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| **Your Full Name:** |  |
| **Your Full Address:** |  |
| **Your Landline Number:** |  |
| **Your Cellphone Number:** |  |
| **Your Email Address:** |  |
| **Your Ethnicity:** |  |
| **Your Bank Account Details:** |  |

**Please tick which of the below criteria forms the basis of your application in respect of your funding application:**

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| **Tick** | **Criteria** |
|  | 1. **As a disabled person, I am supported to connect to the social networks, communities and identities that positively contribute to my wellbeing** |
|  | 1. **As a member of a disabled person’s whanau, I am enabled to support a disabled member in my whanau in ways that positively contribute to their wellbeing** |
|  | 1. **As a disabled person or whanau of a disabled person, I am enabled to take precautions to prevent and minimise the impact of Covid -19 has on our wellbeing** |
|  | 1. **As a disabled person I am supported to access the usual support networks that positively contribute to my wellbeing** |

**Please provide below full details of any funding from any source that has or may be received by you in respect of this application:**

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**Please briefly outline below sufficient details about the funding support you are seeking:**

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**Please list below documentation that you have attached to support your application. If you have no attachments, please briefly say why:**

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**Please briefly state below, what impact any funding under this application would have on your well-being in terms of Covid?**

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**NOTES:**

The completed application form and any supporting documentation may be either:

* Emailed to: [manager@employable.co.nz](mailto:manager@employable.co.nz)
* Delivered to: employable, 70 Waimea Road, Nelson South, Nelson. We are opposite Hampden Street School
* Posted through the post to: 70 Waimea Road, Nelson South, Nelson

We may contact you in respect of your application if any further information is required or we need to clarify anything with you

We expect to:

* action any application within 10 working days of it being physically received by us; and
* determine the outcome of an application within 15 working days of it being physically received by us.

Should you wish to discuss your application with us before you finalise it, then please either feel free to call us on (03) 546 9206 and talk to one of our staff. If no one is available when you call, then please leave a message and they will return your call as they are free to do so.

It is not advisable to call at our premises unless you have a prior appointment to do so as our staff generally have very full diaries.

**Background to the Care in the Community Welfare Fund**

MSD worked in close cooperation and collaboration with the disability sector and other government agencies to determine the best options for the use of this funding.

Four key needs were identified through the engagement and meeting one or more of these needs is the basic criteria for the distribution of funds from either of two new fund types.

The $8m Fund is being distributed through providers and community groups/organisations and is split into two types of funding support.

This application form only relates to the **direct support fund**.

**Direct support fund (COVID-19 Wellbeing Grants)**

The direct support fund enables disabled people and whānau to access support directly from providers that have applied for and received the funding.

A disabled person within a whānau is able to apply to a provider for assistance of up to $2,000.

Providers of the funding are required to take all necessary steps to ensure:

* A disabled person and whānau they are funding do not receive funding from any other provider.
* The funding for declared needs is not available or already being received from another funding stream. For example, food grants, hardship grants, or other MSD funding options.

How the support is delivered by the provider will be decided in collaboration with the disabled person and whānau. This could include direct funding to the disabled person or whānau, or purchase of the services, devices, or equipment by the provider.

This support is for a provider to address one or more of the following needs:

* Connecting with social networks and communities
* Support for the whānau of a disabled person
* Precautions to prevent exposure to COVID-19
* Connecting with support networks

The purpose, and design, of the funding is to meet the current needs of the disabled person and whānau, not their future needs.

The funds also cannot be used for:

* Support provided via the Community Connector service (eg. Community Connector Discretionary Funding)
* Ongoing costs, such as subscriptions
* Items already purchased
* Food (should be covered by “Food Secure Communities Programme” and “Special Needs Grant” for food)
* Purchasing cash assets (Cash assets - Map (workandincome.govt.nz))
* Purchasing a vehicle
* Alcohol, cigarettes, tobacco, or vaping products
* Lotto products or for any gambling purposes