



The Community Trust of Mid & South Canterbury provides funding grants to not-for-profit community groups and projects that make a positive contribution to our region which goes from the Rakaia River in the north to the Waitaki River in the south and to the Southern Alps to the west. The Community Trust Board met for their fifth meeting of the 2023-24 financial year on 30 October 2023.

Operational grant requests up to \$15,000 were considered. 31 applicants were successful and a total of **\$183,325** was granted.

In **Timaru** a total of \$47,625 was granted, including \$10,000 to Citizens Advice Bureau South Canterbury for operational costs, \$10,000 to S John Timaru for the Aoraki Health Shuttle, \$3,000 to Learning for You towards payroll costs, \$3,500 to Aorangi Croquet Club for lawn renovation and maintenance, and \$7,500 to South Canterbury Multiple Sclerosis Society for operational expenses. Andrew Gray from Hato Hone St John said "thank you to The Community Trust of Mid and South Canterbury for your generous grant of \$10,000. It will be a massive help to ensure the Aoraki Health Shuttle continues to do the great work it does."



In the **Mackenzie District** – Lake Tekapo School / Futsal Tekapo were granted \$4,000 for a Futsal programme, and Search and Rescue Avalanche Dogs received \$4000 for operational costs and protective equipment.

In the **Waimate District**, Waimate Community Radio was granted \$3,500 for rent, and the Waimate Parenting Hub received \$8,000 towards their operating costs.

District wide, a total of \$56,500 was granted, including \$10,000 to Cholmondeley Children's Centre for respite care for Mid & South Canterbury families, \$10,000 to Parents Centre Aotearoa \$10,000 for Childbirth and Parenting Education, \$10,000 to Plunket for Community Services, and \$5,000 to WanderSearch Canterbury Charitable Trust for Operational costs.

The Community Trust receives all manner of requests from throughout the region. Trust CEO, Liz Shea said "we understand cost of living increases affect everyone, including the not-for-profit sector and our Trust is here to support the local agencies that work in our communities. The key message we wish to share with our community groups in this very challenging time is that we remain open to funding requests and are here to help." If you are a not-for-profit group

anywhere in Mid and South Canterbury, please call the Community Relations Manager on 03 68 77 598 or look at the website www.comtrust.org.nz to see if you are eligible to apply to the Community Trust for funding for an event, programme or capital project.