



## Contact Us

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# Bishop's Healing Fund

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## The Bishop's Healing Fund

The Bishop's Healing Fund is made available annually by the Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle to assist in supporting the healing and wellness of those impacted by sexual abuse in the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese.

The Healing Fund application is for anyone who was impacted by sexual abuse perpetrated by employees of the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese or those currently residing in this Diocese who were impacted by sexual abuse in another Diocese or by a member of a religious order.

Applications may be made by individuals who were sexually abused or their close relatives or supporters/friends.

Activities eligible for funding may include:

- ▶ workshops
- ▶ programs
- ▶ events
- ▶ research
- ▶ training
- ▶ treatment
- ▶ or other initiatives assessed as valuable in fostering healing or wellness.

The Healing Fund is managed by the Standing Committee for Healing and Support Practices, part of the Diocesan Protection and Safety Council (DPSC). To learn more about the DPSC, go to <http://mn.shor.tn/DPSC>

The Standing Committee for Healing and Support Practices was established to:

- ▶ Provide support, guidance, and advice to the Manager Zimmerman Service Healing and Support (ZSH&S) and the DPSC regarding the strategic development and direction of ZSH&S and the DPSC's ZSH&S program
- ▶ Review current practices and identify emerging practices in the provision of services to the survivor community
- ▶ Receive and respond to submissions, requests or statements made by the survivor community to the Committee or its individual members
- ▶ Conduct and review a transparent process for approving applications
- ▶ Provide an independent voice to inform decision-making and to advocate on issues concerning the survivor community.

The Committee will determine applications of \$5,000 or less. The Committee will assess applications over \$5,000, and if supported, they will go before the Council for a decision.

Should the Healing Fund of \$25,000 be exhausted before the close of the funding cycle, any further successful applications will be brought to the DPSC for consideration or placed in a queue for the next funded cycle.

To learn more about the Bishop's Healing Fund or access an application form, please get in touch with us or go to the website <http://healingandsupport.org.au>.