

## ModelTalker funding – how to apply

It is possible to apply for funding towards ModelTalker banked voices via the ModelTalker website ([www.modeltalker.org](http://www.modeltalker.org)). To do this, when logged in go to the Registration menu and a drop down should appear containing Support Organisations.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [www.modeltalker.org](http://www.modeltalker.org). The page features the ModelTalker logo on the left and a navigation menu on the right. The 'Registration' menu is open, showing 'My Account' and 'Support Organizations', with 'Support Organizations' circled in red. Below the navigation, the user is logged in as 'Matthew Hollis' with a 'Logout' link. The main content area has a heading 'What is ModelTalker?' followed by a paragraph describing the system. Below this is a 'News' section with three items: '8/6/19 – Website update', '7/27/19 – Online Recorder Changes', and '7/5/19 – New Demo Voices'. On the right side, there is a search bar and a 'CONTRIBUTE' button with a call to action: 'You can help improve speech synthesis technology!'. Below the button, it says: 'Make a gift in support of the Nemours Speech Research Lab. With your contribution, we can help children who have never had a voice to call their own.'

### What is ModelTalker?

The ModelTalker System is a revolutionary speech synthesis software package developed by the Nemours Speech Research Laboratory and designed to benefit people who are losing or who have already lost their ability to speak. It allows people who use a Speech Generating Device (SGD) to communicate with a unique personal synthetic voice that is representative of their own voice.

To learn more, see the [FAQ](#) section under **Help**, listen to our [Demo](#) voices under the **Voices** menu, or [Register](#) to get started right away!

### News

#### 8/6/19 – Website update

Our site is now fully updated with the changes noted in the News item below from 7/27/19. See the [simplified workflow](#) description for details. Please email us with questions/problems.

#### 7/27/19 – Online Recorder Changes

We are preparing to make some noticeable changes that we hope will simplify the workflow for our voice banking service and the online recorder interface. At the same time, we will also be opening the interface that will allow clients to audition and download donated voices. The changes we will be making are described [in this page](#). The target date for us to go live with these changes is **August 3, 2019**.

#### 7/5/19 – New Demo Voices

Are you curious what your voice might sound like if you only recorded 400 sentences versus 1600 or more sentences? What are the differences between our normal unit selection voices and the new hybrid DNN voices? This is now illustrated on our [Demo](#) page using different versions of our Tom voice. (Note: 'Tom' is a professional voice artist who recorded our standard sentences in our lab – These are 'best case' examples).

You can help improve speech synthesis technology!

**CONTRIBUTE**

Make a gift in support of the Nemours Speech Research Lab. With your contribution, we can help children who have never had a voice to call their own.

Clicking on this will proceed to another page with a list of charities who provide support. Find the MND Association and click the Apply for Support button.


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toward research into finding a cure for MND. Once a cure is found, the foundation's major objectives are to ensure those who have to live with MND, and their families are supported.

Website: <http://www.mndandme.com.au/>

[Apply for Support](#)

Organization Name: [MND Association](#) 

Country: UK

Region: England, Wales or Northern Ireland

Support for: [This is available to people living with motor neurone disease \(MND\) or Kennedy's disease and living in England, Wales or Northern Ireland.](#)

About us: The Motor Neurone Disease Association is the only national charity in England, Wales and Northern Ireland focused on MND care, research and campaigning. We offer a life-line through accurate, professional, accessible information and practical day-to-day support to enable people with MND to live with their diagnosis and achieve the best quality of life possible.

Website: <https://www.mndassociation.org>

[Apply for Support](#)

Organization Name: [Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust](#)

Country: UK

Region: Northumberland and North Tyneside

Support for: [This is available for people living with ALS or related disease who are being cared for by the team at Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust in Northumberland and North Tyneside UK.](#)

About us: We provide a range of health and care services to support the more than 500,000 people living in Northumberland and North Tyneside. We deliver care from 11 sites including an emergency care hospital, general and community hospitals, an outpatient and diagnostic centre, an elderly care unit and an integrated health and social care facility.

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Complete the form and submit.

Country

\*Telephone

**DETAILS OF APPLICATION**

\* Amount of financial support requested \$100.00 USD

\* Please give details of which voice banking service has been used/is intended to be used ModelTalker - Nemours Speech Research Lab / Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children

**PAYMENT DETAILS**

If a contribution from MND Association is agreed, we will contact ModelTalker.org directly to arrange payment.

**AGREEMENT**

By my signature below, I acknowledge and consent to the following:

- I am submitting this information to ModelTalker.org to be shared with MND Association.
- Details of the submitted information may be held on record by ModelTalker.org and MND Association.
- This application is made by or on behalf of an individual who is eligible to request financial assistance from MND Association for voice banking.
- I may be contacted by ModelTalker.org or by MND Association regarding this application.
- I understand that completing this form does not guarantee financial support. The decision regarding financial support is made solely by MND Association. ModelTalker.org serves only to transmit your request to that organization for their consideration.

\* Electronic Signature (Type your full name)

\* Date 09/17/2019

Submit Application Cancel

This pings an email to the MND Association, who if appropriate will approve the application, which will ping an email back to ModelTalker and the voice will become free of charge when ready to download/access (the MND Association pay ModelTalker directly upon invoice at a later date).