

WellSouth GPCME Fund Terms and Conditions



Eligibility criteria

- Applicants must be participating in the RNZCGP Te Whanake rectification programme.
- Applicants must be normally residing in Otago or Southland and have worked in a general practice funded by WellSouth, on a regular basis, for at least six months prior to application.
- Applicants will be limited to one successful grant application per calendar year.
- A single grant application may contribute to more than one event, course or activity.

Grant value

Applicants can apply for a grant of:

- Up to \$5,000 for applicants working in a Practice with a GCH classification of R1, R2 or R3.
- Up to \$4,000 for a practice not meeting the above criteria

What grants can be used for

The grant may be used as a contribution towards any or all of the following:

- Conference registration fees
- Travel expenses related to event attendance
- Accommodation related to event attendance
- Courses, online or in person
- Journal or learning platform subscriptions
- Professional mentoring

Grants must be utilised within 12 months of an application being approved.

Making a grant application

Applications must be made through the claim form on the WellSouth website.

How grants will be paid

1. Funding will be released in four quarterly allocations of \$125,000. Any unallocated funds from the current quarter will be rolled over into the next quarter.
2. Grants will be allocated on the following basis each quarter
 - a. 40% of the fund will be allocated on a first-in-first-served basis for GPs in the following priority categories:

- GPs serving the highest needs populations (Māori / Pacific / Q5 greater than 50% of practice enrolled population)
- GPs in practices with a Geographic Classification for Health of R1, R2, R3

Priority applicants will be notified immediately whether their application has been successful or entered into the ballot.

- b. Following the priority allocation, a ballot will be run at the end of each quarter to allocate the remaining 60% of the fund on the following basis:
 - All remaining applicants will be entered into the ballot
 - Entry into the ballot will be weighted for any applicants in the priority category who missed out on the first-in-first-served round. Priority applicants will have two entries into the ballot; all other applicants will have one entry
 - Entries in the ballot will be drawn at random until the available funds for the quarter are allocated.
 - Applications will not be carried over into the next quarter, so if you are unsuccessful, you need to submit a new application.
3. Applicants will be notified immediately following the draw whether their application has been successful or not. Unsuccessful applicants may submit a new application in any subsequent quarter.
4. Grants will be paid to the applicant's practice for reimbursement to the applicant.

5. Grants will be processed and paid out within 14 business days.

Acceptance criteria

The application will be accepted and entered into the allocation process if the applicant:

1. meets the eligibility criteria, and
2. completes the form, and has not been paid a grant in the current calendar year
3. Audit

Grants may be subject to post event audit at WellSouth's discretion. If audited, applicants are required to provide proof of purchase for the items claimed for. Where no proof of purchase can be provided, WellSouth may require the grant to be repaid.

Grants should be utilised within 12 months of an application being approved; therefore, any audit will occur between 12 and 24 months from then approval of the grant.