

New Plymouth Contract Bridge Club	
Grant Application Policy	
Policy	<p>Objective</p> <p>Grants are applied to attain capital items the club would have difficulty to otherwise finance and must be approved by the Committee</p> <p>Procedure</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A motion to apply for a grant, stating the organisation to whom the request is made is moved at a Committee meeting (a copy needs to be attached to the application). 2. The Secretary is responsible for the preparation of the application and for ensuring all the requested supporting documentation is available and submitted 3. Prior to submission the President and relevant Committee member check and approve the application <p>Guideline for Supporting Application Statement</p> <p>Most Trusts have an electronic application form but the following information will ease the process</p> <p>Application to (Title of Trust here)</p> <p>Description</p> <p>Bridge - The Game</p> <p>Contract bridge, or simply bridge, is a trick-taking card game. Millions of people play bridge worldwide in clubs, tournaments, online and with friends at home, making it one of the world's most popular card games.</p> <p>New Plymouth Contract Bridge Club</p> <p>The New Plymouth Contract Bridge Club was first formed in 1950 and since 1995 has been located in purpose built clubrooms at 70 Hobson Street, New Plymouth.</p> <p>The mission of the New Plymouth Contract Bridge Club is "to provide an enjoyable bridge playing experience for all levels of players and to encourage all players to further develop their skills in a friendly, competitive and challenging social atmosphere". The club is able to provide an activity that is open to all age groups regardless of physical ability.</p> <p>The present membership of the club is approximately 300. This membership consists of predominantly older people with 70% being over the age of 50 years. There are several members aged more than 90 years still actively playing bridge. For those members who lack the physical ability for active sporting experiences, the club provides them with facilities to keep active mentally and socially. For some of our members weekly bridge is their only outing and we wish to make it as enjoyable as possible.</p> <p>Bridge is played five days a week at the club, holds approximately 10 weekend tournaments each year. Other bridge related events such as lessons and</p>

	<p>meetings also occur. The New Plymouth Club also hosts the annual Taranaki Bridge Congress each Taranaki Anniversary Weekend. This event attracts players from all over New Zealand. The club is also hired out to several community organisations (Victoria League, Women's Club, NZEI, Chess Club) to name a few.</p> <p>Benefits of Playing Bridge – Personal and Community</p> <p>Our club provides an environment where people of any age can interact socially and keep their minds active by playing a competitive game.</p> <p>The social benefits for the older age group are numerous. The club runs a social hour after completion of play on Monday and Friday afternoons. This is attended by the majority of the members who have played bridge that day. Many friendships are made and enhanced through membership of the club. Bridge keeps the brain active, and studies have demonstrated that the incidence of neurological diseases such as dementia are less common among bridge players.</p> <p>People with physical disabilities are well catered for at the club, and we currently have members who are in wheelchairs, or use mobility aids and walkers. It is great to have the interaction between young and old. There are few sports where this can happen on an equal footing.</p> <p>Reason for application</p> <p>Current status</p> <p>Benefits that will result</p> <p>Quotation (2-3 will be required)</p> <p>Club Financial Reserves and Capital Expenditure</p> <p>The club's current reserves are \$.....</p> <p>The club rooms were constructed in 1995 and as such, there is an ongoing requirement for repairs and maintenance of the building and its surrounds. The club does not operate a depreciation fund, but funds maintenance from reserves and operating revenue as required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanation of capital items spent in the past two years and the amount • List Projected major expenditure over the next two years <p>In addition, as a prudent measure the club wishes to maintain a minimum reserve fund of \$15,000 for unplanned expenses and/or contingencies. If this grant funding request for the purchase of is unsuccessful, the club will have to defer some of the major expenditure proposals listed above.</p>
Responsibility	Treasurer
Date:	May 2019/reviewed April 2021