

St Michael's Community Care Fund - A-Response to Covid-19

Making good things happen in Kelburn, Aro Valley and Highbury

St Michael's Community Care Fund is a light-handed, community-led response to the near-term economic impacts of the Covid-19 lockdown. Its goal is to provide practical support to those in our community who are feeling the knock-on financial effects of the lockdown.

How it works

- **Community Donors** make financial contributions to the Fund
- **Local people** notify the Fund of others in financial need as a result of the lockdown. (Those seeking assistance can also approach the Fund directly)
- **Fund Advocates** are there to broker financial assistance to where it's needed. They do this by accompanying those in need, assessing the support available to them, providing advocacy assistance, and arranging payments to meet pressing daily needs (e.g. payments to supermarkets, landlords, utility companies, etc)

Some background, principles, and key information

- In the first instance, the Fund is for residents of Kelburn, Aro and Highbury (those within the St Michael's parish boundaries)
- The Fund aims to be more flexible than established avenues of support, but not to replace them.
- Assistance from the Fund will be time-limited.
- Drawing on the knowledge and relationships within St Michael's church community, the Fund will enable Advocates to provide directional advice to those in need and to direct them to other sources of assistance and support if these are needed to meet longer-term need.
- All personal information will be treated in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993.
- Initially, Advocates will be drawn from St Michael's church, but anyone is welcome to be an advocate
- The Fund has charitable status because it is held as an account at St Michael's church. Donations over \$5 will be receipted as tax deductible.
- Donations can be made to this St Michael's account – 06 0501 0644904 04
- The Fund does not make cash payments to recipients, but rather arranges to meet financial need directly
- The Fund does not provide debt relief or equity payments
- The Fund will expire one month after Wellington leaves Level 1 of Pandemic Preparedness. At that point, any unallocated funds will be given to the Wellington City Mission and Wellington Women's Refuge in equal shares.
- On expiry of the Fund, the Fund will produce a short report assessing its own effectiveness. The Report will be available to anyone interested on request.

According to the grace of God ... I laid a foundation for someone else (1 Corinthians 3.10)