



The Wilson Home Trust

For Children with Physical Disabilities

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR A WILSON HOME TRUST GRANT?

A: Grants can be made in respect only of children and their families ('*family*' means parents, whanau, primary caregivers and/or siblings) who fit the following criteria:

'**Children with disabilities**' means the children or young persons are under the age of 22 years:

- **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.
- those children or families must live in the **qualifying area** described by the Trust Deed (*see map below*) - for convenience only this area is described as being in the upper half of the North Island.



- Can provide evidence of their financial need - eg: household income and expenses:-
 - *Key source of weekly household income.*
 - *Weekly outgoings eg: rent/mortgage, food, travel, HP repayments, credit cards, etc.*
- Funding limit: Are within the funding limit.

Q: WHAT IS THE LIMIT PER CHILD/YOUNG PERSON?

A:

Grant Type	Limit	Number of Applications per Child up to age 22
Equipment/Activity	\$5,000	Multiple times up to the limit
Wellbeing and Counselling	\$1,000 x 2	Twice - can be use 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

Q: WHAT ARE THE CLOSING DATES FOR FUNDING?

A: Please [CLICK HERE](#) for closing dates for the Equipment/Activity/Group Grants. There are no closing dates for Wellbeing and Counseling, Emergency and Holiday Grants.

Q: HOW MANY GRANTS CAN I APPLY FOR?

A: As many as you like up to the total limited as mentioned above.

Q: WHO CAN SUPPLY THE SUPPORT LETTERS AND WHAT INFORMATION NEEDS TO BE IN THE SUPPORT LETTER:

A: Each application should include a written confirmation from a doctor or health professional such as an occupational therapist, or teacher that have the following:-

- **Knowledge:** They know the child/young person with a disability.
- **Physical disability:** The child/young person has a physical disability, it being 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 (*eg: 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 life.

The person supplying the support letter:-

- **Application:** You have seen and support the application to be attached to your letter.
- **Knowledge:** You know the child/young person with a disability and confirm that they are:-
 - under the age of 22 years,
 - live in the **qualifying area** described by the Trust Deed (*a map describing the qualifying area is above*) - for convenience only this area is described as being in the upper half of the North Island.
 - have a **physical disability rather than solely an intellectual or behavioural/cognitive disability or mental illness** (*a physical disability is defined as meaning a physical impairment of the normal functions of the body or limbs and can be either congenital or acquired*),
 - if the child/young person has **multiple impairments**, then in relation to the need which is the subject of the application for a grant (*eg: help with the purchase of a particularly mobility aid*) you need to confirm that **because of the need described in the grant application, the child/young person's physical impairment is their primary disability**. **NB:** A child/young person solely with autism, a sensory disability, mental illness or intellectual disability and no physical impairment does not come within the definition of potential beneficiary under the Trust Deed.
 - **Need:** there is a need/therapeutic justification for the activity/equipment which is the subject of the application, there is no other source for the funding and how the grant will affect the child/young person's family life.
 - **Independence:** you are independent from the activity/equipment provider being sought in the application.

Q: IF MY CHILD HAS A SENSORY DISABILITY AND A PHYSICAL DISABILITY, WILL THIS QUALIFY FOR GRANT FUNDING?

A: If the the primary impairment is physical and the application is for the physical need, then this should qualify for funding.

Q: WHAT FINANCIAL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED?

A: Please provide a high level budget showing the total income and then the key household expenses eg: rent/mortgage, living costs, etc to demonstrate that there is a need. Please include any other information that may be relevant.

Q: IS GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE TO NON-NEW ZEALAND RESIDENTS?

A: This will be considered on a case by case basis.

Q: HOW MANY TIMES A YEAR CAN I APPLY?

A: As many as you like within the funding limits.

Q: HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR A DECISION TO BE MADE?

A: Provided the application is complete and the Committee have all the information that is required, the [Committee of Management](#) generally meet on the last Friday of the month and the decision is communicated during the following week.

Q: IF I HAVE HAD AN APPLICATION PREVIOUSLY DECLINED, CAN I APPLY AGAIN?

A: Yes, provided the applicant fits the eligibility criteria.

Q: I KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO APPLY FOR A GRANT BUT DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO A COMPUTER, HOW CAN THEY APPLY?

A: If you contact the [Wilson Home Trust](#) we can send a hard copy application form and this can be mailed back to us.

Q: A FAMILY THAT I AM WORKING WITH WOULD LIKE TO APPLY FOR A GRANT, HOWEVER THEY DO NOT HAVE THE LITERACY OR THE SKILLS TO FILL OUT THE FORMS, COULD I FILL OUT THE FORM ON THEIR BEHALF?

A: Yes, please include these details in the applicant section of the application form and let us know who has completed the application when it is submitted.