

Core Capital and Capacity Funding



Each participant with funding under the NDIS is given a budget that aligns with their individual plan and supports them in achieving their goals. These budgets are broken into three support purpose categories – Core, Capital and Capacity Building (or CB).

Core Budgets:

- Enables a participant to receive supports to complete activities of daily living and achieve their goals
- Covers tasks undertaken by support workers such as personal care, mealtime assistance, grocery shopping, assistance with appointments, social and recreational supports
- Consumables – i.e. continence products, home enteral nutrition (HEN) products
- Interpreting services (Auslan signing) may fall in this area
- Transport – an allowance for people unable to use public transport
- PQSA’s recreation and volunteer programs (home handyman/gardening and social support) can be funded in this area
- Budget can be used flexibly across all of the above areas.

Capital budgets:

- Items such as equipment (wheelchairs, lifters, other mobility aids), home or car modifications, including communication devices, prostheses and some recreational equipment
- Equipment prescribed by therapists – occupational therapists, physiotherapists, speech therapists etc.
- Budgets can only be used for the items prescribed by the therapist.

Capacity Building Budgets:

- Supports that enable the participant to build independence and skills used to achieve their goals
- For example, finding and keeping a job, increased opportunities for social and community access, further education, learning to understand and manage NDIS budgets (self-management and support coordination)

- Includes services by HomeCare+ registered nurses and all Support Services programs e.g. PQSA Community Lifestyle Advisors, occupational therapist, peer support etc.
- Budgets have restrictions and can only be used under each of the same support categories.

The NDIS Price Guide provides us with the details of each of these areas. NDIS Fact Sheet#2 explains how our services link to each of these three funding areas above.

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