

Age Friendly Melville Assistance Fund

What is the Age Friendly Melville Assistance Fund?

The Age Friendly Melville Assistance Fund (AFMAF) is a City of Melville grant program that supports eligible older residents to maintain independence, wellbeing, and connection to the community.

This program contributes to a healthy, inclusive and age-friendly community.

How does it work?

The Age Friendly Assistance Fund provides financial support through reimbursement after you have paid for an approved expense.

Important:

- Proof of purchase (e.g. receipts or invoices) is required for reimbursement
- Only approved expenses will be reimbursed
- Purchases must be made within 3 months of the application date
- Applications are assessed based on individual need and circumstances
- Funding is limited and not guaranteed

How much funding is available?

- Up to \$300 per person per financial year

Who can apply?

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be a City of Melville resident
- Be over the age of 60 (or over the age of 50 for First Nations people)
- Hold a valid:
 - Health Care Card OR
 - Pensioner Concession Card



Applicants must also:

- Not have already received funding through AFMAF or the City of Melville CCTV rebate in the same financial year
- Have no outstanding debts or unacquitted grants with the City
- Meet all eligibility and program requirements

Key dates

AFMAF opens at **9:00am on 23 July 2026** and closes on **30 May 2027**, or earlier if funds are fully allocated.

What can funding be used for?

The fund is for short-term or one-off services to assist older people with living independently. Eligible services include:

- Domestic assistance and carers
- Personal care
- Social support
- Meal preparation
- Transport services including taxis if unable to drive
- Personal alarms and house alarms
- Technology, including mobile phones or internet
- Safe and Found WA service
- Home maintenance
- Access modifications for the home including rails, ramps etc.
- Occupational therapy

The service must be essential to the wellbeing, rehabilitation, and safety of the recipient for it to be considered and funded through the Age Friendly Melville Assistance Fund. It must also be delivered by a business with a valid Australian Business Number.

What can't be funded?

The following items are not eligible for reimbursement through AFMAF:

- Removalist costs
- Labour costs (e.g. associated with home modifications)
- Consumables (e.g. ink cartridges)
- Monthly plans (e.g. internet connection, phone plans)
- Medical equipment/aids (e.g. blood pressure monitors)
- Alarm monitoring fees
- Car maintenance
- Non-essential white goods

How to apply

You can apply:

- Online via the City of Melville website
- By requesting a paper form
- With assistance from City staff, family, carers or support workers

How applications are assessed

Applications are assessed fairly and consistently against:

- Eligibility requirements
- Financial need
- Community participation benefit

Due to high demand, meeting eligibility **does not guarantee approval**.

Applications are typically processed within **30 working days**.

Once an applicant is informed that an application is successful it can take another **30 working days** before a reimbursement is received into the nominated bank account.

Funding conditions

While waiting for your application to be processed you must:

- Inform the City of any changes to your circumstances

Failure to comply may result in:

- Cancellation or recovery of funding
- Ineligibility for future programs

Applicant responsibilities

By applying, you agree to:

- Provide accurate and truthful information
- Follow program guidelines
- Comply with any conditions attached to your funding

The City may decline, vary, or withdraw funding where necessary to ensure fairness, compliance, and proper use of public funds.

Privacy and your information

The City of Melville is committed to protecting your privacy.

We collect your personal information to process your AFMAF application in accordance with the Privacy and Responsible Information Sharing Act 2024 (PRIS Act). By submitting your application, you acknowledge that your information will be used for assessment, administration, and reporting purposes. If you choose not to provide the required information, we may be unable to process your application.

Your information will:

- Only be used for the purpose it was collected
- Be handled in accordance with privacy laws and City policies
- Not be shared unless required or authorised by law

You can request access to or correction of your personal information at any time.

For more information, visit the City's privacy page or contact:

privacy@melville.wa.gov.au

Need help?

If you need assistance with your application, please contact the City of Melville

Phone: 9364 0666 or 1300 635 845 (during business hours)

Email: melinfo@melville.wa.gov.au