



VITAL IMPACT GRANTS (HOUSING) - EOI

Information

Thank you for your interest in the WEL Energy Trust's \$400,000 one-off special grants round targeted to support organisational initiatives that address issues around the affordability, availability and quality of housing.

A special dividend from WEL Networks Ltd has enabled the Trust to specifically target a regional priority area. Housing was identified through the “Vital Signs” community engagement led by Momentum Waikato last year as one of the top three priority areas.

A stable home, whether it is owned or rented is a critical requirement for a flourishing family. The lack of housing, or poor housing, impacts on many important areas for individuals and families. This special grant is available to seed or contribute to a creative response towards addressing local housing issues.

Eligibility, Criteria and Priorities

- Eligible organisations - Not for Profit charitable organisations that are located or primarily operating in the WEL Energy Trust [region](#).
- Organisations already receiving funding from the WEL Energy Trust may apply with no impact on existing grants.
- The preference is for proposals that specifically target initiatives that will make a difference and contribute to a solution to housing issues and prevent adverse issues arising.
- Funding is available for a wide range of purposes (salaries, capital, operating costs etc.), but must relate to the achievement of specific overall outcomes.
- Preference is for some fresh thinking and to seed or contribute to a creative response that will begin to shift the dial in the housing support area.

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- Expressions of Interest (EOI) will be considered by the Trust and a shortlist of organisations will be invited to submit applications and discuss their proposals with the Trust.
- The intention is to support no more than two initiatives.
- Collaborative applications are encouraged, especially ones that will maximise impact.
- The Trust is open to applications that include proposals for 'blended finance' where the grant could be combined with debt or equity investment for greater impact.
- Ideally proposals will be able to be leveraged and/or scaled for greater impact and to secure other funding and/or impact investment funds to achieve the goals.
- Funding will be distributed before 31st March 2018. The Trust reserves the right to not support any of the submitted proposals if it deems them to be unsuitable.

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