



**Northern Ireland  
Police Fund**  
Maryfield Complex,  
100 Belfast Road,  
Holywood, Co. Down,  
BT18 9QY

**Tel:**  
+44 (0) 28 9039 3556  
**Fax:**  
+44 (0) 28 9039 3555

**E-mail:**  
[admin@nipolicefund.org](mailto:admin@nipolicefund.org)  
**Web:**  
[www.nipolicefund.org](http://www.nipolicefund.org)

Northern Ireland  
Police Fund 

*Making a Difference*



*Prostheses/Wheelchair Grants*

*Care in the  
Police Family*

Northern Ireland

# *Prostheses/Wheelchair Grants*

## **Prostheses/Wheelchair Grants**

This fund is intended to ensure that those police officers and former police officers eligible have access to the most appropriate prostheses or mobility aids.

Widows of RUC/PSNI officers, who were murdered or seriously injured through terrorist violence, can access help with **wheelchairs** only under this particular scheme.

## **Eligibility**

- Officers and former officers with serious physical injuries caused as a direct result of terrorist violence

“Serious injuries” are deemed to be those which would entitle the applicant to a Band 2 medical discharge, as defined by an occupational physician.

- Widow/ers of RUC and PSNI officers whose death occurred as a direct result of terrorist violence.
- Dependent children of RUC/PSNI officers whose parent(s) (and, where appropriate, the legal guardians), has/have been seriously injured or murdered by terrorists.
- Dependent is defined as “under 18 years of age at the time of application” or “in full time education”.
  - **A parent of an officer whose death occurred as a direct result of terrorist violence**

# *Prostheses/Wheelchair Grants*

## **Evidential Requirements:**

Full report by an Occupational Therapist, or Orthopaedic Medical Consultant, appointed by the Northern Ireland Police Fund.

Documentary evidence from either PANI or the NI Policing Board of their IOD banding award may be sought where applicable.

## **Maximum Grant:**

No upper limit, although grant assistance may be sought from other agencies. Once an application had been approved clients can only apply again within 12 months of the awarding of the grant in exceptional circumstances, and at the discretion of the Board. Clients cannot re-apply for the same item if their first request for that item has been declined nor can applications be split into separate parts to avoid the capping of awards.