

GRANT POLICY



VISION:

To be recognised as the most highly respected and compliant Gaming Society by the communities our venues operate in, by venue operators, government, and the regulator.

AUTHORISED PURPOSES:

All distributions must be to authorised purposes. The Gambling Act 2003 (“the Act”) defines authorised purposes as:

- A charitable purpose
- A non-commercial purpose that is beneficial to the whole or a section of the community
- Promoting, controlling and conducting race meetings under the Racing Act 2003, including the payment of stakes

Aotearoa Gaming Trust will distribute 95% of the available proceeds raised in each territorial region to purposes that directly benefit each regional community. The remaining 5% of proceeds will be distributed for purposes that benefit the wider regional community, or all New Zealanders.

TO ASSIST US TO ACHIEVE OUR VISION WE WILL FUND:

People: We will support community organisations that provide services that give direct positive benefits/outcomes within local communities. We have a particular interest in supporting children, young people and families.

Participation: We will support community and sporting organisations that encourage and enable people to be engaged and active within their local communities through provision of sporting and recreational activities, cultural and artistic experiences and activities.

Places: We will support projects that enhance local communities by providing sporting and recreational environments and opportunities, preserving the history of the community and generally providing facilities that provide tangible benefits for the community.

Partnerships: We will partner with community organisations that provide innovative programmes that address particular issues within local communities, in particular in areas that are recognised as being high need.

FUNDING PRIORITIES FOR AOTEAROA GAMING TRUST ARE:

- We have a particular interest in supporting children, young people and families
- In smaller communities we will work with those communities to determine community need and support those areas that have been identified as a priority
- Funding priority will be given to multi-use sporting facilities above single use facilities

SPECIFIC CRITERIA/AREAS WE FUND ARE:

Please Note: The Trustees have the ability to apply discretion when applying these criteria.

- Organisations must have been established for a minimum of 12 months and possess annual financial accounts – the exception are innovative start up programmes that could provide wide ranging benefits to local communities
- The applicant organisation must offer non-exclusive membership
- There must be no conflict of interest existing between the applicant and any provider of goods and services
- Comparable quotes must be provided when possible
- Expenses must be incurred within New Zealand with the exception of specialised items purchased overseas when not available locally
- Applications for salaries will be considered in the context of whatever area of the community the applicant group provides services for – generally administration salaries for groups other than community welfare oriented organisations will not be considered
- Only amateur sporting participants can benefit from grants made
- Sporting organisations must be affiliated to a sporting body recognised by Sport New Zealand
- Competitions must be bona fide and recognised as such by the governing body
- Non-incorporated clubs will be limited to \$1,500 per application
- Equipment and uniforms must remain the property of the organisation
- Education providers can make applications, not associated organisations eg Friends of the School
- As a partial funder we see our role as complementing regional sector strategies and other funding opportunities, we will consider projects/applications that add value too but do not replace government's (local, regional and central) core provision of services by providing community funding for justifiable additional and/or enhanced services

THINGS WE DO NOT FUND ARE:

- No retrospective grant applications will be considered (retrospective is considered to be when any costs have been incurred and paid before the grant has been approved and paid by either the Net Proceed Committee or by the Board of Trustees)
- Catering expenses will not be considered
- Bar related expenses will not be considered
- Individual teams will not be considered, applications must be made by the Club
- Overseas travel is not a priority for Aotearoa Gaming Trust

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

No key person associated to a venue for which the Trust holds a current venue licence will influence decisions about grant applications received by the Trust.

For the purposes of this section, a key person includes all venue personnel, including the manager, operator and any person contracted to service gambling equipment at a venue. In cases where the venue operator is a company a key person also includes any director, chief executive, senior manager or other person who has significant interest in the management, ownership or operation of that company.

Any interest that any staff member of the Trust has in any applicant who is a recipient of a grant must be disclosed in writing on the prescribed form. A copy of the form will be retained on file. Where any conflict of interest exists, the staff member concerned will not have any involvement in the processing or determination of the application.

For the purposes of this section, an 'interest' will meet the definition contained in section 110 (4A) of the Act.

DETERMINATION:

Applications for funds totaling \$30,000 or more will be considered by the Board of Trustees.

Applications submitted by organisations affiliated to New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Incorporated, Harness Racing New Zealand Incorporated, and New Zealand Greyhound Racing Association (Incorporated) will be considered by the Board of Trustees, regardless of the purpose and the amount sought.

ANNUAL REVIEW:

This policy will be reviewed at least annually.