

## Media Release May 2023



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 first meeting of the 2023-24 financial year on 8 May 2023.

Operational grant requests up to \$15,000 were considered. 27 applicants were successful and a total of **\$170,281** was granted.

In **Ashburton**, the Hakatere Multicultural Council was granted \$12,000 towards the operational costs and events welcoming newcomers to the district, the Kanuka Mid Canterbury Regeneration Trust \$7,500 towards an environmental connector to work in local schools, the CanInspire Charitable Trust \$4,500 for CanBead programme costs, Mid Canterbury United Football Club \$5,000 for kits and equipment for winter league teams, Collegiate RFC \$4,900 for insurance, Mid Canterbury Hockey \$5,000 for wages and Ashburton District Neighbourhood Support \$5,000 for wages. Ashburton Civic Music Council have been granted a guarantee against loss of up to \$2,000 for their upcoming Winter Festival of Music.



*CanInspire Charitable Trust*

Tania Paddock from the Kanuka Trust said "The funding will go a long way towards allowing our Community Connector to deliver our education programme within local schools."

**District wide**, \$10,000 was granted to Ronald McDonald House to subsidise accommodation for local families travelling to Christchurch for treatment, the Road Safety Education Charitable Trust were granted \$3,900 towards the cost of the programme coordinator, Parkinsons NZ Charitable Trust was granted \$5,000 towards wages, the NZ Council of Victim Support Groups received \$7,500 for their co-ordinator and training for volunteers, Youthline Central South Island \$5,000 for the youth helpline and Read NZ were granted \$3,000 towards their writers in schools programme.

The Community Trust receives all manner of requests from throughout the region. Trust CEO, Liz Shea said “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. We are particularly interested in supporting environmental and climate change mitigation projects in this coming year.” 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](http://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.