

Perpetual Guardian 2025 Application Schedule

Organisations

This schedule is for the purpose of planning and subject to change. **There are likely to be multiple updates in early 2025. We recommend checking the schedule frequently.**
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Opening Month	Funding Round	Who can apply?	Applicable Region	Sector	Funding objectives	Grant value guide	Amount
Year Round with two rounds in 2025 - closing 1 February and 1 July.	New Zealand Companion Animals Trust	Organisations & Individuals	New Zealand	Animal welfare	The Trust supports projects beneficial to the community, those that provide care and protection to companion animals and projects that directly improve companion animal welfare and urban animal management. For more information including the types of awards available, please visit the Companion Animals NZ Trust website (www.nzcat.org.nz). Closing dates are 1st Feb and 1st July annually.	Maximum per grant approx.	\$10,000
Year Round	Rose Hellaby Medical Scholarships and Grants	New Zealand registered medical practitioners and New Zealand organisations	New Zealand	Research and development	In the fields of rheumatic disease, physical medicine and manipulative treatment: Scholarships for registered medical practitioners for research and/or post-graduate training and experience overseas. Grants for New Zealand organisations to engage international or New Zealand medical practitioners to deliver lectures, conduct study courses and/or supervise training and/or research in within New Zealand. Applications are open year round but for the most part are considered by the Board of granting in May. If you wish to be considered in the funding round for the current year, please submit your application by 31st March. Please monitor carefully for changes as time-frames for applications may be amended.	Range from	\$10,000 - \$100,000
Year Round	Ted & Mollie Carr Medical Travel Fund	Organisations & Individuals	New Zealand	Health (Medical Research and Education)	Facilitating international travel by medical practitioners for the purposes of research and education. This Fund's priority objective is to enable overseas based surgeons and medical practitioners with specialised skills to visit New Zealand for short periods to impart their skills and techniques to New Zealand medical practitioners. The Fund's secondary objective is to enable specialist New Zealand medical practitioners to travel internationally for short periods to work with other medical practitioners to improve their skills and techniques. Awards for this secondary purpose are infrequent and will only be considered if the proposal demonstrates a broad impact.	2024 grant average	\$16,600
Feb.	Harold Holt Charitable Trust	Charities	Covering the City of Napier including the Otatara area close to Taradale which is the location where the Eastern Institute of Technology is found.	Various charitable purposes	2025: For organisations operating in the City of Napier including the Otatara area close to Taradale which is the location where the Eastern Institute of Technology is found. This funding round will consider youth-focused applications (including education) as the first priority. Where funding permits, the Trust may also consider funding applications for culture, recreation, the environment, social welfare, the disabled, aged and infirm.	Total funding available approx.	\$20,000
Feb.	Kathleen Spragg Agricultural Research Award	Organisations & Individuals. Non New Zealand Residents may apply but must be conducting research in New Zealand	New Zealand	Research and development	For Research and Development Awards, the outcome of which provide a demonstrable benefit to the pastoral industry of New Zealand. Funding is for purposes relating to travel for research and development in soils, plants and animals and related areas to the pastoral industry. Two types of applications are eligible: - From individuals (scientists, technicians, advisors, consultants and/or students holding relevant tertiary qualifications). Undergraduate applications will not be considered. - From New Zealand institutions and organisations. Applications must be for activities yet to take place. Applications from those that are not New Zealand permanent residents or citizens may be considered, providing the work is: - Taking place at an appropriate New Zealand institution - Has clear benefits for the New Zealand pastoral industry and/or a clear plan to remain in New Zealand as a means of benefiting the New Zealand pastoral industry.	Total funding available approx.	\$35,000
Feb	Robert C Bruce Charitable Trust	Charities & Individuals	New Zealand	Environment	For afforestation projects of public land. Two types of grants are available: - Project grants (for organisations) for afforestation projects on public land - Research grants (for individuals) for research directly related to forests and afforestation. Applications are open until sufficient applications well aligned to the funding objectives are received. For this reason, please submit your application as soon as possible.	2022 - 2024 grant average	\$3,500
Feb.	The Roger Wait and Norah Wait Charitable Trust	Charities	Canterbury	Arts / Culture / Heritage	For *heritage projects in the Canterbury region as well as five organisations nominated by the Settlor for charitable purposes. If you are an organisation wishing to apply for a heritage project in Canterbury, take note of the following criteria: - 'Heritage' meaning related to buildings or sites recognised by Heritage New Zealand as having historic value. - 'Canterbury' - defined as including North Canterbury and Mid Canterbury and Banks Peninsula, South Canterbury and Kaikoura regions. - Projects should have some aspect of benefit to the public for instance, a building should either be fully open to the public, or have specified times when public access will be granted.	Total funding available approx.	\$85,000
Mar.	A D Hally Estate	Charities & NFP community organisations	South Canterbury	Various	To support charitable institutions or those having as their charitable object(s) the benefit of the people of South Canterbury. Please note the Trust now only has one funding round per annum.	Total funding available approx.	\$52,000
Mar.	Stewart Family Charitable Trust	Charities & Individuals	Preference is shown to Southland based activities	Welfare, health, research	For charitable purposes to assist people in physical or financial need due to age, illness, congenital defect, accident or misfortune. Research into the causes of these outlined areas will also be considered. Preference is shown to requests for Southland based activities.	2022 - 2024 grant range	\$2,500 - \$50,000
Apr.	Estate of Gordon Lindsey Isaacs	Charities	Palmerston North & Manawatu	Various charitable purposes	For the relief of poverty, the advancement of education or religion, or any other matter beneficial to the Palmerston North & Manawatu community.	Total funding available approx.	\$40,000
Apr.	Guy Anson Waddel Charitable Trust	Charities	Southland	Senior Citizens	To support charitable purposes in the Southland area, particularly Invercargill and Bluff and with particular preference to senior citizens	Range from	\$1,000 - \$50,000
Apr.	Kingdom Foundation	Charities & NFP community organisations	Manawatu, Horowhenua & Hawke's Bay	Various charitable purposes	For charities supporting disability, social services, education and religious activities.	Range from	\$1,000 - \$25,000
Apr.	South Canterbury Trusts: A & R Edgar South Canterbury Trust The General Charitable Fund South Canterbury	Charities	South Canterbury	Various charitable purposes	For charitable purposes in South Canterbury	Total funding available approx.	\$42,500
May	Estate of George Sevicke Jones	Charities	Christchurch & Timaru	2025: Arts, culture, heritage	2025: For registered charities and/or incorporated societies that provide arts, cultural and heritage outcomes in the Christchurch and Timaru areas.	Total funding available approx.	\$100,000
May	Eva & Harold Wilson Charitable Trust	Charities	Canterbury	Social Services	For charities involved in the care and welfare of elderly poor persons in the district of Canterbury.	Total funding available approx.	\$18,000
May	Gladys Howey Charitable Trust	Organisations & Schools	New Zealand	Animal welfare	Relating to the welfare, care and treatment of animals, including: - programmes that educate children on welfare of animals, particularly domestic pets (and especially cats) - activities that encourage news media and publicity activities relating to pets as companions and their welfare - activities that promote the prevention of cruelty to domestic animals.	Total funding available approx.	\$6,000

May	James Maxwell Heron Charitable Trust	Charities	Kaipoi and surrounding districts (excludes Christchurch metropolitan area)	Various charitable purposes	For charitable purposes in Kaipoi and surrounding districts.	Total funding available approx.	\$14,000
May	Jean Malpas Environmental Trust	Charities	Preference is shown to the South Island	Environment	Protection and retention of the New Zealand landscape and its native flora, fauna and marine life. Preference is given to projects in the South Island of New Zealand.	Range from	\$10,000 - \$20,000
May	Southland Care and Welfare Trusts: Peter H McMillan Legacy Fund Vernon Hall Trust Fund W Duncan Bickley Trust Fund	Charities	Southland and Wallace	Social Services	For charities operating in Southland (including Invercargill and Wallace) who focus on 'the care and welfare of infants or of the aged or of persons suffering from any physical or mental disability or infirmity. Applicants submit one application to be considered by the three contributing Trusts.	Range from	\$1,000 - \$10,000
Jun.	Alan Rosoman Charitable Trust	Organisations	New Zealand (with special consideration given to Central and Lower North Island Parks)	Conservation / Recreation	To enhance, promote and maintain public facilities within reserves and national parks in New Zealand, including areas managed by the Department of Conservation. Special consideration is given to Tongariro National Park, Kaimanawa Forest Park, Ruahine Forest Park and the Northern end of Taranua Forest Park (particularly close to Manawatu Gorge). Charitable purposes that improve the experience of visitors will be considered, for example, signage, information, shelter, facilities, predator control, re-vegetation.	2022 - 2024 grant range	\$2,500 - \$45,000
Jun.	E L and J B Sanderson Cerebral Palsy Trust	Charities	Canterbury	Health	For the benefit of people living in the Canterbury region with cerebral palsy who require twenty-four hour care.	Total funding available approx.	\$6,000
Jun.	Janet and John Carter Charitable Trust Fund	Charities	New Zealand	Animal welfare	Research and development to promote animal welfare in New Zealand, particularly the thoroughbred horse industry.	Total funding available approx.	\$5,000
Jun.	Kingston Sedgfield Charitable Trust	Organisations	Preference is shown to Otago based activities	Youth	The Kindston Sedgfield Charitable Trust provides assistance for young people (under 30 years), particularly for the education and rehabilitation of young people who are disadvantaged. Consideration will also be given to provide for (unfunded) training/aids for young people with disabilities and training/knowledge building for gifted young people who need help to make progress.	Total funding available approx.	\$50,000
Jul.	Stout Trust (Estate of John David Stout)	Charities (and in special circumstances non registered charities for historic places)	New Zealand	Arts / Culture / Heritage	The Stout Trust makes grants for two charitable purposes: -To advance and support the preservation of natural or historic sites or amenities, for public enjoyment -To advance and support the creation or preservation of works of art, including visual, audio or literary arts	Total funding available approx.	\$800,000
Jul.	James Searle Say Foundation - Waihi	Charities	Waihi	Various	The Foundation welcomes funding applications for charitable purposes in Waihi and nearby surrounds. Organisations must be locally based with a strong grassroots focus in Waihi.	2024 grant average	\$5,000
Aug.	Jeanne Mary Webb Charitable Trust	Charities & Individuals	New Zealand	Religious Activities	For the activities of the First Church of Christ Science, Christchurch, The Patricia A Fleming Fund and education within the Christian Science Church	Total funding available approx.	\$19,000
Aug.	Legacy Performing Arts Trust Palmerston North: Representing the Evelyn Rawlins Arts Trust, Mavis & Beatrix Francis Arts Trust and Molly Atkinson Arts Trust	Charities & Individuals	Palmerston North	Arts / Culture / Heritage	For the benefit of individuals, groups and events pertaining to the performing arts within the City of Palmerston North.	Range from	\$500 - \$5,000
Aug.	Merton Trust	Charities & Individuals	Papakura	Arts / Culture / Heritage	For the promotion, learning and encouragement and performance of music of a classical or light classical nature.	To be confirmed	-
Aug.	New Zealand Nursing Fund	Divisions under Te Whatu Ora (former DHBs) / Health Foundations/Nurses	Wellington, Taranaki, Hawke's Bay	Health	Scholarships to support nurses, particularly in the continuation of their training and learning. Preference will be given to nurses who: - Are based in Wellington Central Hospitals - particularly cardiac nurses advancing their expertise in cardiac nursing OR - Are based in the Taranaki district or Taranaki Base Hospital, studying in any capacity OR - Have attended secondary school in Napier / Hawke's Bay / Havelock North and preferably undertaking a nursing qualification at the Eastern Institute of Technology (EIT).	Range from	\$1,000 - \$5,000
Aug.	St Joans Trust	Charities (New Zealand registered charities (Charities Services or Incorporated Society status))	New Zealand	Social services	To promote the care, maintenance, welfare and rehabilitation of elderly persons and to promote stimulation and encourage public interest in the total welfare and health care of elderly persons.	Range from	\$1,500 - \$15,000
Aug.	T M Hosking Charitable Trust	Charities	Auckland	Social Services / Health (varies)	2025: For charitable organisations working in the Greater Auckland region that work in one of the following areas: Medical research into cardiac diseases and care of the blind.	To be confirmed	-
Sep.	Clyde Graham Charitable Trust	Charities	New Zealand	To be confirmed	2025: To be confirmed.	To be confirmed	-
Sep.	Cranleigh Harper Barton Cultural Trust	Charities	Canterbury	Arts / Culture / Heritage	This Trust considers applications (usually every two years) from charitable organisations with preference given to those in the Canterbury area and/or supporting arts and culture.	To be confirmed	-
Sep.	Ethel G Johnstone Charitable Trust	Charities	Otago	Various	To support educational, moral, physical and artistic improvement of the people in the Otago region.	To be confirmed	-
Sep.	Roy & Enid Nicol Charitable Trust	Charities & Individuals	Te Aroha	Various charitable purposes	For charitable purposes (including educational) within a ten mile (17 km) radius of Te Aroha Post Office.	To be confirmed	-
Sep.	Russell Henderson Charitable Trust	Organisations	Otago, particularly Alexandra and surrounding towns	Various	2025: For organisations operating in Otago (excluding Southland) for charitable activities well aligned with one of the following three purposes. The purposes are listed in order of priority for funding consideration: 1. Critical services for women - protecting life and keeping people fed, safe and secure, with a particular focus in 2025 on organisations addressing domestic violence. 2. Education - specifically activities to support mental health and engagement in education (primary and secondary level). 3. Arts and culture - activities that promote arts and culture within Otago. Applications for small, locally focussed activities as well as larger projects that potentially have a longer lasting impact will be considered.	To be confirmed	-
Sep.	Strathlachlan Fund	Charities	New Zealand	Social Services	To enable changing the causes of womens vulnerability at a local community level. Applications should meet one of the following focus areas: - Young women currently not in education or training - Women who are the victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse - Women wishing to break dependency on drugs or alcohol - Positive mental health initiatives - Reduction in levels of poverty - Isolated older women. Grassroots applications are considered annually. TBC: High engagement / multi year funding.	To be confirmed	-
Sep.	Wilks Charitable Trust	Charities	New Zealand	Various - elderly	The Wilks Charitable Trust has broad charitable purposes. In 2025 the Wilks Charitable Trust welcomes applications from charitable organisations that focus on one or more of the following three focus areas for elderly (65+ years): 1. Promoting access to services for elderly through supportive environments, health promotion and disease minimisation and prevention. 2. Improving the wellbeing of elderly socially isolated older people, experiencing financial disadvantage or have barriers to inclusion through social connection. 3. Providing care and support for elderly with complex health and support needs.	To be confirmed	-
Oct.	A K Franks Charitable Trust	Charities	Northland District	Various charitable purposes	For charitable, educational or religious organisations operating within the Rodney, Kaipara, Whangarei and Far North District Council boundaries. Please note, operational costs will not be considered.	To be confirmed	-
Oct.	Alexander Harold Watson Charitable Trust	Charities	New Zealand	To be confirmed	2025: To be confirmed	To be confirmed	-
Oct.	Belfast Community Trust	Charities	Belfast (located in Christchurch)	Various charitable purposes	For any charitable purposes benefiting residents of Belfast in Christchurch.	To be confirmed	-
Oct.	Kathleen Dorothy Kirkby Charitable Trust	Charities	Tauranga, Invercargill, Queenstown (welfare/education) New Zealand (medical research)	Various charitable purposes	This funding round considers applications in the following areas: -Charities based in Tauranga, Invercargill, or Queenstown, who focus on the care and welfare of youth, elderly, or those with physical or intellectual disabilities. -The advancement of education of children in or about Tauranga. -The advancement of medical research in New Zealand.	To be confirmed	-

Oct.	Tui Flower Foundation	New Zealand Organisations and Individuals with New Zealand Residency or Citizenship	New Zealand	Various	Applications relating to home science, nutrition, household arts, family care & welfare. Two types of applications are available: 1. Grants for NZ organisations providing programmes that contribute positively to communities in one of the focus areas, or advance knowledge and understanding in one of the focus areas. 2. Scholarships for NZ Residents and Citizens to undertake a course of study or vocational training in priority areas of nutrition and dietetics, but may also include horticulture and agriculture studies.	To be confirmed	-
Oct.	Winton and Margaret Bear Charitable Trust	Charities, Incorporated Societies, Schools	Wellington	Social services / Training (Youth)	For organisations providing assistance for young New Zealanders (12-24 years) in their training for life, which includes confidence building, self-motivation, control of aggression, coping with the demands of society, stress management, and/or physical and mental wellbeing.	To be confirmed	-
Nov.	Estate of Ernest Hyam Davis & The Ted & Mollie Carr Endowment Trust	Charities	Auckland	Social Services	For charities operating within the Greater Auckland region, who support sick, elderly, poor or homeless people in the community.	To be confirmed	-
Nov.	New Zealand Charitable Foundation	Charities	Canterbury	Humanitarian purposes and Arts	For ongoing Humanitarian and Arts projects for charities operating within Canterbury.	To be confirmed	-

Special Updates						
Next Active	Funding Round	Who can apply?	Applicable Region	Sector	Funding objectives	Update
Apr. (2026)	Bay of Plenty Community Legacy Fund	Charities	Bay of Plenty (specifically Mount Maunganui and Tauranga)	Education & various charitable purposes	2025: Applications are welcomed from charitable organisations domiciled in Mount Maunganui and Tauranga. Educational based requests particularly from Mount Maunganui may be given preference.	Next scheduled to open in 2026
TBC	Bill Brown Charitable Trust	Charities	Wellington	Various charitable purposes	Considers applications for charitable or educational purposes or institutions within 16kms of the Wellington General Post Office.	It is yet to be confirmed if the Trust will be opening for applications in 2025. Please check back again soon.
Feb. (2026)	Epilepsy Foundation of New Zealand	Charities & NFP community organisations	New Zealand	Health	For organisations that closely support the one in fifty New Zealanders living with epilepsy for purposes such as: -Helping to improve quality of life by removing barriers to care -The provision of therapy sessions -Counselling -Research, or -Other health and social services related outcomes	Next scheduled to open in 2026
Feb. (2026)	Longmuir Trust	Organisations	New Zealand	Various - children	Applications are welcomed from organisations providing for children facing disadvantages due to disability. Priority will be given to applications where there is involvement with horses/hōiho.	Next scheduled to open in 2026
Apr. (2026)	Margaret & Huia Clarke Trust	Charities	Rotorua	Various charitable purposes	For charitable, medical, educational or benevolent organisations for charitable work in the Rotorua City or District.	Next scheduled to open in 2026
Jul. (2026)	Parkinson Memorial Park Trust	Groups undertaking restoration of historic buildings or structures. Privately owned buildings will be considered for funding, providing they are regularly accessible by the public.	Banks Peninsula	Arts / Culture / Heritage	The Trust considers applications for the restoration of historic buildings or structures in the Banks Peninsula region. Projects bordering the Banks Peninsula region may be considered	Next scheduled to open in 2026
TBC	Scientia Cinema Archive Fund	Charities & Individuals	New Zealand	Arts / Culture / Heritage	The Trust considers applications that encourage the growth and use of the New Zealand Archive of Film, Television and Sound, Ngā Taonga Whitiāhua Me Ngā Taonga Kōrero. Grants are available for: - adding to Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision material - improving the safety or cataloguing of Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision archives - assisting research into archived films, other films made in New Zealand or about New Zealand subjects.	This Trust is now closed for funding applications. It is not likely to be open again in 2025.
Jan. (2029)	Scientia Trust - Planet Earth Fund	Organisations & Individuals	New Zealand	Environment	Considers applications that encourage the study of earthquakes, astronomical motions, internal structure of the Earth and of the history of those studies.	Next scheduled to open in 2029
Jun. (2026)	William J Gall Charitable Trust	Charities	Otago, particularly Owaka and Catlins	Various	For charitable purposes in Otago with preference to the Catlins and Owaka area.	Next scheduled to open in 2026