

**Q1. I know a group who could benefit from a CCF Grant, and while their ministry is laudable, they are not Catholic. Are the grants open to anyone?**

**Answer:** This is a question we are often asked! Yes, our grants are available outside of Catholic Organisations'. There are two main reasons we support non-Catholic Charities: Our Trust Deed calls us to support other Christian agencies, and other organisations that meet need. Currently, the Board of CCF have decided that approx **70%** of our funds will go to Catholic charities, the remaining 30% to others. There is so much need in our communities that it is impossible for Catholic charities to meet this on their own. CCF seeks to support other organisations that are compatible with Catholic teaching.

**Q2. How do you decide how the grants are allocated?**

**Answer:** There is a Grants Committee comprising of five people with expertise and skills within the social service sector. Each application is checked to see if it is complete, and if it fits the criteria laid out in our Grants Policy. A visit is generally made to organisations who have not received funding before or if CCF would like to know more about this particular application. This will enable representatives of the Grants Committee to see first hand, the work that is being done by the organisation. The requests for funding are always greater than the funds available and subsequently the Grants Committee need to prioritise all applications according to criteria, the current economic and social climate and the range of applications received.

**Q3. How do you know that the money that CCF distributes is use for the purpose for which it was allocated?**

**Answer:** Once an application has become "successful", a member of the Grants Committee will meet with a person from the organisation to hand over the cheque. At the same time agreement is reached about an Accountability Report, which the organisation receiving the funds must file within an agreed timeframe. This Report will summarise the achievements of the project or programme that has been funded; this is then matched to the original application to ensure the funds have been used for the purpose that they were allocated. If the funds have not been spent in accordance with the Application, the Foundation will seek to establish why this has happened; in certain circumstances the Foundation may require such funds to be returned – this is a rare occurrence.