



## Catholic Caring Foundation

### Grants Distribution Policy March 2010

The Trust Deed of the Catholic Caring Foundation calls the Foundation to:

*"...promote the dignity of persons.....to fulfil the commandment of Jesus Christ to love one's neighbour....to supply with compassion and render assistance to..."* **people in need** *"....without regard to class, colour, sex or creed..."*

The Catholic Caring Foundation achieves this objective by **funding** agencies and organisations that work with people in need – **particularly families who are in crisis or marginalized.**

On an annual basis approximately **70%** of its funds support Catholic agencies and programmes.

The Catholic Caring Foundation is a fund manager for the Tindall Foundation and distributes approximately \$150,000pa on their behalf.

Applications for funding are made through the Contestable Fund which closes on 31 May each year. For funding criteria applicable to the Contestable Fund, please **see page 2.**

Exceptions to this are:

- Grants to Individuals and Families (maximum \$1,200)
- Grants to Parish Caring Groups
- Decile 1 Catholic School Funding
- Annual Grant to the Auckland Catholic Diocese

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## Contestable Fund

Each year the Catholic Caring Foundation opens a contestable fund for agencies to apply for funding.

Broadly speaking, applications to this fund must be for programmes and interventions that seek to strengthen families and be compatible with Catholic Social Teaching. Services to support youth programmes and the elderly are also funded.

Grants are awarded up to \$15,000 and can be for **salaries** as well as programmes.

### Funding Criteria

Funding support **is prioritised** for organisations whose work seeks to support **marginalized families both immediately and/or long-term**

Applications must be able to show the following:

1. That the organisations goals & objectives align with the mission of CCF
2. That there is a clearly established **need** for the service or programme
3. That the service or programme demonstrates **caring** to those people it seeks to assist
4. That the intervention gives **immediate, or long-term** solutions, or **both**
5. That any previous funds from CCF have been spent and accounted for according to the previous application and accountability agreement
6. **All** applications must include **current** audited accounts and other documentation required on the application form
7. Only applications **up to** the value of **\$15,000** will be considered (Please do not apply for funding in excess of this amount)
8. Two year funding arrangements can be negotiated by **Catholic agencies** if the applicant agency has had three successful applications from CCF, has met all reporting requirements, and shows financial sustainability. Requests are to be made in writing via a cover letter with the application.

### The following funding exclusions apply:

1. Health, education, conferences, and travel
2. Disability – if applying for Tindall Foundation funds
3. CCF funds are to be directed to service delivery rather than organisational change or capacity building initiatives

### ***Contestable Fund continued***

***Please note:*** As a small funding agency – distributing approximately \$600,000 pa CCF directs it funds to agencies that have an annual income of not more than \$750,000pa (non-Catholic) and \$1million per annum (Catholic) respectively.

#### **Catholic Agencies**

Catholic agencies may apply for two year funding via one application. A covering letter requesting this is to be enclosed with the application. Reporting for the two year period will be agreed at the time of the first year's payment.

#### **Reporting**

All successful applications are subject to an agreed reporting process. This will be discussed when funds are transferred

#### **Timing**

It is anticipated that funds will be available for successful applications from late July

#### **Funding Decisions**

Funding decisions remain confidential to the CCF Grants Committee and Board – no correspondence will be entered into.

However a CCF representative will be available to discuss future funding applications by appointment.

#### **Application Form**

Please download an application form from the website

## **Bishop's Special Needs Fund**

The Bishop's Special Needs Fund covers the following requirements:

1. A grant offering immediate response/relief to an **individual or family** facing **urgent need**. Maximum grant is \$1,200.

***By written request to the General Manager.*** This request must come via a third party such as a Parish Priest or Community Advocate.

2. Parish Grants to support initiatives in parishes that provide relief to parishioners' or the wider community via specific programmes. Grants up to \$7,500 pa

***By application to the General Manager, please phone (09) 360-3044 to discuss in the first instance***

***Please note:*** These applications will be considered three times each year **31 March, 30 June** and **30 September**

3. Pilot Projects where the CCF board chooses to **direct** funds to a sector or specific need that will strengthen and support family relationships and requirements. Currently funding is applied to Decile 1 **Catholic** schools where programmes strengthen the home/school relationship and family relationships

### **Annual Grant to the Catholic Diocese of Auckland**

An annual grant is made to the Catholic Diocese of Auckland to support its caring ministries with a particular focus on Prison, Hospital and Deaf Chaplaincies.