

## Funders and subsidies

It is the mission of the Raukatauri Music Therapy Centre to offer a quality, accessible music therapy service to all people, whatever their needs. To that end we heavily subsidise our fees. We are, however, aware that even at a subsidised rate the fees are not always achievable and we offer other solutions to pay for weekly music therapy sessions. These options are outlined below. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require further information on any of these options. We never want cost to be a barrier to our services.

### Subsidy Scheme

[rmtc.org.nz](http://rmtc.org.nz)

RMTC offers a subsidy scheme whereby financial support is available for parents and caregivers whose income does not allow them to make the suggested minimum contribution towards music therapy. The process is simple – complete an application which can be requested from our team, and send the form along with supporting documentation through to Jen Ryckaert at [jenryckaert@rmtc.org.nz](mailto:jenryckaert@rmtc.org.nz).

This subsidy programme is only for those families who are paying for their music therapy sessions privately. Anyone receiving outside funding must notify RMTC immediately so that other families can benefit from this programme. This subsidy scheme is only possible through the generous support of grant funders and donors, to whom the Centre is incredibly grateful, and is limited to 20 places.

### Carer Support

[rmtc.org.nz](http://rmtc.org.nz)

For those who have Carer Support, music therapy is classed as respite and therefore it is possible to use Carer Support towards each music therapy session. Only one hour per session can be claimed, which reduces the minimum contribution by \$10.92. (For families paying the suggested minimum contribution of \$55, this makes your weekly contribution \$44.08 plus the hour of Carer Support.) Forms need to be provided to RMTC every two to three months who will claim this portion back from the Ministry of Health. To use carer support towards music therapy sessions please contact Rachel Farrell via [rachelfarrell@rmtc.org.nz](mailto:rachelfarrell@rmtc.org.nz).

### Individualised Funding

[health.govt.nz](http://health.govt.nz)

It is possible to use Individualised Funding towards the costs of music therapy. In order to qualify for Individualised Funding a 'Needs Assessment' is required by the Needs Assessment and Service Coordination (NASC) agency. If respite is covered, the Administrator for the NASC in turn would need to authorise if music therapy can be covered. If this is approved, RMTC can invoice the Administrator directly for music therapy sessions.

### Grant funders

There are organisations and trusts who may be able to provide financial support towards the cost of music therapy sessions. Usually these come as a grant covering six months to one year of sessions. The funders are listed below, and there is more information available on their websites. RMTC can supply a quote and a music therapy report to support the application, but it is the responsibility of the caregiver to complete the application. Generally we recommend that these grants are applied for after the completion of the initial 10 week Assessment Period. Please note no grant funding is guaranteed and is usually decided by the organisations grants committee, who meet only three or four times per year depending on the funder.

**National:**

**Cerebral Palsy Society of New Zealand**

[cerebralpalsy.org.nz](http://cerebralpalsy.org.nz)

Individual one off grants can be applied for to cover music therapy, and more information is available through the Cerebral Palsy Society. CP Society Get Physical Vouchers can also be used towards music therapy for children with a GMFCS Level IV classification.

**Variety**

[variety.org.nz](http://variety.org.nz)

An Individual Grant up to \$1,500 is available for children (0-18 years) who are sick, disabled or disadvantaged. If a grant is approved, there is a stand down period of 13 months before you can reapply. The application can be completed online through their website.

**Mazda Foundation**

[mazdafoundation.org.nz](http://mazdafoundation.org.nz)

Financial assistance is available to people, groups or organisations who may qualify for income tax deductible gifts whose Application fits within the areas outlined in the Mazda Foundation Grant Guidelines

**Auckland Region:**

**The Wilson Home Trust**

[wilsonhometruster.org.nz](http://wilsonhometruster.org.nz)

Available only to children (under the age of 22) with a physical disability living in the qualifying area (north of Hawke's Bay). The Wilson Home Trust will fund one year of music therapy at a time, provided that a six month review shows the effectiveness of music therapy for the child. Children that fit their criteria can apply as many times as needed until the maximum grant of \$5,000+gst is used. Details of the application process are available on their website.

**The Jubilee Trust**

[ccsdisabilityaction.org.nz](http://ccsdisabilityaction.org.nz)

The Jubilee Trust provides financial support for people with physical disabilities living in Northland, Auckland and the Eastern Bay of Plenty. Grants, if approved, are up to \$2,500 (which will fund approximately one year of music therapy) and can be applied for again until the limit of \$5,000 is reached. There is no application form – the Trust prefers a letter with supporting document, and there is helpful information on their website.

**North Shore Presbyterian Hospital Trust**

This Trust mainly provides small grants to charitable societies and organisations but in special cases will support individuals. To qualify the individuals must reside or be based on the North Shore, Hibiscus Coast or Warkworth. Grants are made quarterly, with applications closing at 5 pm on March 7th, June 7th, September 7th and November 20th and Individuals applying need to provide evidence of the particular needs, and of any other efforts made to address the needs. Application forms can be obtained by emailing the Trust Secretary via [nspstrust@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nspstrust@xtra.co.nz).