In cases of guardianship, proper documentation must be submitted to **The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project, Inc.** if invited to submit a full application for consideration.
7. The child's primary physician(s) must verify that the child has a life-long **physically disabling** condition. Parents or guardians will be required to provide a signed *Medical Acknowledgment Form* if invited to submit a full application for consideration.
8. **Proof of denial from insurance and all other funding sources** must be provided by the parents if invited to submit a full application for consideration.

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9. If invited to submit a full application for consideration and your application is recommended for approval by our Medical Advisory Committee, the parent(s) will be required to submit **proof of income** as well as a **signed and notarized Grant Liability Release Affidavit**.
10. Grants will **not be intended** to be "stop-gap" measures for everyday expenses or medical needs that can be met elsewhere. (Example: utilities, food, transportation, insurance premiums/co-pays, medical/dental expenses, long-term therapies, prescription costs, etc.)
11. **The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project does not pay** medical bills, insurance premiums or out of pocket expenses, partial funding, nor provide funds for therapy, schooling or emergency assistance.
12. **The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project** has no obligation to consider applications in the order in which they are received; all applications will be considered based on their individual merits and availability of funds.
13. Grant requests must not exceed **The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project's** corporate guidelines for the cost of a grant request, over and above any portion donated by the provider(s). Currently this cap is set at a **maximum of \$1,000 per recipient**, and subject to available funds.
14. Applicants are advised that **The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project** cannot put a time frame on the completion of an approved grant request. After MAC approval each funding cycle, there is normally a period of two to four weeks devoted to obtaining required documentation from the parents who have been approved for the grant. **Total time from applying for pre-qualification to final grant approval could be as much as 3 months depending on at what point in the funding cycle you have submitted your pre-qualification request.**
15. Only (1) pre-qualification application per applicant family will be considered in any 12 month period. Applications for a second grant will be accepted only under exceptional circumstances. Typically, this second grant would not be considered if the prior grant was approved within the past 24 months.
16. Please be as specific as possible regarding the details of the requested grant and how it will enhance quality of life for the child and family. Include preferred model, size, color and at least one alternate. General requests for non-specific items will not be considered.
17. Questions may be directed to **The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project's** office ONLY by email at: QOL@themorganproject.org. Unfortunately, we cannot take questions by phone during the application process.
18. **Pre-qualification applications will only be accepted by utilizing the approved online electronic application system. Requests that are printed and sent in by any other means will not be considered.**
19. Currently, full applications are accepted on an **invitation-only** basis, to parents that have been pre-qualified. Full applications may be submitted only during our **May 5th, 2010- Aug 5th, 2010** application cycle for consideration.
20. Anyone utilizing the full application online electronic application system without pre-approval will be disqualified for consideration of a grant.
21. Our Medical Advisory Committee has been appointed to review all grant pre-qualification applications, and applicants will be notified in writing of the status of their request within 21 days.

SMALL GRANTS CRITERIA

The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project has implemented new criteria for 2010.

QUALITY-OF-LIFE SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

The QOL grants will provide families with a wide variety of supports related to their medically fragile child with physical special needs.

Only those items pre-designated as eligible will be considered for grants in 2010. At this time we are **not** accepting applications for items that are not on our pre-approved list. However, [The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project](#) may substitute comparable items if necessary, and only at our sole discretion.

ONLY ONE CATEGORY MAY BE SELECTED PER APPLICATION
ONLY ONE ITEM MAY BE REQUESTED PER CATEGORY
REQUESTS FOR MULTIPLE CATEGORIES AND/OR ITEMS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED

CATEGORIES:

Mobility/Ride-ons

Items in this category will include adaptive strollers, adaptive car seats, adaptive trikes, crawler/scooter boards, portable ramps, gait trainers, walkers, etc.

Positional/Balance

Items in this category will include corner chairs, feeder chairs, floor sitters, wedges, rolls, sidelyers, therapy mats, standers, cushions, balance boards, balls, etc.

Vestibular/Sensory

Items in this category will include swings, aroma/tactile/visual/vibration/sound/rocking solutions, weighted wraps, etc.

Personal Care

Items in this category will include adaptive bath/shower chairs, toileting chairs, etc.

Creative/Adaptive Play

Items in this category will include assistive technology, adaptive toys, water play, sand play, educational videos/dvds, aquatic floats, bowling ramp, etc.

Support Group Travel

This category will include up to \$500 to offset the travel expenses of a first-time attendance at a disease-specific support group conference that includes the entire family. Eligible expenses include airfare, hotel, gas, conference fees, etc.

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The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project has entered into exclusive provider contracts for specific items under each of our eligible categories. These items have already been pre-determined to meet our funding guidelines and allow us to assist as many families as possible with the limited funding we have available. As we enter into new provider agreements we anticipate expanding the choices available under this program. We will do all possible to meet the individual needs of all approved grant applicants within each category as best we can.

SPECIFICS:

Mobility/Ride-ons

Special Tomato Jogger ■ Beach Baby Stroller ■ MacLaren Major Elite Positioning Push Chair ■ Drive Trotter Mobility Chair ■ Convoid Metro ■ Convoid Metro Bus Transport ■ Britax Traveller Plus ■ Snug Seat Hippo ■ Carrie Seat ■ Special Tomato for the Car ■ Amtryke ■ Ketrrike Jumbo Adjustable Frame Tricycle ■ Junior Joyrider ■ Workman Port-O-Trike ■ Power Pumper ■ Maddacrawler ■ Tumble Forms 2 Scooter Board ■ Height Adjustable Crawler ■ Tumble Forms 2 Barrel Crawler/Roll ■ Tumble Forms 2 Scooter ■ Drive Crawl About Crawl Trainer ■ Tumble Forms 2 Ready Racer ■ Tumble Forms 2 Jetmobile Complete ■ Roll-A-Ramp ■ EZ-Access Suitcase Ramp ■ Snug Seat Gator Complete ■ Leckey Discovery Gait Trainer ■ Alvema Cricket Gait Trainer ■ Drive Comet Gait Trainer ■ Drive Star Gait Trainer ■ Snug Seat Crocodile Complete ■ Drive Nimbo Lightweight Posterior Safety Roller ■ Kaye Anterior Walker ■ Kaye Posture Control Walker ■ Mobi-Rover

Positional/Balance

Leckey Corner Sitter ■ Ableware Corner Seat ■ Tumbleforms 2 Universal Corner Chair ■ Tumble Forms 2 Feeder Seat ■ Platypus Feeder Seat Basic ■ Leckey Easy Seat ■ Functional Forms Floor Sitter ■ Skillbuilders Modular Seating System ■ Tumble Forms 2 Wedges ■ Tumble Forms 2 Adolescent Thera Wedge System ■ Tumble Forms 2 Therapist Starter Kit ■ Tumble Forms 2 Tadpole Pediatric Positioner ■ Tumble Forms 2 Universal Side Lyr ■ Cloud Nine ■ Universal Folding Exercise Mat ■ Incline Mat ■ Jumbo Mat ■ Gecko Upright Stander ■ Marvel Vertical Stander ■ Sensory Rocker ■ Southpaw Buddy Tub ■ River Path Set ■ Class-size Walking Board Set ■ Rocker Board

Vestibular/Sensory

Variable Axis Swing ■ Frog Swing ■ Tumble Forms 2 Tortoise Shell System ■ JennSwing ■ Acrobat Swing ■ Aerosling Support Seat ■ Flying Purple People Eater ■ The Buddy Boat ■ SensoryCrittters Weighted Blanket ■ Tactile Solutions Box ■ Vibrations Solutions Box ■ Sound Solutions Box ■ Visual Solutions Box ■ Aroma Solutions Box ■ UV Solutions Box

Personal Care

Leckey Potty Trainer ■ Snug Seat Manatee ■ Drive Otter & Stand ■ Drive Dolphin Bath Chair ■ Leckey Advance Bath Chair ■ Leckey Basic Bath Support ■ Aquanaut ■ Rifton Toileting System ■ Leckey Potty Trainer

Creative/Adaptive Play

Sectional Raft ■ Quickstart Communication Kit ■ PowerLink 3 ■ Laureate Learning Systems Software: Creatures 6-Pack ■ 7-level Communication Builder ■ Boardmaker ■ Bowling Ramp ■ Complete Come Learn with Me Program ■ Sensory Learning Kit ■ Multisensory Motivational Center ■ Enabling Devices Sony CD Boom Box S,L,T ■ Basic Switch Assessment Kit

Support Group Travel

Airfare ■ Fuel ■ Hotel ■ Conference Fees