



LEN REYNOLDS TRUST

From: Melissa Gibson, Chairperson
Subject: Changes to the Managed Fund for 2018/19
Date: 15 June 2018

1. We have some exciting changes to announce about the way we fund community groups. For the past three years, Community Waikato has been the funding manager for the Len Reynolds Trust fund. Our managed fund, covering our four areas, was administered in one funding round which opened in October/November and closed November/December.
2. We are hoping that the proposed changes will give us more time to review every application we receive and make more considered decisions. Reviewing over 150 applications at one time is overwhelming and we know the time and energy which goes into each application. We want to make sure that we are doing justice to all of your applications.
3. With that in mind, we are making some big changes in 2018/19:
 - (a) Instead of one funding round, we will have four funding rounds – one for each area we fund.
 - (b) We are using the SmartyGrants grant management system. We are hopeful this will make things easier for applicants. This system is used by other local funders so there should be some familiarity with this system. Applications will be made online through SmartyGrants via the Community Waikato website.
 - (c) We have introduced a minimum funding amount of \$1,000 and we have increased our maximum grant from \$8,000 to \$10,000.
 - (d) We are being more focused with our funding. We have spent some time fine tuning our criteria and working through our goals for each area. This may mean that some groups who previously received funding from us, no longer qualify for funding, and that other groups are now eligible. **Please check the new criteria closely.**
 - (e) In particular, we previously received most of your applications in our “social well being” area. This area was quite broad and is now more focussed. We no longer have a catch all “social well being” criteria. If you previously applied in this funding area, please check carefully that you qualify. It may be more appropriate to apply in one of our other funding rounds.
 - (f) We have increased the size of the total fund. With the refined criteria and the other changes, this should mean that we can fund some groups a higher amount than in previous years.
 - (g) We have simplified the application process and the accountability process. We do not want money returned (unless you are no longer a registered charity). We trust you. We know that circumstances change. If your intentions for the money change, just let us know and we are happy to update your application.
 - (h) If you receive funding in one of our funding rounds, you are not eligible to receive funding in another funding round in the same financial year.

- (i) If you apply in a round which you are not eligible for, we will let you know which funding round is more appropriate for your organisation (if any).

Important Dates

4. Round One - Families

- (a) Opens on 2 July 2018 at 9.00 am and closes on 10 August 2018 at 4.30 pm.

5. Round Two – Community Based Education

- (a) Opens on 3 September 2018 at 9.00 am and closes on 12 October 2018 at 4.30 pm.

6. Round Three – Environment

- (a) Opens on 3 September 2018 at 9.00 am and closes on 12 October 2018 at 4.30 pm.

7. Round Four – Social Wellbeing

- (a) Opens on 14 January 2019 at 9.00 am and closes on 22 February 2019 at 4.30 pm.

Note that the dates for Round One are fixed but there may be slight variations to the other funding rounds. Any changes will be communicated as much as possible in advance.

Our new criteria

Families	Community Based Education	Social Well Being	Environment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programmes/organisations to support teen parents. • Single Parent Support. • Child/family abuse, e.g., Women's Refuge. • Parenting Programmes/Supervised Access providers. • Organisations who support the family unit/strengthening families such as Fostering Kids. • Support for older persons. • Support for Immigrant and Refugee Families. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playcentres and other education opportunities for children in the first five years of life. • Adult Literacy • Opportunities outside of mainstream education (for example, Outward Bound, Spirit of Adventure). • Specialised education programmes/needs/support (for example, support for people with Autism). • Programmes in schools not funded by the Ministry of Education (for example, specialised music programmes, engineering, mindfulness or other unique programmes outside of the curriculum). The focus is to be on opportunities for those who may not have the access to these types of programmes. <p style="text-align: center;">More priority will be given in areas of deprivation/lower socio-economic areas.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Houses. • Budgeting advice and foodbanks. • Community Based Health and Disability Services including counselling. • Access to Healthcare – groups who provide travel to increase access to health, or groups who travel to provide healthcare. • Social Housing – homelessness, shelters including men's shelters. • Youth development. • Organisations that promote volunteering. For example, Surf Lifesaving, Citizen's Advice Bureau. • Groups which encourage community connectedness through events or other community spaces. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisations who seek to improve water quality of the rivers. • Preservation or planting of native plants. • Reduction of waste from landfill. • Community gardens. • Walking/cycling tracks to preserve the natural environment, and increase accessibility to the natural environment. • Restoration/protection of the natural environment.

Areas which are not eligible include:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kindergartens, daycare and OSCAR programmes receiving government funding• Core education or scholarships• Sport and recreation equipment and expenses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Animal welfare• The arts, including performing arts or drama.• International development and global relations.• Law, justice and human rights.	
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