About the CTE calculator

The [Cash Transfer Equivalency (CTE)](https://www.dropbox.com/s/md7c9sxzsgg68cb/Cash%20Transfer%20Equivalency.pdf) calculator is a simple tool that estimates whether a proposed social intervention is going to produce more value, on average, for the end recipients than simply giving cash away in equal amounts to program costs.

# Using the calculator

The calculator is split into two steps

## Step 1: How much will the program cost

In step one, simply enter the total cost of the program. For example, if a grant request is seeking $7,500 for a program that would serve 1,000 people for three months, enter $7,500 as the program cost.

## Step 2: Enter one or more recipient groups for this program

Each row represents a recipient group, and has the following columns:

* Do it
* Group name
* Number of people
* Average value
* CTE
* Remove

### Do it

This column determines whether the program is beneficially for the specified group using the CTE methodology.

### Group name

You can calculate CTE’s for one or more recipient groups. Recipient groups are groups of individuals who are intended beneficiaries of a proposed program. For example, you might have an after school program that would derive different values for children of different age groups. So you might have a group called “Under age 16” and another called “16 and over”.

### Number of people

This is the number of people in the group the program aims to serve.

### Average value

The average value is your best guess as to the monetary value in a group, on average, might derive from the program. For example, if you might guess that the monetary value for students over the age of 16 in an after school program would be $200 on average.

### CTE

This is the CTE value calculated for the group, using the [Cash Transfer Equivalency](https://www.dropbox.com/s/md7c9sxzsgg68cb/Cash%20Transfer%20Equivalency.pdf) method.

### Remove

Button to remove the group from the CTE calculation.

## Decision

The decision section shows the weighted average CTE value across all groups, indicating whether the program is worth investing in.