



THE WILSON HOME TRUST
Grants to enable - making a difference

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 Adults are age 21 or under.
- **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

Financial need

To demonstrate a financial need, the parent / caregiver is required to have a Community Services Card (this does not include the child's Community Service Card).

A copy of the parents / caregiver Community Services Card must be attached to the application.

Supporting Documentation:

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 behavioral/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.



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- 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 include GST)

Grant Type	Limit (including GST)	Number of Applications per Child
Equipment / Activity	\$5,750	One application per year - until the grant limit is reached
Counselling	\$690	Counselling only – one application per year - until the grant limit is reached
Holiday	\$2,300	One application per year - until the grant limit is reached
Young Adults (aged 17 – 22)	\$3,450	One application per year - until the grant limit is reached
Total	\$12,190	

Note - Only one application can be made every twelve months until the grant limit is reached.

- **Provide two quotes:** Can provide two quotes from different suppliers – please include any delivery / freight charges. If there is only one provider, please state this.
- **Explored other funding options:** Have explored all other funding options e.g., 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 i.e., for equipment already purchased.