

PBF Gifting Program

Background

PBF's gifting program was established in response to a need within the disability sector to fund unmet needs for people with spinal cord injuries.

PBF is a small not-for-profit organisation that relies on the generous donations of members, corporate organisations and the community in general to fund its gifting program. All money donated is used to buy equipment. No percentage is deducted for administration or other fees.

The main aim of the program is to buy equipment for people with a traumatic spinal cord injury to help improve their independence, freedom and/or employability.

Gifts in the past have included electric beds, voice activated computer software, hoists and wheelchairs.

PBF has gifted more than \$700,000 worth of equipment in the last 10 years.

However, as it does not host any specific fundraising events on its own, its ability to fund gifts at present is limited.

The organisation is in the process of establishing voluntary gifting committees to fundraise on behalf of PBF and enable it to increase its charitable activities through the gifting program.

Criteria for assessing grants

- Individual Grants are to be for a maximum of \$5000.
- Due to limited resources, PBF is a funding organisation of last resort. As such, funds will not be provided where other sources of funding are available.
- Funding is only provided to Australians with a permanent traumatic SCI.
- Individual requests will be assessed and approved/denied by the Chief Executive Officer and one other Director.
- Advice will be sought from the relevant agencies to ascertain need, appropriateness of the request and alternative funding sources.
- Compensable applicants will not be eligible. Consideration may be given to providing a loan to such applicants, repayable on settlement of their compensation claim.
- A statement of hardship will need to accompany applications.
- Where possible, a letter of support from a social worker, treating specialist, or similar, should accompany the request.
- Individual gifts should be with the intent of improving freedoms or employability.
- Requests that include funding from other sources will be looked upon favourably.
- Donations of money will not be made to individuals:
 - Cheques will be made payable to suppliers
 - Where possible, PBF will purchase the equipment and donate

- Retrospective payments will not be eligible
- PBF does not sponsor Conferences, other than a long standing agreement to support the annual ANZSCoS Conference.

Grant applications are to be made in writing to:

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PO Box 723
Osborne Park WA 6916.