



Thunder Bay Regional  
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## The Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation Family CARE (Care Advancement Recommended by Employees) Grant Application Form

Family CARE Grants can be used to improve the care you give every day. Listen for patient and family suggestions when brainstorming ideas. Initiatives that improve the care we can provide will benefit us all!

**Grants awarded for up to \$4,000 per application.**

### Eligibility:

The following criteria apply to all Family CARE Grant requests. Funded grants generally fall into one of these categories:

1. Patient and staff items that cannot be funded by other sources.
2. Items that will enhance the workplace environment.
3. Support for the Patient and Family Centered Care model.
4. Enhancement of internal health programs offered by the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre.

### Ineligible:

The following will **not** be considered:

1. Single use and consumable items such as bus/taxi vouchers, food vouchers and give away items etc.
2. Conferences/workshops/training.
3. Health professional development and research.
4. iPads, digital cameras, printers, and other tech equipment.
5. Books, publications, manuals, and pamphlets for staff use.
6. Items solely for staff use i.e. break room fridges, couches, microwaves, staff recognition, etc.

### Application Procedure:

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** EACH REQUEST MUST BE ON A SEPARATE FORM

1. Complete the Application Form. All required sections and signatures are mandatory. Applications that do not include this information will not be considered.
2. Submit **EIGHT (8) hard copies and one (1) electronic copy (.doc or .pdf)** of your application to Laura Andricciola in the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation office by **Friday October 18, 2024, 4:00 p.m.** to room 2232 (Foundation President's Office), located beside the Cancer Centre Main Lobby Entrance.
3. Submissions that do not meet the eligibility criteria outlined above will not be considered.
4. All equipment requests must be in compliance with building stipulations and must be supported and serviced by the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre.
5. If approved, successful applicants **must submit their invoice for the purchased item prior to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025**. Please note that the Foundation is only able to advance payment to the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre, **not** individuals.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Andricciola, Executive Coordinator at ext. 7276 or by email at [laura.andricciola@tbh.net](mailto:laura.andricciola@tbh.net).

Grant Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2024 Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation Family CARE Grants Application

A complete application must include ALL required signatures, a description of the project/item, and cost breakdown in Canadian dollars (incl. taxes). **Applications that do not include this information will not be considered.**

**Remember: EIGHT (8) hardcopies and ONE (1) electronic copy** of your application are due in the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation Office by **October 18, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m.**

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#### Application Check List:

Description of Item/Project	✓
Description of Impact/outcome	✓
Price Quotation attached	✓
All Required Signatures	✓

ICU  
Program/Department  
4592  
Extension

Vanessa Kroeker, PT  
Name and Title of Person Completing This Form

Name and Location of Principal Beneficiary if Other Than Applicant

ICU + IMCU

## Equipment, Capital Improvement and/or Furniture Requests

ALL requests for equipment, capital improvement and/or furniture must have specific item cost and taxes confirmed with the Purchasing Department in Canadian dollars and be in compliance with the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre standards. Attach price quote, including all taxes, shipping and delivery. Please include a purchase plan for all items.

Description of Equipment, Capital Improvement and/or Furniture:

The Versaboard is a reusable writing tablet designed for communication in non-verbal settings. It features a durable, erasable surface that allows patients to write or draw messages using a stylus or any compatible writing tool. The board is lightweight, portable and easy to clean. It offers adjustable settings for different visibility needs. It minimizes waste and promotes sustainability.

\$ 732.82

(Total in Canadian dollars including taxes, delivery etc.)

### Partial Funding:

If we were to partially fund your grant request, would you still be able to purchase the equipment/complete the project? (Please circle)      Yes      No

### Previous Family CARE Grant Funding:

Please briefly note any previous Family CARE Grants to your area. venous doppler, patient slider board. (past)

2024 - ankle splints.

### Implementation, Use & Impact: (please attach additional pages as necessary)

What, if anything, is the current practice in lieu of this/these item(s)?

paper pads, clip boards + pens - not sustainable, wasteful and difficult for patients

CR - nurses writing vitals on paper towels or small note pads.

How will the item improve patient care? (extra writing space on next page)

In the ICU, patients who are intubated or tracheostomized, often face significant communication barriers, leading to frustration and anxiety. The Versaboard allows these patients to express their needs, feelings and concerns effectively, fostering a sense of autonomy and dignity during their care. Improved communication can lead to better assessment of patient comfort, more accurate pain management and enhanced emotional →

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support from healthcare providers. Additionally, the ability to communicate can reduce cognitive and emotional stress that often accompanies critical illness, ultimately contributing to a more positive patient experience and potentially improving overall health outcomes.

When not being used by patients, the board can be an invaluable tool for nurses in patient care. It would allow nurses to quickly jot down vital signs and other critical information at the bedside (instead of paper towels or cumbersome paper forms). The surface is wipeable and can be sanitized between uses.

this allows nursing staff to focus more time on quality care of patients.

How often do you anticipate it will be used? (Please circle) Daily Weekly Monthly

What is the lifespan of the item? 5 years

What is the overall impact (i.e. number of patients affected) on the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre if this request is funded?

Any patient in the ICU who require communication devices - intubated, trache, put up, aphasic (stroke), TBI/ABI... etc.

AND - allows nursing staff to have quick, sustainable made of communication/jotting notes/vitals down.

### Signatures

**IMPORTANT NOTE: To be signed AFTER forms are completed.**

The application must be endorsed by the Executive Vice President AND Program Director.

Vanessa Kroeker,  
Applicant Name - printed

R PT  
Applicant - signature

Sep 23/24  
Date

Paul Carr  
Patient & Family Advisor - print

P. Carr  
Patient & Family Advisor - signature

Oct 10, 2024  
Date

Chad Johnson

Edith Hart

Program Director/Manager - print

Edith Hart  
Program Director/Manager - signature

Sept 24/24  
Date

Adam Vine  
Executive/Vice President - print

AV  
Executive/Vice President - signature

Oct 8/24  
Date



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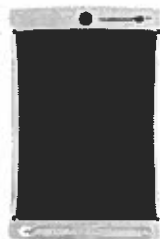
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Boogie Board  
Jot Healthcare Writing Board

SKU: 7-BB-LJOT-S

Gift Wrapping:

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Price

\$23.36

Quantity:



22



Total

\$513.92

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## Jot™ Writing Tablet for Healthcare

The best-selling, all-in-one healthcare tool for:

***Non-verbal  
communication  
Strengthening fine  
motor skills  
Memory and brain  
exercises***

***HIPAA-compliant note-  
taking  
Lists, reminders and  
drawings  
Anxiety and stress relief***



### **Push to Erase**

Clear the board with just a push of the button! No information is stored for HIPPA-compliance.



### **Write with Anything**

Swap the stylus for a writing tool that fits your needs (accommodating for users with physical impairments such as low tonality).



### **Easy to Read & Clean**

Create sharp, bright lines that are easy to read. Clean and sanitize with ease.



### **Cordless & Durable**

Runs on a single battery, so there are no cords to get in the way, and it's resistant to drops, spills and scratches.

## **Who Can Benefit from Boogie Board?**

Used as an AAC device, a rehabilitation tool, or an office companion, Boogie Board products appeal to healthcare users of all types, including:

**Professionals:**

Administration  
 All Registered Nurses  
 and Lab Techs  
 Audiology Ear-Nose-  
 Throat (Otolaryngology)  
 Neurology  
 Occupational Therapy  
 Oncology  
 Pediatrics  
 Psychology  
 Speech-Language  
 Pathology and more...

**Patients with:**

ADHD  
 ALS  
 Aphasia  
 Apraxia  
 Autism Spectrum  
 Disorder  
 Dysarthria  
 Dyspraxia  
 Non Verbal Learning  
 Disability  
 Parkinson's

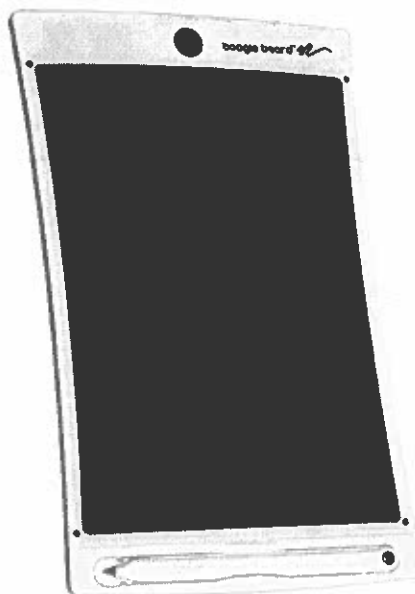
Primary Progressive  
 Aphasia  
 Selective Mutism  
 Spinobulbar Muscular  
 Atrophy  
 Stroke  
 Throat & Mouth Cancer  
 Traumatic Brain Injury  
 Sensory Processing  
 Disorder  
 Tracheal Intubation and  
 more...

## Testimonials

### "Can't Live Without This Item"



We love this product. It is so handy to use when communicating with my Dad who is hard-of-hearing. We can write to him and he can speak his



### "I love my Boogie Board"



Exactly what I need. Cancer has taken my voice away, so I have to write to communicate. The Boogie Board helps me stay in touch with everyone. It's a life saver.

answer back to us.  
It's so easy to use  
and saves us from  
using many  
pieces of paper  
that just get  
thrown away.  
Great product!

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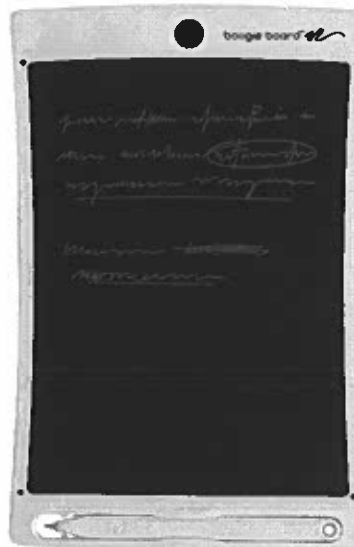
## Healthcare Pricing with 12-pack Minimum

**FREE bonus products with 24-pack purchases!**



### **Jot Writing Tablet**

The world's best-selling  
reusable writing tablet



**Also consider these amazingly useful healthcare products  
from Boogie Board...**