

Media Release May 2023 – South Canterbury



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 **Temuka**, PussN Boots kitty rescue received \$3,000 for operational costs including vets' fees to support the work they do with kitten and cat rescues and neutering.

In **Timaru** Te Aitarakihi Society Inc received \$10,000 to subsidise cultural competence training for charities and not for profits, YMCA Mid & South Canterbury were granted \$10,000 towards the cost of leasing a new Y Space for services for young people, Volunteering Mid & South Canterbury \$10,000 for operational costs, and Life Education Trust \$12,000 for the Educators salary. South Canterbury Neighbourhood Support and the South Canterbury Stroke Club both received \$5,000 for wages and the Association of Pleasant Point Sports \$2,000 for operating costs. The Sustainable South Canterbury Trust were granted \$12,000 for environmental project facilitation.



In the **Mackenzie District** – the John Anderson Arboretum Trust was granted \$11,037 for arboretum planting and maintenance.

In the **Waimate District**, Waimate Golf Club were granted \$3,000 towards course fertiliser and chemicals, and Positive Waimate \$1,944 for insurance.

District wide, \$10,000 was granted to Ronald McDonald House to subsidise accommodation for local families travelling to Christchurch for treatment, Road Safety Education Charitable Trust were granted \$3,900 towards the cost of the programme coordinator and the Graham Dingle Foundation received \$5,000 towards the cost of the Kiwi Can programme. Courtney Keenan, the grants coordinator for the Graham Dingle Foundation thanked the trustees, saying "this money will go a long way in supporting over 600 tamariki across South Canterbury." 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 to see if you are eligible to apply to the Community Trust for funding for an event, programme or capital project.