

THE WYATT TRUST'S WORK START GRANTS PROVIDE DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF SMALL, ONE-OFF GRANTS FOR COSTS RELATED TO EMPLOYMENT TO ELIGIBLE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES.

HOW TO APPLY

Referrers can download the Work Start 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 WORK START GRANTS

Work Start Grants aim to provide necessary assistance for applicants to gain employment.

The Wyatt Trust accepts applications from referring agencies on behalf of eligible individuals 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 government funding, concessions, No Interest Loans (NILS) repayment plans and hardship options which may be available to the applicant.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

Applications can be submitted for costs associated with gaining or maintaining employment, including professional registrations, equipment and uniforms.

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.

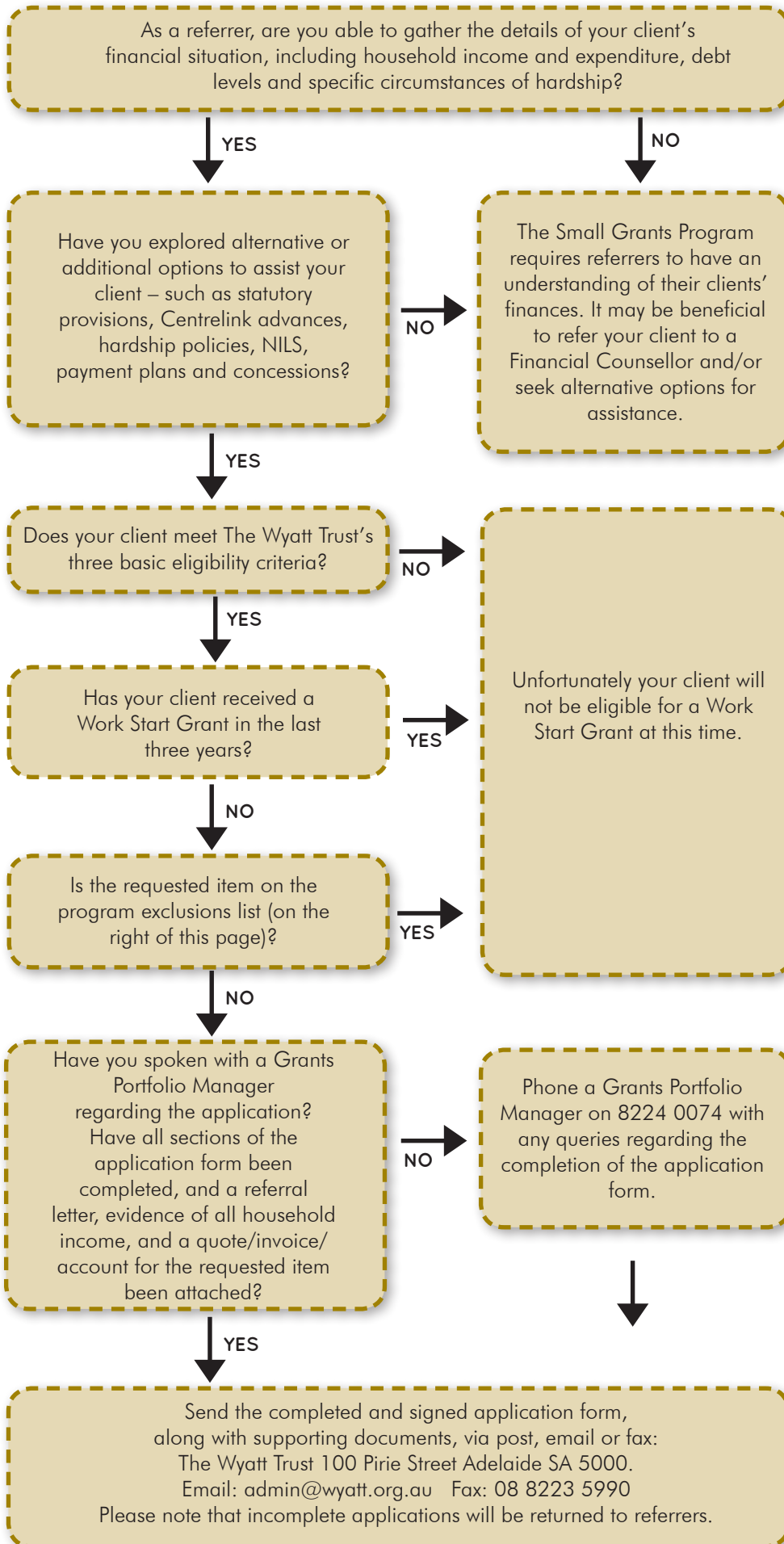
ELIGIBILITY

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 Work Start Grant in the last three years.

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.

Although The Wyatt Trust seeks to be flexible in meeting applicants' needs, the following items will not be considered:

- > **University course fees,**
- > **Textbooks,**
- > **Costs related to conference attendance.**

The Wyatt Trust has grants available for some expenses related to vocational training, youth education and essential domestic goods and services. Visit www.wyatt.org.au to download the relevant information on Financial Assistance Grants, Vocational Training Grants and Youth Education Grants.