

Perpetual Guardian 2026 Application Schedule

Organisations

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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 2026 - 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.	To be confirmed	-
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 within New Zealand. Applications are open year round but for the most part are considered by the Board 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.	Recent grant rounds range	\$11,000 - \$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.	Recent grant rounds range	\$8,000 - \$20,000
Dec. Prior	Mount Wellington Charitable Trust	Organisations	Mount Wellington Licensing Trust area (Auckland)	Various	The Mount Wellington Charitable Trust invites applications in order to create positive outcomes in the Mt Wellington Licensing Trust area. To be eligible to apply, organisations must be based in the Mount Wellington Licensing Trust area, or deliver the benefit to residents of the Mount Wellington Licensing Trust area. There are two funding types: General Grants (\$1,000 - \$36,000) and Legacy Grants (\$50,000 - \$150,000).	Range from	\$1,000 - \$150,000
Feb	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	To be confirmed	-
Feb.	Harold Holt Charitable Trust	Charities	Covering the City of Napier including the Otatarā area close to Taradale which is the location where the Eastern Institute of Technology is found.	Various charitable purposes	2026: Considers 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.	Previous grant round average	\$5,900
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 benefitting the New Zealand pastoral industry.	2023 - 2025 grant range	\$5,000 - \$18,000
Feb	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.	To be confirmed	-
Feb	Ray of Light Charitable Trust	Charities	Hawke's Bay	Social Services	To enable families of all diversities to 1) tackle challenging financial circumstances 2) break free from poverty and 3) prevent family violence.	To be confirmed	-
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.	2023 - 2025 grant average	\$15,120
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.	2023 - 2025 grant range	\$500 - \$10,000
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.	2023 - 2025 grant range	\$1,500 - \$62,500
Apr	Bay of Plenty Community Legacy Fund	Charities	Bay of Plenty (specifically Mount Maunganui and Tauranga)	Education & various charitable purposes	2026: Applications are welcomed from charitable organisations domiciled in Mount Maunganui and Tauranga. Educational based requests particularly from Mount Maunganui may be given preference.	To be confirmed	-
Apr	Canterbury Community Legacy Fund (formerly known as the New Zealand Charitable Foundation)	Charities	Canterbury	Humanitarian purposes and Arts	For ongoing Humanitarian and Arts projects for charities operating within Canterbury.	To be confirmed	-
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.	2023 - 2025 grant range	\$1,000 - \$6,500

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.	2023 - 2025 grant average	\$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.	Previous grant range	\$2,000 - \$25,000
Apr	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.	To be confirmed	-
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	Previous grant range	\$1,000 - \$4,000
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.	2023 - 2025 grant range	\$700 - \$6,000
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.	Previous grant round average	\$2,000
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.	Previous grant round average	\$3,325
May.	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	2023 - 2025 grant average	\$5,125
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.	Previous grant round range	\$1,000 - \$15,000
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 Tararua 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.	Previous grant round range	\$4,000 - \$30,000
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.	Previous grant round range	\$1,000 - \$3,000
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.	Previous grant round average	\$2,250
Jun.	Kingston Sedgfield Charitable Trust	Organisations	Preference is shown to Otago based activities	Youth	The Kingston 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.	Previous grant round range	\$1,350 - \$15,000
Jun.	Napier Secondary Schools Scholarships Fund	Schools on behalf of students	Napier	Education	For Napier Secondary School students who are in need of financial support and who have experienced significant disadvantage due to their personal circumstances. Funding is provided for the student's use during their tenure at secondary school.	Range from	\$1,000 - \$2,000
Jun	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.	To be confirmed	-
Jul.	Estate of George Sevicke Jones	Charities	Christchurch & Timaru	2026: TBC	2026: TBC	Previous grant round range	\$1,200 - \$15,000
Jul	Mount Wellington Charitable Trust	Organisations	Mount Wellington Licensing Trust area (Auckland)	Various	The Mount Wellington Charitable Trust invites applications in order to create positive outcomes in the Mt Wellington Licensing Trust area. To be eligible to apply, organisations must be based in the Mount Wellington Licensing Trust area, or deliver the benefit to residents of the Mount Wellington Licensing Trust area. There are two funding types: General Grants (\$1,000 - \$36,000) and Legacy Grants (\$50,000 - \$150,000).	Range from	\$1,000 - \$150,000
Jul	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	For the restoration of historic buildings or structures in the Banks Peninsula region. Projects bordering the Banks Peninsula region may be considered.	To be confirmed	-
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
Aug.	David Johnstone Charitable Trust	Schools on behalf of students	Waikato	Education	Tertiary education at Wintec and Waikato University for Waikato youth.	Maximum per grant approx.	\$6,000
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.	Previous grant round range	\$1,000 - \$5,000
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).	2023 - 2025 grant range	\$1,500 - \$2,500 pp
Aug.	Russell Henderson Charitable Trust	Organisations	Otago, particularly Alexandra and surrounding towns	2026: TBC	2026: TBC	Previous grant round range	\$2,250 - \$54,000
Aug.	St Joans Trust	Charities (New Zealand registered charities (Charities Services or Incorporated Society status))	New Zealand	Social services	Projects focused on the care, maintenance, welfare, and rehabilitation of elderly persons and initiatives that promote public awareness and engagement in improving the health and well-being of elderly persons.	Previous grant round range	\$2,000 - \$10,000
Aug.	T M Hosking Charitable Trust	Charities	Auckland	Social Services / Health (varies)	2026: For charitable organisations working in the Greater Auckland region that work in one of the following areas: Child care (charitable purposes only, for example, advancing health of children, meeting charitable needs of children), drug dependency, alcohol abuse.	2023 - 2025 grant range	\$1,550 - \$20,000
Sep.	Hillier Bequest Charitable Trust	Organisations	Tauranga and Mt Maunganui	Disability, employment	For organisations in and about Tauranga and Mt Maunganui aligned with: - Supporting disabled persons to train, seek and gain meaningful employment - Social enterprises engaging disabled persons.	Recent grant rounds range	\$6,400 - \$45,000
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.	2023 - 2025 grant average	\$2,500

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.	Strathlachlan Fund	Charities	New Zealand	Social Services	<p>To enable changing the causes of womens vulnerability at a local community level. Applications should meet one of the following focus areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. <p>Grassroots applications are considered annually. It is yet to be confirmed if there will be a high engagement round in 2026.</p>	Previous grant round range	\$2,500 - \$15,000
Sep.	Wilks Charitable Trust	Charities	New Zealand	Various - elderly	2026: TBC	Previous grant round average	\$2,300
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.	Previous grant round average	\$800
Oct.	Alexander Harold Watson Charitable Trust	Charities	New Zealand	2026: TBC	2026: TBC	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.	Clyde Graham Charitable Trust	Charities	New Zealand	2026: TBC	2026: TBC	To be confirmed	-
Oct.	Kathleen Dorothy Kirkby Charitable Trust	Charities	Tauranga, Invercargill, Queenstown (welfare/education) New Zealand (medical research)	Various charitable purposes	<p>This funding round considers applications in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -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	<p>Applications relating to home science, nutrition, household arts, family care & welfare. Two types of applications are available:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	Previous grant round average	\$4,250
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.	Range from	-
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.	2023 - 2025 grant range	\$4,000 - \$200,000
Nov.	James Searle Say Foundation - Waihi	Charities	Waihi	Various	Considers charitable purposes in Waihi and nearby surrounds. Organisations must be locally based with a strong grassroots focus in Waihi.	To be confirmed	-

Special Updates						
Next Active	Funding Round	Who can apply?	Applicable Region	Sector	Funding objectives	Update
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 2026. Please check back again soon.
2027	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.	Next scheduled to open in 2027
2027	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.	Next scheduled to open in 2027
2027	Cranleigh Harper Barton Cultural Trust	Charities	Canterbury	Arts / Culture / Heritage	Considers applications (usually every two years) from charitable organisations with preference given to those in the Canterbury area and/or supporting arts and culture.	Next scheduled to open in 2027
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
N/A	Charles T Drysdale Estate	Charities	Southland	Discretionary	For charitable purposes in Southland, particularly for accommodation, recreational or holiday facilities for young people.	The Charles T Drysdale Estate has been fully distributed. No further funding rounds will be held.