



Hoatu Fund Guidelines

The Hoatu Fund is a fund of the Catholic Bishop of Christchurch, which assists vulnerable women, children and families with material and spiritual needs. The fund was created as a result of the sale of land from an historic church outreach known as 'Mount Magdala', which operated between 1888-1966.

The Bishop is the sole trustee of the Hoatu Fund, and he is supported by a committee who make recommendations to him on how funds are utilized.

The Hoatu Fund funding allocation process is also used to distribute the funds the Bishop receives annually from The Tindall Foundation, through the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference. The process of making a funding request remains the same, and there is no need to identify which fund the request is targeting. If your request aligns with The Tindall Foundation funding priorities, we will make an allocation from this fund.

Funding Rounds

There are three funding rounds held each year. Two of these rounds are for Catholic schools and parishes only, and the third is for registered charities only.

In 2019, a funding round for schools and parishes occurred in February, and the funding round for charities was completed in April. The remaining funding round for schools and parishes is in September, with requests required by Friday 27th September.

Requests can be made at any time, and will be held to the next applicable funding round.

Making a Request

Requests for funding can be made by way of a letter outlining the area of need, and the amount requested. Letters of request should be sent to: hoatu@chch.catholic.org.nz.

Please note, where the request will benefit an individual or family, identifying details are not required.

If you are making your first request to the fund, please also ensure a bank deposit slip is attached to your letter of request.

What the Hoatu Fund Supports

Requests can be made to the Hoatu Fund either for direct support for individuals or families, or for wider projects which seek to support women, children and families in areas of material or spiritual need.

Areas of need which have previously been funded include: providing meals for people in times of particular need, support with bill payment where there has been illness or bereavement, costs associated with education such as uniforms, transport or education outside the classroom.

Projects which have previously been funded include: parenting programmes, support for young parents finding and maintaining accommodation, initiatives to assist migrants integrating into their local community, programmes for people who have experienced domestic violence, and the creation of a 'loan library' of items for babies.

Hoatu Fund - Exclusions

The fund does not cover:

- Medical or dental costs
- Funeral costs
- Costs associated with immigration
- Legal costs
- School attendance dues
- Retrospective needs

While in many instances funds will be used to benefit individuals or families, requests must be made through a school, parish or charity, and individuals cannot receive funding directly. Please note that individuals should not benefit from an amount more than \$1,500, and families should not benefit from an amount more than \$2,000 in a 12 month period.

Please also note that cash is not to be given directly to an individual or family, however vouchers can be provided.

Additional Notes for Schools

Please keep in mind that the core purpose of the fund is to cover welfare needs, as opposed to costs associated with the schools education budget, such as classroom resources or Teacher Aide funding.

The preference is also that funds are used in a targeted manner to enable students to participate where cost is a barrier, instead of providing an across the board subsidy to reduce overall costs.

What The Tindall Foundation Fund Supports

Each year, The Tindall Foundation sets priorities which guide the allocation of funding. The core areas the foundation supports are initiatives targeted at children aged 0-5, leadership programmes, services which seek to provide a 'hand up' not a 'hand out', support for migrant communities, and grass roots projects in smaller communities.

The Tindall Foundation – Exclusions

- Projects relating to health
- Individual needs
- Retrospective needs
- Religious advancement
- Arts/cultural initiatives

Receipt of Funds and Accountability

You will receive a letter advising the outcome of your request, via email. Within a fortnight of receiving this letter funds will be transferred to the bank account of your school, parish or charity. Please note that a receipt is not required.

Should you receive funding, you are required to write an accountability letter, detailing how funds were used. The outcome letter you receive will identify the date by which this accountability letter needs to be submitted. If you are making a further request for funding, you are required to submit an accountability letter at the time of this new request.

Other Notes

- Please ensure only one request is made per funding round from your school, parish or charity. Your request can cover more than one need or project.
- In the case of schools, it is preferable that funding requests are made by the Principal, or their delegate, to avoid multiple requests coming from the same school.

Should you require further guidance around making a request for funding, please contact:
hoatu@chch.catholic.org.nz.