

WYATT'S WORK START GRANTS STREAM PROVIDES 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 apply for a Work Start 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 WORK START GRANTS

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

Wyatt accepts applications from 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 costs associated with gaining or maintaining employment, including professional registrations, equipment and uniforms.

ELIGIBILITY

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

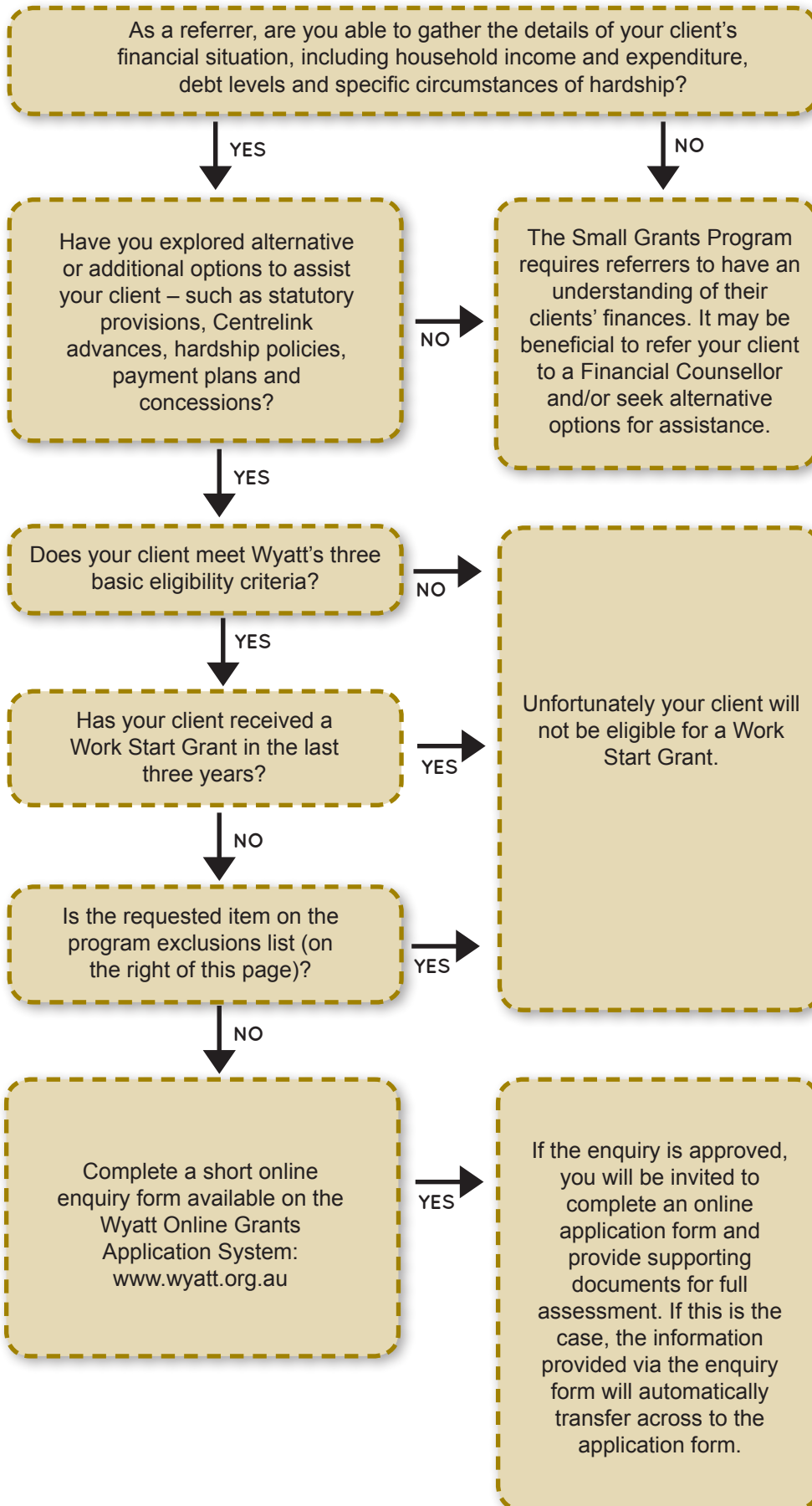
- Are on a low income and are experiencing financial hardship;
- Have lived at least five years of their lives in South Australia and intend to stay in the state; and
- Are not in jail or on home detention.

Due to demand, Wyatt cannot consider applications from people who have received a Work Start 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. Applications for project costs, staff salaries, overheads or agency fees cannot be considered.

Although Wyatt seeks to be flexible in meeting applicants' needs, the following items are outside of guidelines:

- > University course fees,
- > Textbooks,
- > Laptops or computers,
- > Costs related to conference attendance.

NOTE: Wyatt has dedicated grants streams providing direct assistance for some expenses related to education, as well as essential domestic goods and services.

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

