



Canterbury Earthquake Heritage Buildings Trust

Policy

1. Purpose of the Trust

- 1.1 The purpose of the Trust is to provide assistance to owners of heritage buildings to repair damage caused by the series of earthquakes in the Canterbury region since September 2010.
- 1.2 Funding will be available for heritage buildings, being:
 - historic buildings listed in a District Plan or entered on the New Zealand Heritage List; or
 - buildings and groups of buildings that make a significant contribution to the historic identity and visual character of communities; or
 - marae buildings and other buildings of significance to Māori; or
 - remaining parts (such as facades) of any of the above types of buildings.

2. Principles

- 2.1 Funding will be available for heritage buildings located within the Canterbury region as defined by the Regional Council's boundaries.
- 2.2 The Trust will be used to achieve maximum public benefit, with priority given to places of the greatest heritage significance.
- 2.3 Funding is intended to secure the long-term future of heritage buildings. Covenants over the property or other appropriate legal instruments will be considered as a condition of funding in all cases.
- 2.4 Funding decisions will be made by the Canterbury Earthquake Heritage Buildings Trust in accordance with this Policy and associated operational guidelines.
- 2.5 All funding, regardless of its source, will be allocated on the same criteria. However, the Trust may accept money that is donated on the condition that it shall be spent on a particular building, and allocate that money accordingly.

2.6 This Policy will be applied flexibly, taking into account local conditions, including continuing aftershocks and difficulties with obtaining insurance.

3. Funds Available for Distribution

3.1 The funds available to distribute consists of contributions from territorial authorities, Heritage New Zealand¹, donations, funds from the government of up to \$5 million, and all interest accruing to the Trust.

4. Administration of the Fund

4.1 Funding will be allocated by the Canterbury Earthquake Heritage Buildings Trust. Expert advice on individual applications will be sought as required.

4.2 Up to \$50,000 from the Trust may be spent per year on the costs of administering the Trust. In addition, participating territorial authorities will provide administrative support to the extent practicable. Every effort will be made to keep administration costs to a minimum.

5. Eligibility for Assistance

5.1 Public sector agencies, including government departments, Crown entities, state-owned enterprises, regional councils, territorial authorities, local authority trading enterprises and Heritage New Zealand, will not be eligible to apply to the Trust.

5.2 The following works will be eligible for assistance from the Trust: repairs of earthquake damage and any associated works such as stabilisation, conservation works, and upgrading to meet the requirements of the Building Act and Code and relevant provisions of territorial authorities' earthquake-prone, dangerous and insanitary buildings policies.

5.3 All works should be consistent with the conservation principles and practices of the ICOMOS (NZ) Charter and other relevant international ICOMOS charters, taking into account the heritage significance of the property.

6. Assistance Available

6.1 The Trust will make grants to assist with the cost of eligible works.

6.2 The Trust will not meet the full cost of repair, conservation and upgrading works. The Trust will pay up to 50% of the total cost of the

¹ The New Zealand Historic Places Trust Pouhere Taonga (NZHPT) became Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (Heritage New Zealand) on 20 May 2014.

works in each case, the other 50% of the cost to be made up of any sources (including insurance, owners finances, other financial grants). Funding will be targeted at the gap between any insurance cover, and the actual cost of repairs and associated conservation, structural upgrading and Building Code compliance works.

7. Winding-Up of the Trust

- 7.1 The Trust will be wound up when all funds are distributed, or on midnight, 30 June 2020 (whichever is earlier).