

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

HOW TO APPLY

Referrers can apply for a Financial Assistance Grant on a client's behalf through Wyatt's Online Grants Application System via the Wyatt website. Prior to submitting an online enquiry or application, please read through the exclusions list and flow-chart on the following page. Referrers are requested to ask clients not to contact Wyatt directly.

WHY WYATT 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.

Wyatt accepts applications from health and welfare professionals working in referring agencies on behalf of eligible individuals and families experiencing financial hardship. As Wyatt 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 domestic goods and services including utility bills, rental or mortgage arrears, removals, essential household furniture or 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.

ELIGIBILITY

Wyatt's Trust Deed requires grant applicants to meet the following three basic criteria:

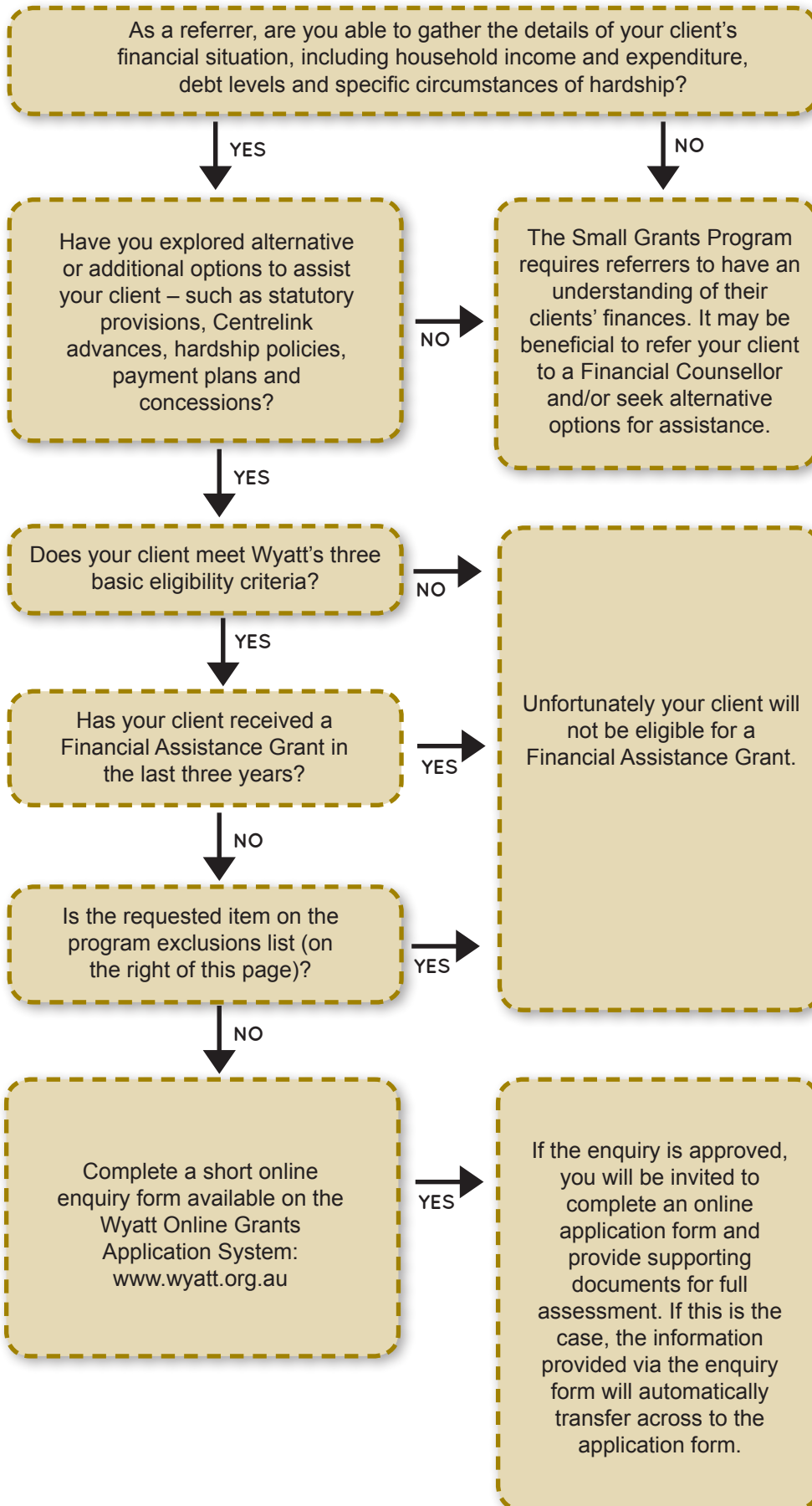
- › Are on a low income and are experiencing financial hardship;
- › Have lived at least five years of their lives in South Australia and intend to stay in the state; and
- › Are not in jail or on home detention.

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

THE DECISION PROCESS

Decisions to grant or decline applications for financial assistance are made entirely at the discretion of Wyatt's Board of Governors. Any correspondence regarding the application will be through the referrer, and the referrer will usually be notified of the decision within two to three weeks. If an application is successful, the grant is paid directly to the nominated service provider or supplier. Wyatt does not pay the applicant directly nor reimburse for expenses already paid.

THE FOLLOWING CHART SHOULD BE USED TO CHECK THAT THE APPLICATION IS RELEVANT TO THIS GRANTS STREAM BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR ENQUIRY VIA THE WYATT ONLINE GRANTS APPLICATION SYSTEM:



EXCLUSIONS

Funding is specifically for eligible individuals and families.

Although Wyatt seeks to be flexible in meeting applicants' needs, the following 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 licenses, petrol, car or motorbike purchases.

NOTE: Wyatt has dedicated grants streams providing direct assistance for some expenses related to employment and education.

Visit the Information tab on the Wyatt Online Grants Application System for more information.

