

## Assets

Public Trust as Trustee has responsibility for the investment of assets and administration of NZCGT. The assets of NZCGT are invested in a range of different investments to provide income to assist in current granting and also preserve the value of the Trust in the long term.

The assets of NZCGT are held and administered by Public Trust to be applied for the charitable objects set out in the Assistance section of this pamphlet, and the administration and operating expenses of NZCGT.

A copy of the annual accounts for the Trust includes a Statement of Assets and Liabilities that show how the Trust assets are invested. These are available on the Charities Commission website - [www.charities.org](http://www.charities.org) registration number CC27632.

## Contact Information

For more information on NZCGT, please visit [www.nzcgt.co.nz](http://www.nzcgt.co.nz) or ...

if you need advice on whether you or someone you know should apply for assistance please call Public Trust Customer Contact on 0800 371 471 and say that you would like to speak with someone regarding the New Zealand Communities Growth Trust.

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# New Zealand Communities Growth Trust

The New Zealand Communities Growth Trust (NZCGT) offers a number of grants and scholarships to benefit a range of charitable purposes. This booklet gives a brief overview of NZCGT and will also help you identify whether NZCGT could potentially assist you.



# Background

In 2000 the High Court reformed the Centrepoint Community Growth Trust into the New Zealand Community Growth Trust (NZCGT) and appointed Public Trust as Trustee by way of a Court Order. The Centrepoint Community Growth Trust operated an intentional community in Albany from the late 1970s to the 1990s. An intentional community is a residential community of people with the same principles who choose to live in a communal lifestyle and environment.

NZCGT is a registered charitable trust. This means that the trust is registered with the Charities Commission and receives some tax advantages. Charitable trusts have no individual beneficiaries but rather a particular charitable purpose or purposes, known as objects. A full copy of the High Court Order is available on [www.nzcgt.co.nz](http://www.nzcgt.co.nz) or the Charities Commission website - [www.charities.org](http://www.charities.org) registration number CC27632.

NZCGT is able to support a range of charitable objects as stated in the Court Order. Those charitable objects are described in the Assistance section of this pamphlet.

Public Trust's role as Trustee includes managing the assets so the charitable objects of NZCGT can be met. Public Trust is a Crown Entity whose independence is guaranteed under the Public Trust Act 2001. Our Maori name, Te Tari Tiaki Iwi, translates as 'the organisation that takes care of people'. Public Trust was established in 1873 to provide independent and reliable trustee services. Today Public Trust manages over 440 charitable trusts and looks after the interests of over 250,000 New Zealanders.

Public Trust works with Advisory Trustees in the development of strategies, policy and priorities for NZCGT.

# Assistance

Under the Court Order Public Trust is charged with providing grants and scholarships to be made under the four objects:

## 1. Therapeutic and counselling.

*Under this object NZCGT can support;*

- The establishment of refuges for members of the wider community in need of spiritual, psychological or emotional assistance.
- A professional counselling service and seminars and workshops for people with psychological, emotional or social conflicts.
- A professional counselling and support service for adults and children who have been the victims of sexual, physical and emotional abuse (including institutional and cult abuse).
- As an adjunct to the above, individuals requiring qualified professional support.

## 2. Education.

*Under this object NZCGT can provide;*

- Support for the provision of educational opportunities for the development of work and life skills consistent with the objects of NZCGT.
- Scholarships or grants for research on the establishment and operation of spiritual communities and/or cults.



## 3. Public benefit.

*Under this object NZCGT can support;*

- Initiatives with an environmental, health and sustainability focus.
- The promotion of a standard of living that is not exploitative of the environment and that is permanent, healthy and sustainable for future generations.
- The promotion of the concept of communal living.
- The establishment of a community or communities which must be conducted on the precepts of co-operation and respect of members and to prohibit the exploitation, abuse and/or damage to the self esteem of members and act entirely within the laws of New Zealand.

## 4. Relief of poverty.

*Under this object NZCGT can support;*

- Individuals who have been disadvantaged by cults and/or spiritual communities by providing support, financial assistance and the relief of poverty.

At this time preference is given to former residents of the Centrepoint Community and their children. Applications by persons who are not former residents of the Centrepoint Community or their children may also be considered.

