

**THE WYATT TRUST'S FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS PROVIDE SMALL, ONE-OFF GRANTS FOR ESSENTIAL DOMESTIC GOODS AND SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES.**

#### HOW TO APPLY

Referrers can download the Financial Assistance Grant application form from The Wyatt Trust website. Prior to submitting an application on a client's behalf, please read through the exclusions list and flow-chart on the following page, and phone a Grants Manager to check that the application is relevant. Referrers are requested to ask clients not to contact The Wyatt Trust directly.

#### WHY THE WYATT TRUST MAKES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

The Wyatt Trust's Financial Assistance Grants aim to assist applicants to regain control of a household budget or stabilise a housing situation, acknowledging that managing financial obligations on a fixed, low income is challenging. A targeted small grant can make a significant difference in the lives of financially vulnerable South Australians.

The Wyatt Trust accepts applications from health and welfare professionals working in recognised agencies on behalf of eligible individuals and families experiencing financial hardship. As The Wyatt Trust does not have the resources to assist everyone, grants will only be considered where the referrer:

- has an informed understanding of the client's financial situation and financial priorities,
- has shown a compelling reason for financial hardship, and
- has indicated how a carefully targeted small grant has the potential to make a significant impact.

Applications cannot be considered unless the referrer has explored alternative options such as statutory entitlements, Centrelink advances, No Interest Loans (NILs), Subsidised No Interest Loans (SNILs), creditor hardship policies, payment plans and concessions.

#### FUNDING PRIORITIES

Applications can be submitted for domestic goods and services including utility bills, rental or mortgage arrears, removals, essential household furniture or second-hand white goods. An application should show that the item is essential, that other options have been explored, and that a small, one-off grant will make a significant difference.

#### FUNDING IS FOCUSED ON

- Low income families struggling to manage household budgets, education and housing;
- People experiencing illness or disability which limits employment;
- Young people with limited opportunities for education and employment;
- Carers on low incomes experiencing financial hardship and social exclusion; and
- Older people with limited financial resources.

#### THE DECISION PROCESS

Decisions to grant or decline applications for financial assistance are made entirely at the discretion of The Wyatt Trust's Board of Governors and any correspondence regarding the application will be through the referrer.

Referrers will usually be notified of the decision within two to three weeks from receipt of the application. If an application is successful the grant is paid directly to the nominated service provider or supplier. The Wyatt Trust does not pay the applicant directly nor reimburse for expenses already paid.

#### ELIGIBILITY

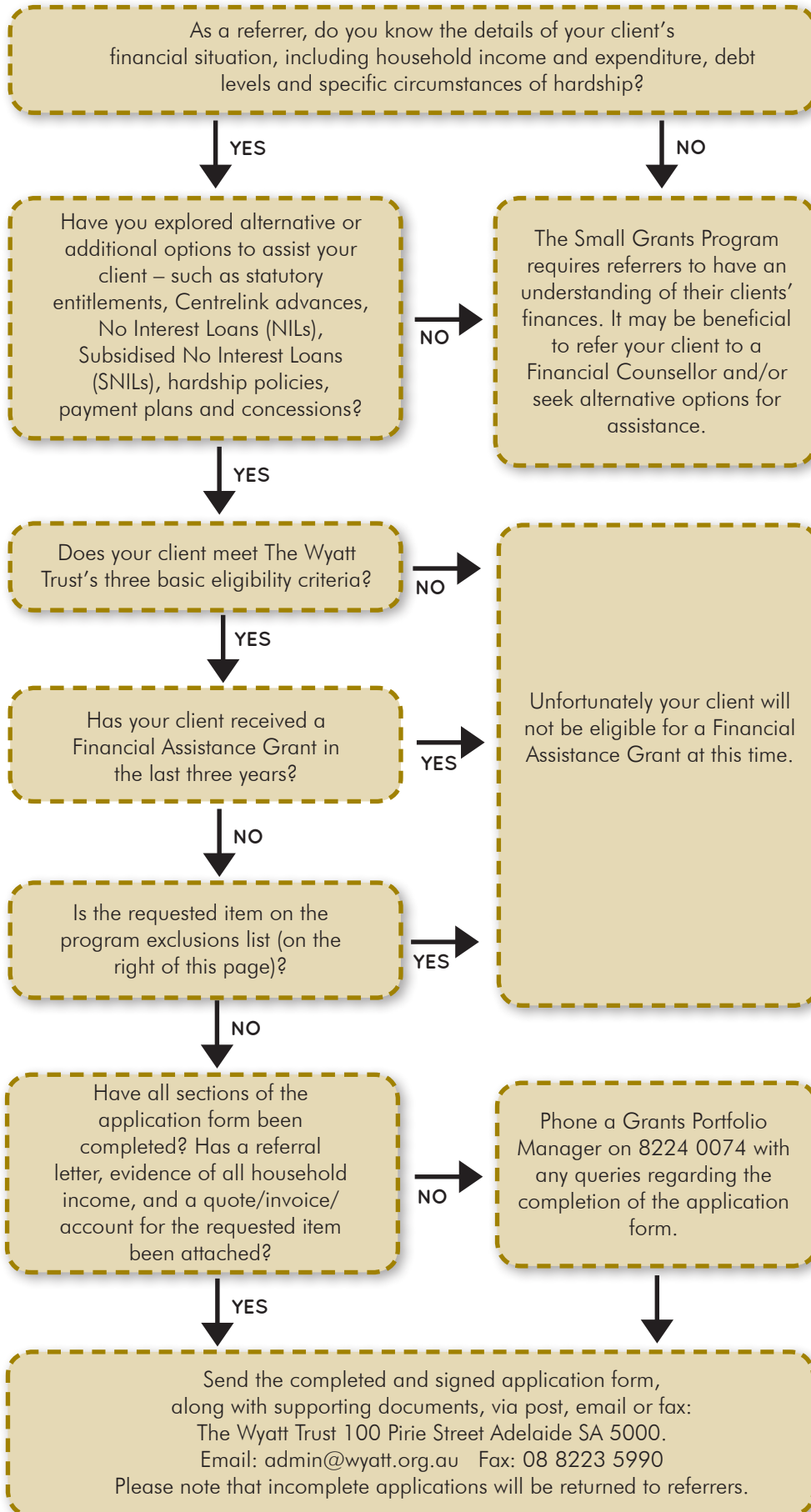
The Trust Deed requires grant applicants to meet the following three basic criteria:

- On a low income and are experiencing financial hardship;
- Lived at least five years in South Australia and intend to stay in the state; and
- Not in jail or on home detention.

Due to demand, The Wyatt Trust cannot consider applications from people who have received a Financial Assistance Grant in the last three years.

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THE FOLLOWING CHART SHOULD BE USED TO CHECK THAT THE APPLICATION IS RELEVANT TO THIS TYPE OF GRANT. PLEASE PHONE A GRANTS PORTFOLIO MANAGER ON 8224 0074 WITH QUESTIONS RELATING TO POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS.



**EXCLUSIONS**

Funding is specifically for eligible individuals and families. Applications for project costs, staff salaries, overheads or agency fees will not be considered.

The following items are outside of guidelines:

**Cash / loan servicing** including cash advances, credit card bills, legal fees or fines, personal loans, reimbursements or retrieval of pawned items.

**Medical costs** including ambulance subscriptions or bills, air conditioners, chemist bills, dental, medical equipment, medical treatment, funeral costs, plaques or memorials.

**Pet-associated costs** including vet bills.

**Some household costs** including clothes dryers, freezers, pay or cable TV.

**Vehicle-related costs** including car repairs, driving lessons or licences, petrol, registration, car or motorbike purchases.

Visit [www.wyatt.org.au](http://www.wyatt.org.au) to download the relevant information on Youth Education, Vocational Training and Employment (WorkStart) Grants.