

Questions and Answers

Why did Public Trust review the Granting Strategy?

The purpose of the three yearly review of the Granting Strategy was to continue to identify operational improvements and implement a Granting Strategy for the Trust that:

- > assists the Trustee to achieve the charitable objects of the Trust
- > provides applicants with a clear understanding of what the Trust will support in making grants and scholarships to individuals and charitable organisations
- > manages the Trust as cost-effectively as possible while maintaining an appropriate balance with achieving the objects of the Trust.

Who did Public Trust consider as part of the Granting Strategy review process?

- > All written submissions provided to the Trustee
- > Recommendations gleaned from previous administration
- > Research completed by Massey University.

The Trustee also considered the prior external legal opinion, which considered a Granting Strategy to be suitable.

What is a Granting Strategy and is it a public document?

It is a formal plan that enables Public Trust to document the goals and objectives of the Trust to assist the Trustees to plan the current available resources within the charitable objectives of the Trust. It is an internal Public Trust document providing framework and guidelines to assist the Trustee in making grants and scholarships to individuals and charitable organisations. Projected funding is identified outlining its implementation over a certain period of time for allocation. The document identifies the long- and short-term goals of the Trust, priorities of eligibility and the procedures to activate these.

When will the next Granting Strategy review be?

On the basis of sufficient available financial resources, the Granting Strategy is to be followed for at least three years. A review for ongoing appropriateness will be undertaken annually (at the commencement of each financial year) with a clean sheet exercise with a view to re-validate the Granting Strategy 3 yearly. The next expected review date will be during the calendar year 2025.

When is the 2022 Granting Strategy effective from?

- > 1 July 2022

What does Public Trust charge to administer the Trust?

As a professional Trustee, our fees and charges are based on the work undertaken. Public Trust fees can be viewed on our website [Fees and charges - Public Trust](#)

What is the financial position of the New Zealand Communities Growth Trust?

The financial accounts for the Trust for the year ending 30 June are lodged with Charities Services. They are available to view on the Charities Services website [Charities Services | Home](#)

Why are Relief of Poverty & Counselling & Therapeutic Services applications considered twice each month?

This timing is to provide reasonable expectations to applicants as to when their applications will be considered. The approach is to provide counselling & therapeutic support and financial assistance to individuals disadvantaged by cults and /or spiritual communities and in particular past resident of Centrepont and their children. Reviewing applications twice each month is also a more effective and efficient way to administer the Trust in today's environment.

Who will benefit from the New Zealand Communities Growth Trust going forward?

The Trust has a very wide potential base of beneficiaries it could support, comprising of both individuals and organisations. The Trust continues to support:

- > individuals disadvantaged by cults or communities and, in particular, past residents of Centrepont and their children by way of the Relief of Poverty and Counselling & Therapeutic services grant round. Further information can be found: [New Zealand Communities Growth Trust \(NZCGT\) Therapeutic and Counselling, and Relief of Poverty - Public Trust](#)
- > individuals disadvantaged by cults and /or spiritual communities and those wishing to study in the areas of counselling and education by way of the Scholarship grant round. Further information can be found: [New Zealand Communities Growth Trust \(NZCGT\) Education Scholarship - Public Trust](#)
- > organisations (registered with Charities Services) that provide services to New Zealanders or to projects or organisations within New Zealand by way of the Contestable grant round. Further information can be found: [New Zealand Communities Growth Trust \(NZCGT\) Contestable Grant Round \(therapeutic & counselling, education and public benefit\) - Public Trust](#)

What can former Centrepont residents and their children apply for?

Former Centrepont residents and their children are given priority, they can continue to apply to the Trust for funding towards relief of poverty, therapeutic and counselling, and education.

What will the funding be for the next three years?

The Trust will grant amounts as follows for the next 3 years:

- > **1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023**
 - Relief of Poverty and Counselling & Therapeutic services: \$165,000 (Increased from the previous Granting Strategy)
 - Scholarship: \$50,000 (Increased from the previous Granting Strategy)
 - Contestable: \$Nil

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In order to ensure a more sustainable income prediction for the approaching year and to be reactive to the market, this Category of funding will now be undertaken bi-annually.

> **1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024**

- Relief of Poverty and Counselling & Therapeutic services: \$165,000
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- Scholarship: \$50,000 (Increased from the previous Granting Strategy)
This amount is reviewed annually and is subject to change
- Contestable: \$50,000 minimum. This amount is reviewed annually and is subject to change

> **1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025**

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Who can I contact if I have questions or concerns regarding the Trust?

The Trust is managed actively by a Specialist Trustee alongside their manager to provide day-to-day oversight of the management of the Trust. Contact details: nzcgat@publictrust.co.nz or Call 0800 371 471 (asking for the person who manages NZCGT in the Charities team – Specialised Services).