

## Information Sheet



NEW ZEALAND  
Lottery Grants Board  
TE PUNA TAHUA

# LOTTERY HEALTH RESEARCH

This pack has information about applying for funding from Lottery Health Research. With this leaflet you will find the *Grant Application Form* and an *Application Guide* with helpful tips on answering the questions in the form. Before you start filling out the application we suggest you read the following information. It will help you decide whether you are eligible for a grant and tell you about your responsibilities should you receive one.

If you need any further help, please call our freephone, **0800 824 824**.

### MISSION

The health status of New Zealanders is improved through research.

### OUTPUTS

In 2001/2002 the Lottery Grants Board has allocated \$1.9 million to Lottery Health Research to distribute as grants to fund:

- research into the cause, prevention and treatment of disorders affecting the health of New Zealanders
- research which will lead to advances in health and bio-medical science for the ultimate benefit of all New Zealanders
- the development, maintenance and retention of a highly skilled workforce of health and bio-medical researchers in New Zealand.

### FUNDING POLICIES

Lottery Health Research makes grants for non-profit-making good quality basic and applied research relating especially to common human health problems considered to be of major significance to the New Zealand community. The committee is also interested in research into the prevention and management of the common problems and disorders which lead to deterioration of normal health.

Some priority is given to younger or new research workers in health-related fields, especially those who have recently completed training, returned to the New Zealand workforce, or arrived in New Zealand. Lottery Health Research recognises how important it is to retain talented researchers who will become key personnel within our health system of the future. The quality and relevance to New Zealand health problems of the proposed research are considered when such applications are assessed.

Lottery Health Research also gives priority to funding equipment which will be shared by a number of researchers.

### STRUCTURE

Lottery Health Research is a national committee which develops, implements and monitors funding policy and accountability requirements, and makes decisions on applications.

### WHAT WE FUND

- Research projects relevant to New Zealand's major health problems
- research projects leading to programmes of patient and community
- education about prevention, self-management and self-responsibility
- pilot projects
- shared equipment
- PhD Scholarships.

The committee is interested in encouraging applications relating to:

- general public health studies, including mental and dental health
- studies relevant to Maori health, especially in association with Maori Health Researchers.

### WHAT WE DONT FUND

- Projects with a commercial objective or benefits
- attendance at conferences
- research to be carried out overseas
- the purchase of land or buildings
- research where the findings will not be made freely available
- equipment to be used for commercial benefit
- relocation expenses
- research which the committee considers to be the responsibility of central or local government
- overseas travel
- projects already completed
- debt repayment or refinancing of existing loans
- capital investment or trust funds
- projects which seek to obtain a political, religious or commercial objective, including political advocacy projects
- development of educational materials unless they have a research component
- fundraising
- overheads.

## GRANT CATEGORIES

Lottery Health Research makes grants in the following three categories:

### Research projects:

The committee funds:

- *Equipment*: New or as a replacement. The costs may include installation and maintenance charges for a maximum period of three years.
- *Salaries*
- *Expenses*: Including consumables and journal publication costs.

Grants for supporting salaries and working expenses are generally limited to a period of two years.

### Shared Equipment:

Shared equipment includes major items justified by the needs of several research programmes in one centre. This can include top-up funding toward the costs of major pieces of equipment. Some financial support is provided toward the purchase of expensive modern equipment considered vital to progress in health-related research in New Zealand. The equipment becomes the property of the sponsoring organisation.

### PhD Research Scholarships:

Assistance to new researchers is provided through PhD Scholarships for a three-year term. Up to two scholarships are awarded each year at the committee's November meeting. They are for graduate students planning a career in health research who enrol in an approved course of research training at a New Zealand University. Assistance of \$23,000 per annum for a maximum of three years (i.e. a total possible grant of \$69,000) is provided.

## ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Lottery Health Research takes the following factors into account when considering applications:

- priority in the grading of projects for funding is based on the scientific merit of the application as assessed by the committee and the reports of local and overseas referees
- the calibre of the researcher(s)
- the cost-effectiveness of the project
- whether the application will contribute to the committee's policies and would contribute to the achievement of the committee's mission and outputs

- the level of compliance with the approved purposes, terms and conditions and the quality of expenditure of previous grants
- other funding sources available.

Taking these factors into account, applications are graded as follows:

- A Projects that are high priority for funding and which are approved without further discussion.
- B+ Projects that are high priority for funding and are funded if the committee has sufficient funds available after funding the "A" applications. These applications are further graded numerically, from B+9 (which is nearest to an A grade) to B+1 (which is nearest to a B grade).
- B Projects that have priority for funding and are funded if the committee have sufficient funds available after funding the "B+" applications.
- C Projects that are fundable based on their scientific merit but are at a lower priority than those graded in the "B" range.
- D Projects that are declined because they do not meet the terms of reference for funding from the committee, are not appropriate for funding, or not competitive on other grounds.

## ETHICAL APPROVAL

All research must be carried out according to the ethical principles set out by the Health Research Council of New Zealand. Approval by the relevant local ethical committee(s) responsible for the oversight of human and/or animal research must be sought, where appropriate.

If the research requires approval under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act or the Biosecurity Act then the appropriate approval must be submitted to the Committee.

Grants approved by the Lottery Health Research Committee will not be activated until written evidence of the appropriate approval has been received by the secretariat.

## MEETING AND CLOSING DATES

The Lottery Health Research Committee meets in November of each year.

The committee's closing dates for applications is normally 1 September.