

Funding Policy





About Us



SkyCity Queenstown Community Trust

is a valued part of the commitment SkyCity Queenstown has made to the local community since its inception in 1996.

Established in accordance with SkyCity Queenstown casino venue license, the Trust has distributed **714 grants, totaling more than \$2.78 million**, to charitable organisations, both large and small, that have undertaken community assistance and development work in the Queenstown Lakes District.

The Trust has a Board of Trustees who make decisions on grant allocations and set strategic priorities for the Trust.

The SkyCity Queenstown Community Trust reset the strategic priorities in 2019, to provide funding to organisations that contribute to a thriving community. Each year we review these priorities to ensure they are still relevant.

We have moved away from a transactional funding model to prioritising impactful funding models.

These funding models value collaboration with both recipients and other funders. We focus on outcomes that are determined by the community both short and long term.



Our Vision, Focus and Values

The vision for SkyCity Queenstown Community Trust is: “Thriving communities - engaging, participating and connected”.

We want our grants to support services and programmes that focus on the wellbeing and resilience of our communities and Rangatahi.

We will fund programmes and services by:

- Collaborating and partnering with and through other organisations, funders, and entities
- Achieving maximum impact through funding deeper and more meaningfully
- Looking to social innovation through investing in new initiatives

Our team are passionate about understanding the landscape of the Queenstown and Wānaka communities, we work alongside our trustees and many community organisations to ensure we are investing our funding where it is needed the most and has the greatest impact.

We value working in a way that is:

- Respectful - of our relationships with our communities and partner agencies
- Responsible - in distributing funds to our communities
- Proactive/inspiring - being inspirational
- Trusting - open and transparent



Our Exclusions

**SkyCity Queenstown Community Trust
does not fund any of the following:**

- Building projects
- Business or investment capital
- Core health related services or supports
- Costs related to fundraising activities and organisations
- Events
- Individuals
- Loan and endowment funds
- Loan funding to retire debt
- Mainstream education providers that deliver core education - pre-school, primary, intermediate, secondary and tertiary providers
- Operating costs (unless they are a part of broader project being considered)
- Overseas travel for individuals or groups
- Projects that are the responsibility of local Government
- Projects where the benefits are outside of the region of SkyCity Queenstown Community Trust - Queenstown Lakes District area
- Retrospective activities
- Scholarships or sponsorships
- Travel costs (unless they are part of broader project being considered)



FY25 Recipients

Organisation Name	Total Allocated	Applicant Primary Town/City
The Lightfoot Initiative Charitable Trust	\$8,000	Queenstown
Te Kākano Aotearoa Trust	\$8,000	Wānaka
Mana Tāhuna Charitable Trust	\$20,000	Queenstown
Kiwi Harvest Limited	\$15,000	Queenstown
Glenorchy Playgroup Incorporated	\$10,463.67	Glenorchy
Alpine Community Development Trust	\$20,000	Wānaka
Kāhu Youth Trust	\$24,542	Wānaka
Mint Charitable Trust	\$20,000	Wānaka
Pivotal Point Charitable Trust	\$20,000	Queenstown
Whakatipu Youth Trust	\$20,000	Queenstown
Youthtown Incorporated	\$4,107	Queenstown



Further information about SkyCity Queenstown Community Trust
funding can be found on our website:
skycityqueenstown.co.nz/about-us/community-trust/

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