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# The Walter and Eliza Hall Trust

## INFORMATION

### APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE

The Walter and Eliza Hall Trust provides financial assistance to disadvantaged and under-privileged individuals and families, as it has since 1912.

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HELPING AUSTRALIANS IN NEED SINCE 1912

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### A provider of last resort

Financial assistance can be made available for almost any purpose considered necessary for the applicant's health and wellbeing, but the Trust is positioned as a provider of last resort assistance. Even then, due to the high demand for our limited resources, we can help only where needs are desperate and assistance is necessary to maintain the minimum standards of safety, security, protection and comfort for the individual or family.

### We may be able to assist

The following characteristics are indicative of the circumstances in which we may be able to assist:

- household income levels at or below the level of Centrelink benefits
- no major assets that could be realised
- no other resources that can be accessed (eg, savings)
- families with young children, particularly single-parent families
- families with disabled children
- assistance has been sought/is being sought from other charitable organisations
- some unexpected catastrophic event has caused a crisis
- no assistance is available from family or extended family members
- time payment options have been exhausted in respect of utility and rental arrears if assistance is being sought for these items
- financial counselling, where appropriate, has been embraced in an effort to prevent future crises
- applicants have demonstrated some self-help behaviour and are endeavouring to plan for a viable lifestyle within their resources.

### We would not usually approve requests for:

- retrospective funding of expenses, i.e. reimbursement for accounts already paid
- funeral costs, other than in exceptional circumstances
- travelling expenses, except for essential medical treatment
- car expenses, except where the vehicle is absolutely essential
- baby items before the child is born
- repayment of family loans
- whitegoods, unless there are large families and/or small children involved, or other exceptional circumstances
- medical treatment that is available under the public health system

### Making an application

Applications for assistance can be accepted only through social workers or responsible persons holding official positions within welfare organisations, hospitals, Area Health Services or recognised church welfare departments. Applications should be made on the accompanying form and be supported with additional material.

### Application for assistance

Requests for financial assistance should be addressed to The Secretary, The Walter and Eliza Hall Trust, P O Box A2263, SYDNEY SOUTH NSW 1235, and include:

- **A letter** supporting the Application from the Social Worker or other responsible person providing background information including:
  - coverage of the items mentioned above, as applicable,
  - an assessment of the client's needs, and
  - some comment about the degree of difficulty the client is experiencing.
- A fully completed **Application Form** signed by the applicant and the Social Worker or other responsible person.
- **Copies of quotes** obtained for any specific item requested for a client. If possible competitive quotations should be supplied
- **Copies of the relevant accounts** if assistance is being sought for outstanding debts – for example: electricity, gas, telephone.

### Who approves the application?

Approval of applications is entirely at the discretion of the Trustees. As there are not sufficient funds to permit approval of all applications, the Trustees will make a careful assessment of the degree of need of each individual case, and will allocate available funds to those considered to be most in need.

Applications are processed and considered by Trustees weekly, and a response is usually sent within 10 working days of receipt of applications

### How are the funds issued?

If the application is approved, a cheque is made payable to the organisation sponsoring the application. Cheques will not be made payable to the client or to the social worker or other responsible person submitting the application.

### Do you have any enquiries?

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Trust on (02) 9264 9480 or email [wehalltrust@bigpond.com](mailto:wehalltrust@bigpond.com). Alternatively, visit our website: [www.wehalltrust.org.au](http://www.wehalltrust.org.au).