

INFORMATION SHEET

Lottery Health Research Committee

Purpose

This committee considers grant requests for research projects aimed at improving the health status of New Zealanders. Requests are received from organisations for projects that:

- show the desired result can be achieved
- will provide better health outcomes
- address a significant health issue in New Zealand
- address a unique gap in health research knowledge in this country
- include researchers who will continue to contribute to the New Zealand health sector;
- include researchers who are early in their career, entering or returning to the New Zealand work force
- are well managed and supported by the proposing organisation, including quality supervision
- show collaboration, especially for significant pieces of research equipment which are expected to be shared by a number of research centres or institutions
- have received support from other funders.

Information about the committee and recent grants made is available at:

- Lottery Grants Board Annual Report 2016:
[http://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/vwluResources/LGBNZ-Annual-Report-2016/\\$file/LGBNZ-Annual-Report-2016.pdf](http://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/vwluResources/LGBNZ-Annual-Report-2016/$file/LGBNZ-Annual-Report-2016.pdf)
- <http://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/Funding-and-grants---Lottery-grants---Lottery-Health-Research---Previous-Grants>

Skills

Committee members should have experience in a community group or groups, and extensive management and/or business skills. Experience in grant decision-making and/or the ability to use electronic technology to assess and make recommendations on grant requests is also desirable.

It is also desirable to have some of the following skills and attributes:

- experience in the health or biomedical research communities
- in-depth knowledge and understanding of the New Zealand medical and health research fields
- experience in qualitative research methods and experience of clinical practice
- Māori and/or Pasifika research and community skills
- higher degree (PhD) and post-doctoral research supervision
- expertise in translational research.



Commitment

Members are appointed for up to three years and may be reappointed. The committee usually meets in October to consider requests for PhD Scholarships and Post-Doctoral Fellowships. Another meeting is held in February to consider grant requests for research projects and shared equipment.

Before each meeting, members usually need to prepare for up to 40 hours. Preparation work is done online. Meetings are generally held in Wellington.

Remuneration

The presiding member, who chairs the committee meetings, receives \$360 and the committee members receive \$270 for a full day as a meeting fee. If a meeting runs for three hours or less, members are paid at half this rate.

For each full-day meeting they attend, members also receive a reading fee of four days' meeting fee. Members are reimbursed for travelling expenses, with travel to meetings arranged through the Department of Internal Affairs.