

New Zealand Communities Growth Trust (NZCGT) Review.

Public Trust has recently completed a review of the New Zealand Communities Growth Trust. The purpose of the review was to identify operational improvements and implement a granting strategy that would ensure that the Trust was operating effectively. The outcome of the review is a formalised granting strategy that provides clear and transparent criteria for allocating Trust resources and the assessment of applications.

We'd like to take this opportunity to inform you that we have made a number of changes to the granting process and operation of the Trust, which take effect from 1 July 2018.

Who will benefit from the New Zealand Communities Growth Trust going forward?

From 1 July 2018, the Trust will continue to support individuals disadvantaged by cults or communities in particular past residents of Centrepoin and their children. The Trust will also begin supporting organisations that provide services that meet the purposes of the Trust.

What can former Centrepoin residents and their children apply for?

Former Centrepoin residents and their children can continue to apply to the Trust for funding under the relief of poverty, therapeutic and counselling, and education criteria.

Please refer to the application form for further guidance regarding eligibility criteria and conditions of the funding.

The position of the Advisory Trustees

The Trustee has reviewed the position of the Advisory Trustees and determined that the Advisory Trustees' terms expired in 2012. In formulating the new granting strategy, the Trustee has considered all options regarding the need for Advisory Trustees and determined that, at this stage, the Trust has no requirement for Advisory Trustees.

What is the application process?

The Trust now has a more defined application process:

- Applications will continue to be considered on the 15th and 30th of the month only or the working day prior if this falls on a weekend or public holiday, excluding December, where all applications will only be considered on the 15th of the month.
- Application forms will be available on our website www.publictrust.co.nz/nzcg, which will provide more detail in relation to the criteria.

We appreciate your patience while we undertook this review. If you have any questions, please contact us at nzcg@publictrust.co.nz.