



The Wilson Home Trust

For Children with Physical Disabilities

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Grant Funding Criteria and Guidelines

Overview

The overall purpose of The Wilson Home Trust is to provide care and rehabilitation to “Children with Physical Disabilities” living in the “Qualifying Area” (being “eligible children”) and to provide respite and assistance to their “Families” and to work within the community living in the Qualifying Area to further such objectives.

The Wilson Home Trust grants scheme:

- aim to improve the lives of children and young people with physical disabilities
- provide physically disabled and children with enriching and enjoyable experiences
- enhance the quality of life of children or young person with a physical disability

Criteria for grants

Grants can be made in respect only of children and their families (“**Family**” means parents, whanau, primary care givers and/or siblings) who fit the following criteria:

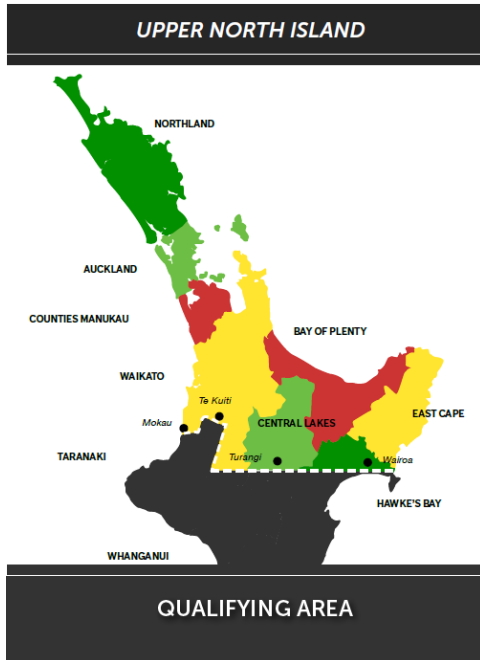
- **Age:** Children / Young People are under the age of 22
- **Physical disabilities** are those which **primarily impair function** of body and/or limbs. Additional sensory (vision, hearing,) and intellectual (cognitive, behavioural, mental,) disabilities may be present, but will not be the primary reason for the funds requested.
- The child or young person’s **disability needs to be described in terms of the impairments, activity limitations and/or participation restrictions**, as per the terms used by the World Health Organisation: *“Disabilities is an umbrella term, covering impairments, activity limitations, and participation restrictions. An impairment is a problem in body function or structure; an activity limitation is a difficulty encountered by an individual in executing a task or action; while a participation restriction is a problem experienced by an individual in involvement in life situations”*. (<https://www.who.int/topics/disabilities/en/>). Causes may include a range of medical diagnoses, congenital or acquired.



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- **Location:** They must live in the **Qualifying area** described by the Trust Deed (See diagram) – for convenience only this area is described as being in the upper half of the North Island

- **Can you provide evidence of their financial need** – e.g. Household income and expenses.
 - Key source of weekly household income
 - Weekly outgoings e.g. Rent / Mortgage, food, Travel, HP repayments, credit cards etc.

Income	\$	Please state weekly / fortnightly or monthly
Salary		
Benefits/Pension		
Rental or business income		
Other income ie interest earned		
Total		
Spending		
Mortgage / Rent		
Food		
Power and Heating		
Insurances		
Hire Purchase or loan repayments		
Vehicle and transport costs		
Medical costs		
Other		
Total		
Please provide any other information that may assist the grants committee to understand your financial situation eg Saving to make house renovations etc		



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- **Support Letter:** Each application should include a written confirmation (please note that this must be signed, on letterhead and include contact details) from a doctor or health professional such as an occupational therapist or physiotherapist that:
 - **Knowledge:** They know the child/young person with a disability
 - **Physical disability:** The child/young person has a physical disability, it is understood that a person can have multiple impairments, but to be eligible the child/young person has to have a physical disability rather than solely an intellectual or behavioural/cognitive disability or mental illness
 - **Primary physical disability in relation to particular need:** In relation to the need which is the subject of the application for a grant (e.g. help with the purchase of a particular mobility aid) the health professional needs to confirm that because of the need described in the grant application, the child/young person's physical impairment is their primary disability in a case where the child has multiple impairments
 - **Need:** There is a need as described in the application and how it will affect the child/young person's/family's life
 - **Qualifying area:** The child/young person lives in the qualifying area and is therefore eligible for a grant.
- **First-time applicants must provide the following:**
 - The person applying must provide a copy of their driving license or passport as proof of their identity.
 - A medical certificate that provides proof of the child / young person's diagnosis
- **Funding Limit:** Are within the funding limit see below:

Current Grant Allocation limits (Amounts do not include GST)

Grant Type	Limit	Number of Applications per Child
Equipment / Activity	\$5,000	Multiple times up to the limit
Wellbeing and Counselling	\$1,000 x 2	Twice – can be used for child/parent/sibling
Holiday	\$2,000	Multiple times up to the limit with no one holiday costing more than \$1,000
Emergency Grant	\$2,000	Individual applications are capped at \$1,000, the number of applications is at the discretion of the Trust Manager up to the limit
Hydrotherapy	\$800	Hydrotherapy / Water Confidence for 12 months
Total Potential	\$11,800	

- **Provide two quotes:** Can provide two quotes from different suppliers. If there is only one provider, please state this.



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- **Explored other funding options:** Have explored all other funding options eg. CP Society, Lotteries Commission, Halberg Disability Sport Foundation etc and the item is not funded by the government.
- **Timing:** The outcome decisions are communicated within two months of the application (depending on receiving the correct information and the date of the Committee meeting). Applications can't be retrospective ie for equipment already purchased.