

## **Deaf Mental Health Trust Fund (Ben Souter Fund) Policy, Guidelines and Application for 2021**

### **Purpose**

To promote awareness, understanding and education about the very real and specific issues affecting the mental health of people in the Australian Deaf Community.

### **Aims**

To promote and foster the following:

- encourage awareness and understanding of the mental health needs of the Australian Deaf Community and how those needs can be met
- support specialist training for deaf people who are working with Australian Deaf, Deafblind and hard-of-hearing clients who are experiencing mental health challenges
- encourage awareness and understanding of the role Auslan-English interpreters and Deaf Interpreters play in supporting the mental health needs of Australian Deaf, Deafblind and hard-of-hearing individuals
- support specialist training for Auslan-English interpreters working in the area of mental health interpreting in Australia

### **Who Administers the Deaf Mental Health Trust Fund?**

The Fund is administered by Karli Health Centre, Pty Ltd. They are held in a trust fund account that has been established. This account is held separately from the Karli Health Centre's operating bank account(s).

### **Who can Apply?**

All applicants must be residents of Australia, the project must be in Australia and funds cannot be used for travel. Individuals or organisations who also meet the following criteria are eligible to apply:

- Deaf, Deafblind or hard-of-hearing individuals,
- Deaf Interpreters who hold NAATI recognition or certification,
- Auslan-English interpreters who hold NAATI certification,
- a relative of a Deaf, Deafblind or hard-of-hearing individual,
- a professional working with a Deaf, Deafblind or hard-of-hearing individual,
- an organisation or community group whose primary purpose is to support Deaf, Deafblind and hard-of-hearing people, or
- an organisation whose primary purpose is to support Auslan-English interpreters and Deaf Interpreters.

### **Ideas for Projects**

This list is only suggestions:

- how can mental health services for Deaf, hard-of-hearing and Deafblind individuals be improved
- resources to support individuals in their understanding of mental health
- sharing lived experience stories of your mental health journey, including managing during the Covid pandemic

### **How are the Funds Distributed?**

Distribution of the funds will be by application to the Fund – in care of Karli Health Centre, Pty Ltd – and for 2021, there will be for one grant of \$1,000.

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### **How are Applications Made?**

Applications to the Fund will be accepted between 1 July and 31 August 2021. Successful applicants will be notified by 15 September 2021. After this, a public announcement of the successful applicants will be made during the National Week of Deaf People on 23 September 2021.

To be considered, applications must:

- answer all questions (can be done in Auslan, by video – maximum five minutes) and
- be received during the application period.

Applications in Auslan must also include this signed four-page application form. This will be our Binding Agreement for successful applicants.

An applicant can make more than one application in the same year; however, only one will be funded. If, by chance, an applicant has more than one successful application, they will be contacted and asked which application they prefer to have funded.

Successful applicants will have the grant funds transferred to their bank account. Accepting the funds means that the applicant formally and legally agrees to the funds being used only for the purpose that has been outlined in the successful application and for no other purpose, no matter how worthy. The grant of funds is not transferable under any circumstances. If the applicant is unable to complete as outlined, the funds must be returned (see below).

The successful applicants must provide by 30 April 2022:

1. an acquittal of the expenditure of the grant (how the grant was spent)
2. a short report (written or video) explaining the positive outcomes of the venture that was funded. This report may be published in part or in its entirety, at the discretion of the Committee (please advise if you do not grant permission), and
3. a digital version of any resources that may have been created.

If a successful applicant is unable to use the funds as intended by 30 April 2022, the funds must be returned in full by that date. Returned funds are to be remitted to Karli Health Centre, Pty Ltd who will return the funds to the Fund's trust account.

### **Summary of Important Dates and Details:**

- Applications close on 31 July 2021 (late applications not accepted)
- The application (written or in Auslan) is a legally binding contract
- Auslan applications must also be signed on page four of this form
- Projects must be completed by 30 April 2022
- Applicant must be an Australian resident
- Project must take place in Australia
- No grant funds can be used for travel
- On 30 April 2022 an acquittal explaining how the funds were used must be submitted to Karli Health Centre Pty Ltd
- Projects cannot be changed
- The grant cannot be transferred to another project
- Projects that cannot be completed by 30 April 2022 must return the full grant to Karli Health Centre Pty Ltd

**Deaf Mental Health Trust Fund (Ben Souter Fund)  
2021 Application and Binding Agreement (individuals and organisations)**

**Individuals**

Name:

Address:

Email:

How do you meet eligibility criteria? (this question can be answered in Auslan)

**OR**

**Organisations**

Name of Organisation:

Contact Person:

Address:

Email:

How does your organisation meet the eligibility criteria? (this question can be answered in Auslan)

Describe what you would use the grant for: (this question can be answered in Auslan)

Describe how this meets the Aims of the Fund (*please note, funds cannot be used to pay for service provision or access to service provision*)? (this question can be answered in Auslan)

If what you are wanting to do will require funds in addition to a grant from this Fund, outline how you will cover the additional cost: (this question can be answered in Auslan)

Describe why you believe that your application should be a successful: (this question can be answered in Auslan)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ [fill in your name] on behalf of

\_\_\_\_\_ [if applicable, organisation name] submit this application for consideration and agree to the following:

- I may be contacted and asked to provide referees and
- if my/our application is successful, it is subject to the conditions noted in the Guidelines above, including:
  - the funds can only be used for the stated purpose(s) outlined in this application
  - an acquittal is required
  - funds are not transferable to another individual or organisation
  - if funds are not used for their stated purpose, they must be returned within the stated timeframe
  - if I/we are submitting multiple applications, that only one can potentially be funded

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Scan and submit completed form to [admin@karlihealthcentre.com.au](mailto:admin@karlihealthcentre.com.au)

If you are submitting your application in Auslan, please also include the link to your video application with the email.