

Community Organisation Grants Scheme Profile 2016/17



COGS
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Grants Scheme

Te Tahua Mā Ngā Whakahaere i Ngā Hapori

Foreword

He Kupu Whakataki



Hon Peeni Henare

The Community Organisation Grants Scheme (COGS) is an important source of Government-funded grants that has been supporting non-profit community organisations to deliver a diverse range of community services for over 30 years. I am delighted to introduce the COGS Profile for 2016/17.

The partnership between government and community is an underlying kaupapa of COGS and its distinctive ethos of community involvement sets it apart from other funding schemes. Local communities have the opportunity to contribute to setting priority outcomes for Local Distribution Committees (LDCs) at COGS public meetings. The people who serve on the LDCs and make the decisions on COGS funding requests are locally elected volunteers. These volunteers are well placed to make funding

decisions because they come from their local communities and are familiar with local needs and aspirations.

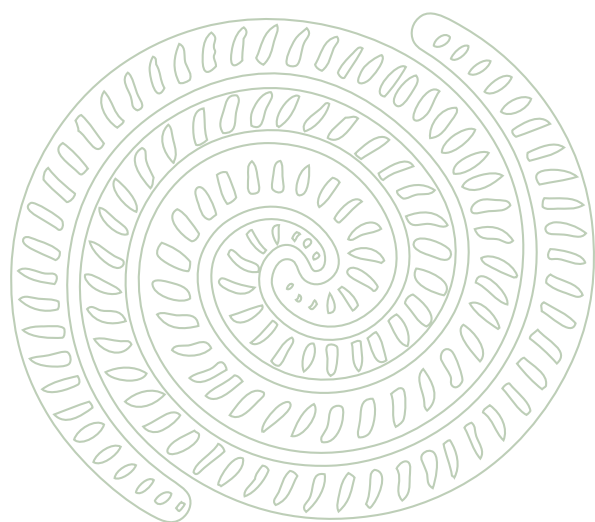
Since 1986, COGS has distributed over \$310 million to community organisations throughout New Zealand, through nearly 100,000 grants. Over this time COGS funding has supported communities and small organisations achieve their own outcomes. The community stories featured in this profile are examples of how COGS funding has contributed to making a difference to people and communities.

Over the last year, the sector through a series of public engagement workshops, provided ideas to improve grant funding effectiveness. One of the aims of the workshops was to collaborate with the wider funding sector to consider ways to decrease the administrative burden, particularly the time and costs associated with making funding requests. Many COGS recipients took time out of their busy schedules to attend these workshops and share their ideas on what is working well and what might be improved.

The Government recognises the role that volunteers play in building resilient and strong communities, and I thank all the volunteers who serve on the COGS LDCs and the National COGS Committee (NCC)

for giving their time and expertise so generously. Welcome to all those who were elected for the first time in 2017. I wish you all the best for your three-year term of service and trust you will find your involvement with COGS to be a rewarding experience. Your work for the benefit of communities across New Zealand is appreciated.

Hon Peeni Henare
Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector



To the prestigious ones, to the orators, to the many called together across the land, greetings, greetings, thrice greetings. Here is the COGS Annual Report, to inform you of the efforts and wonderful services that the many committees have provided throughout the country. Therefore, many thanks to those who have sped this canoe, so that its excellent outcome can be laid out in front of you. Greetings to all.

E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā karangatanga maha o te motu, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou. Anei rā te Rīpoata-ā-tau mō COGS, hei whakamōhiotia koutou i ngā mahi, me ngā āhuatanga pai i horahia e ngā Komiti maha puta noa i te motu. Nā reira ngā mihi nui ki a rātou kua whakateretere te waka nei, kia oti pai ai te kaupapa i whakatakotohia i mua ia tātou. Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā mai tātou.

From the Department of Internal Affairs

Nā Te Tari Taiwhenua

COGS is a government-funded scheme administered by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department), with decisions on funding requests made by elected members of the community. COGS customers and committee members are supported by community advisors working from the Department's 16 regional offices. This partnership between government and local communities is a key component of the COGS.

Each year, thousands of non-profit organisations throughout the country receive a COGS grant to assist them with delivering community projects and services.

The NCC is elected from amongst membership of the LDCs and is responsible for governance of the COGS committee structure. One of the NCC's strategic objectives is to

increase community participation in electing COGS LDC members. In 2017, COGS LDC elections were held electronically for the first time, replacing the previous paper-based system. This meant that nominations and voting for candidates was conducted online. As a result, there was a significant increase in the number of nominations, leading to a 20% increase in the number of LDCs that went to election compared with 2014. The process was more immediate and simpler for candidates and voters, taking less time overall. Congratulations to all successful candidates, I wish you well for your roles.

Early in 2017 the Department supported a series of community engagement meetings held around the country. The meetings were customer-focused and looked for input from the

community and voluntary sector on actions that can be taken to reduce the administrative burden of accessing grant funding. The Department is always looking for ways to improve processes and make it easier for COGS customers and committee members. Currently we have reduced the time taken between application and payment of grant by 15 days.

I would like to give thanks to outgoing LDC members for your hard work during the 2014 – 2017 period. Your work is crucial to the success of COGS and I thank you for your efforts. COGS is a wonderful example of government and communities working together for the benefit of all New Zealanders. Thank you all for your hard work.

Robyn Nicholas
General Manager, Community Operations
Department of Internal Affairs

From the Chair

Nā te Tumuaki

Ngā mihi nui ki te whānau COGS. Warm greetings to the COGS family. The NCC is made up of people elected from current members of the LDCs.

The NCC is responsible for the governance of the LDCs, and the establishment and monitoring of operational policies and standards in conjunction with the Department, who administer COGS. The NCC has a Memorandum of Understanding in place with the Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector, which was refreshed in 2016, and another with the Department, which was refreshed in 2017. These memoranda reflect the partnership that exists between the NCC (as community representatives) and the Government in determining how COGS funding is allocated and administered.

The NCC was pleased to see the LDC elections conducted electronically in 2017. This simplified the process of nominating and voting for candidates, and made it easier for community

organisations to take part in the election process. Congratulations to our new LDC members and welcome to the COGS family!

From 2018 there will also be changes to the way members are elected to the NCC. NCC elections will now take a staggered approach, whereby two of six positions will be elected each year. This is expected to ensure that NCC knowledge and experience is maintained across NCC terms of service and that the NCC is not completely replaced following an election. Serving on both an LDC and the NCC has been a wonderful and rewarding experience for me and I encourage all current LDC members to consider standing for the NCC.

One of the highlights for me looking back on the previous year was speaking at an event held at Parliament Buildings in December 2016. The NCC, LDC members, Department staff, Members of Parliament and COGS customers

gathered for the launch of the COGS Profile 2015/16, and to celebrate 30 years since COGS was first established. Guest speaker Kevin Goldsbury spoke about the importance of COGS to organisations like Ignite Sport, which he founded in 2007. We were also treated to a delightful performance by a group of students from the Break-out Dance School, a programme delivered by the Eastern Southern Youth Trust, a Wellington-based group which works to provide youth with new skills.

As I look forward to the year ahead, I would like to thank all LDC members for your ongoing commitment to COGS. I would also like to acknowledge the commitment and support of my colleagues on the NCC. Many thanks to all of you for your work on behalf of the communities of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Jill Dean
Chairperson
National COGS Committee

About COGS

He kōrero mō COGS



COGS philosophy

To promote the identities and values of communities as a way of reaching social, cultural and economic fairness.

COGS kaupapa

Te whiwhitanga, te whakaoratanga, te whakahoutanga me te whakatū turutanga o ngā ritenga-a-iwi i te taha kikokiko me te taha wairua, hei huarahi, hei eke atu ai ki ngā taumata e taurite ai ngā āhuatanga-ā-iwi, ngā āhuatanga-ā-wairua me ngā āhuatanga-ā-rawa.

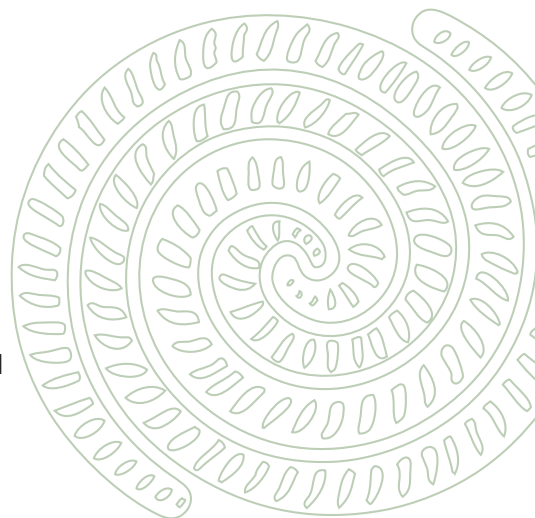
COGS Funding

COGS provides grants to non-profit community organisations delivering community-based social services. COGS grants support organisation running costs, projects and events.

There are 37 COGS LDC, making grant decisions based on locally determined outcomes. The people serving on COGS committees are elected volunteers. Their decisions are based on the likelihood that the services or projects receiving grants will deliver the community benefits or outcomes described in each grant request.

COGS grants may be used for:

- the running costs of organisations that provide community-based social services. This may include costs such as wages, training, reimbursing volunteers' expenses, rent, power, telephone, travel, postage, photocopying, professional fees, supervision, etc.
- community development costs, such as hui, training, planning, evaluation and facilitator fees
- community projects or event costs that:
 - encourage participation in communities
 - promote community leadership
 - promote social, economic and cultural equity.



The National COGS Committee

The NCC are nominated and elected from LDCs. The NCC is responsible for the governance of the local COGS committees and the establishment and monitoring of operational policies and national processes in conjunction with the Department.

Each year the NCC host the annual COGS Profile launch. They are also responsible for allocating the total COGS fund across the 37 LDC.

Current members of the NCC are Jill Dean (Chairperson), Rawiri Thompson, Moana Denness and Bonnie Miller-Perry.



NCC Chairperson Jill Dean

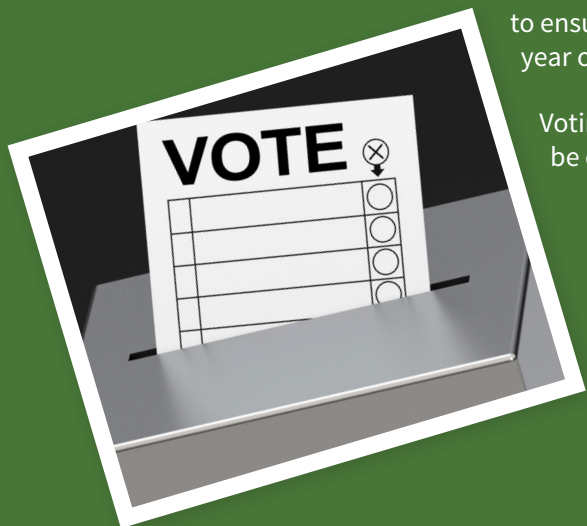
National COGS Committee election 2018

The current NCC members complete their three year term of service in May 2018. Candidates for the vacant positions are nominated and elected by the 37 LDC's. All current LDC members are eligible to be nominated. NCC's role and responsibilities are outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding between NCC and the Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector. NCC's responsibilities include:

- governance of the COGS committee structure
- establishing and monitoring operational policies and national standards in conjunction with the Department
- allocating the annual COGS appropriation across the 37 LDCs using a formula approved by the Minister
- advising the Minister and the Department on any matters relevant to COGS and the issues facing community organisations served by COGS.

The six member committee will consist of two co-opted current NCC members to ensure a smooth handover and continuity. They will complete one further year of service through to elections in 2019.

Voting will take place electronically. Full details of the election process will be distributed through local COGS advisors in early 2018.



Grants 2016/17

Ngā Tākoha o te tau 2016/17

In the 2016/17 funding year, a total of \$12.5 million (GST exclusive) was allocated to community organisations. The total amount requested by applicants was \$39,049,617 and the average grant was \$2,961. To view the Record of Grants made to community organisations in the 2016/17 funding round, visit the Community Matters website www.communitymatters.govt.nz.

Summary of 2016/17 grants made by Committees

North Island

1. Far North		8. Papakura/ Franklin		15. Rotorua	
Allocated (\$)	\$398,925	Allocated (\$)	\$326,311	Allocated (\$)	\$226,064
Requested (\$)	\$916,840	Requested (\$)	\$979,749	Requested (\$)	\$610,126
Eligible applications	140	Eligible applications	135	Eligible applications	92
Number of grants	128	Number of grants	123	Number of grants	84
2. Whangarei/ Kaipara		9. Waikato West		16. Mātaatua	
Allocated (\$)	\$405,992	Allocated (\$)	\$350,763	Allocated (\$)	\$277,995
Requested (\$)	\$1,218,936	Requested (\$)	\$844,785	Requested (\$)	\$616,835
Eligible applications	191	Eligible applications	120	Eligible applications	96
Number of grants	179	Number of grants	119	Number of grants	89
3. Rodney/ North Shore		10. Hauraki		17. Tairāwhiti	
Allocated (\$)	\$519,691	Allocated (\$)	\$307,614	Allocated (\$)	\$266,324
Requested (\$)	\$2,057,589	Requested (\$)	\$803,003	Requested (\$)	\$897,893
Eligible applications	203	Eligible applications	98	Eligible applications	131
Number of grants	183	Number of grants	73	Number of grants	109
4. Waitakere City		11. Kirikiriroa/ Hamilton City		18. Kahungunu Ki Heretaunga	
Allocated (\$)	\$416,561	Allocated (\$)	\$309,890	Allocated (\$)	\$381,205
Requested (\$)	\$1,749,863	Requested (\$)	\$1,416,071	Requested (\$)	\$891,194
Eligible applications	220	Eligible applications	170	Eligible applications	116
Number of grants	181	Number of grants	135	Number of grants	95
5. Auckland City		12. South Waikato		19. Tamatea/ Tamaki-Nui-a-Rua	
Allocated (\$)	\$ 794,190	Allocated (\$)	\$398,739	Allocated (\$)	\$185,033
Requested (\$)	\$3,157,558	Requested (\$)	\$804,366	Requested (\$)	\$471,705
Eligible applications	300	Eligible applications	142	Eligible applications	92
Number of grants	252	Number of grants	133	Number of grants	65
6. Great Barrier		13. Tongariro		20. North Taranaki	
Allocated (\$)	\$28,100	Allocated (\$)	\$265,148	Allocated (\$)	\$221,130
Requested (\$)	\$25,970	Requested (\$)	\$495,084	Requested (\$)	\$614,577
Eligible applications	8	Eligible applications	83	Eligible applications	137
Number of grants	7	Number of grants	79	Number of grants	126
7. Manukau		14. Tauranga/ Moana		21. South Taranaki	
Allocated (\$)	\$685,834	Allocated (\$)	\$408,741	Allocated (\$)	\$238,362
Requested (\$)	\$2,524,580	Requested (\$)	\$1,111,519	Requested (\$)	\$603,723
Eligible applications	256	Eligible applications	126	Eligible applications	117
Number of grants	235	Number of grants	115	Number of grants	107

22. Whanganui/ Waimarino/ Rangitikei	
Allocated (\$)	\$318,629
Requested (\$)	\$832,482
Eligible applications	122
Number of grants	102
23. Manawatū/ Horowhenua	
Allocated (\$)	\$475,716
Requested (\$)	\$1,259,421
Eligible applications	185
Number of grants	169

24. Wairarapa	
Allocated (\$)	\$181,094
Requested (\$)	\$579,245
Eligible applications	93
Number of grants	81
25. Whitireia	
Allocated (\$)	\$263,373
Requested (\$)	\$938,700
Eligible applications	128
Number of grants	121

26. Hutt Valley	
Allocated (\$)	\$354,192
Requested (\$)	\$1,461,851
Eligible applications	147
Number of grants	102
27. Wellington	
Allocated (\$)	\$341,966
Requested (\$)	\$1,586,709
Eligible applications	159
Number of grants	132

South Island

28. Nelson Bays	
Allocated (\$)	\$264,891
Requested (\$)	\$792,433
Eligible applications	130
Number of grants	97

29. Marlborough	
Allocated (\$)	\$188,573
Requested (\$)	\$617,623
Eligible applications	93
Number of grants	55

30. West Coast	
Allocated (\$)	\$182,366
Requested (\$)	\$507,389
Eligible applications	75
Number of grants	40

31. Canterbury Rural	
Allocated (\$)	\$ 263,181
Requested (\$)	\$893,387
Eligible applications	99
Number of grants	63

32. Christchurch City/ Banks Peninsula	
Allocated (\$)	\$726,877
Requested (\$)	\$2,552,299
Eligible applications	269
Number of grants	183

33. Aoraki	
Allocated (\$)	\$373,610
Requested (\$)	\$ 1,067,469
Eligible applications	97
Number of grants	57

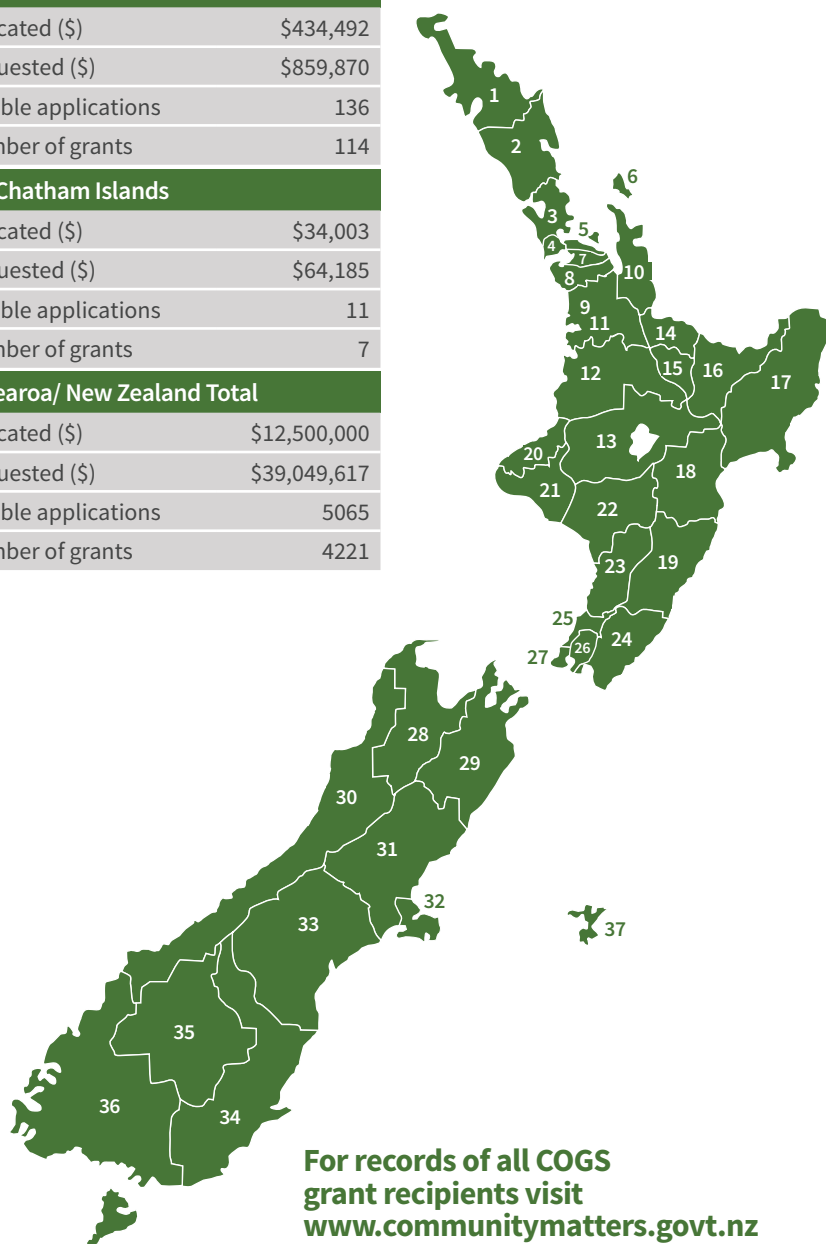
34. Coastal Otago/ Waitaki	
Allocated (\$)	\$533,954
Requested (\$)	\$1,691,816
Eligible applications	239
Number of grants	201

35. Central Otago	
Allocated (\$)	\$150,470
Requested (\$)	\$535,772
Eligible applications	110
Number of grants	80

36. Southland	
Allocated (\$)	\$434,492
Requested (\$)	\$859,870
Eligible applications	136
Number of grants	114

37. Chatham Islands	
Allocated (\$)	\$34,003
Requested (\$)	\$64,185
Eligible applications	11
Number of grants	7

Aotearoa/ New Zealand Total	
Allocated (\$)	\$12,500,000
Requested (\$)	\$39,049,617
Eligible applications	5065
Number of grants	4221



For records of all COGS grant recipients visit www.communitymatters.govt.nz



Above left: Te Roopu Oranga o Highbury
Right: Colville Social Service Collective



Te Roopu Oranga o Highbury Trust

Te Roopu Oranga o Highbury Trust (Trust) aims to address the social and wellbeing needs of the Highbury community in the Manawatu. Underpinning the Trust's work are the core values of manaakitanga (care), rangatiratanga (sovereignty), whanaungatanga (relationships), kotahitanga (unity) and wairuatanga (spirituality). This ensures the services reflect the make-up of the community.

The Trust provides a variety of services to the community including a free shop, weekly food parcels, a community garden, volunteer training and free transport and support to locals needing to access health care services. A regular kaumatua roopu involving community leaders has been established to help maintain Māori culture and language within the community.

Run largely by volunteers the Trust operates out of Te Whare Koha Highbury, the place of giving. Since its opening in September 2015 this former state house has quickly become a central hub for

the community. Over 2000 people accessed one or more of the services in the past year including over 120 people utilising the free transport services. Te Whare Koha also provides a small amount of emergency housing.

The Trust is actively involved in the wider community through various networks and community projects. An example of this is a mural project where kaumatua, youth and volunteers were involved in creating a mural that the community can be proud of.

Te Roopu Oranga o Highbury Trust received a grant of \$3500 in 2016/2017 which contributed towards the operational costs of the Trust.

Colville Social Service Collective

Colville Social Service Collective (CSSC) received a COGS grant of \$5000 in 2016/17, towards the wages of the CSSC Coordinator.

CSSC works with community members, community businesses and other organisations to enable an impressive range of services

and opportunities to ensure the continued wellbeing/hauora of communities in the northern Coromandel Peninsula. The northern Coromandel is an area that experiences a high degree of rural isolation and many residents would have trouble accessing vital services if it wasn't for support available through the work of CSSC.

Many of these services and programmes are hosted from CSSC's community centre based in Colville Village. Here local people can find information, advice and resources available for public use including a book and DVD library, phone, Wi-Fi, scanner, printer and computers, and access to services such as adult community education and workshops, counselling support, and help with travel assistance. As a new venture for Colville in 2017, CSSC provided assistance to the newly formed Youth Sailing Academy- Colville (YSAC), to enable the purchase of a small fleet of P-class yachts. YSAC and CSSC's Youth Group worked closely together over the summer months to provide local children with the opportunity to learn to sail while developing confidence, safety awareness and positive independence.



Above left: Auckland Urban Mission Incorporated
Middle: Wellington Russian Club Charitable Trust
Right: New Coasters Incorporated

Auckland Urban Mission Incorporated

The Auckland Urban Mission Incorporated (Urban Mission) received COGS grants in 2016/17 from Auckland City, Waitakere City, Papakura/Franklin and Manukau LDCs. COGS grants assist the Urban Mission to help people in need achieve a more healthy, productive lifestyle. The Urban Mission use mobile aid vans to deliver warm clothing, food, hot drinks and a listening ear, to those on the streets of Auckland late at night.

The Urban Mission's vans are also used to deliver free firewood to elderly and families in need, and the Urban Mission works with local food banks to deliver food to the most needy in the community. Driving around the city, Urban Mission volunteers encounter many homeless and disenfranchised people sleeping rough, on benches or in doorways. Many are cold, hungry and lonely, and often don't know what to do next.

During the 2016/17 year, volunteers gave out over 100 sleeping bags plus woollen blankets, approximately 60 winter jackets, and more than 100 beanies, scarfs and winter socks. The vans dispensed more than 5000 hot drinks, 2000 bowls of noodles and around 10000 bakery items. Volunteers listen, offer help for particular needs and provide

assistance with finding specialised help through other agencies.

COGS grants help the Urban Mission take volunteers out to meet the people where they are, listen to their concerns and do what they can to meet their needs.

Wellington Russian Club Charitable Trust

The Wellington Russian Club Charitable Trust (Trust) provides assistance to people from Russia who have arrived to live and work in the Wellington region. The Trust provides new migrants with information, support and knowledge of New Zealand culture. The Trust also works hard to promote and preserve Russian culture to contribute to the greater diversity of New Zealand.

The Trust received a COGS grant of \$500 in 2016/17 towards the Russian-speaking Cultural Festival, which was held in November 2016. Forty volunteers worked for five months to prepare for the festival which showcased the music, songs, dance, folk arts and traditional costumes and cuisine of communities from the former USSR. This was the twelfth annual festival, and over 700 people attended. The Trust reports that the festival is now established as an event "where people from different cultures meet

each other in an amazing atmosphere of friendship."

New Coasters Incorporated

New Coasters Incorporated (New Coasters) has been supporting migrants and newcomers to communities on the West Coast since 2009. New Coasters aims to help people who are new to the region find meaningful things to do, develop new friendships and support networks, and develop a sense of belonging.

New Coasters received a COGS grant of \$7500 in 2016/17 which contributed to providing a range of services including social activities and networking, regular newsletters, providing information, and individual home visits. This work is vital to attract and retain skilled people and their families to encourage positive growth, inclusion and economic development for the West Coast.

These services are provided from a venue designed as a welcoming community space located in central Greymouth, from a shared desk at the Heartland office in Hokitika and 'out in the field'. New Coasters is the only organisation of its kind in the Grey and Westland Districts and has worked to establish positive connections with other community organisations to be able to make appropriate referrals and to work collaboratively.

COGS funding allocations 2017/18

Ngā Tohatoha o te Putea o COGS i te tau 2017/18

The total COGS appropriation for 2017/18 is \$12.5 million. Each year the NCC is responsible for allocating the appropriation across 37 LDCs. NCC does this using a funding allocation formula. The current formula consists of three elements which determine the amount allocated to each LDC:

- 80 per cent is based on the population weighted by an index of deprivation
- 10 per cent is based on the population weighted by an index of isolation
- 10 per cent is distributed at the discretion of the NCC.

NCC distributed their discretionary 10 per cent for 2017/18 across all LDCs. They used the funding formula to allocate half the discretionary funding to the deprivation component and half to the isolation component. This is the same approach that was taken by NCC in 2016/17.

The amount allocated to each LDC for distribution in the 2017/18 year is as follows:

LDC	2017/18 allocation
Aoraki	\$373,610
Auckland City	\$794,190
Canterbury Rural	\$263,181
Central Otago	\$150,470
Chatham Islands	\$34,003
Christchurch City/Banks Peninsula	\$726,877
Coastal Otago/ Waitaki	\$533,954
Far North	\$398,925
Great Barrier	\$28,101
Hauraki	\$307,614
Hutt Valley	\$354,192
Kahungunu Ki Heretaunga	\$381,205
Kirikiriroa/ Hamilton City	\$309,890
Manawatū/ Horowhenua	\$475,716
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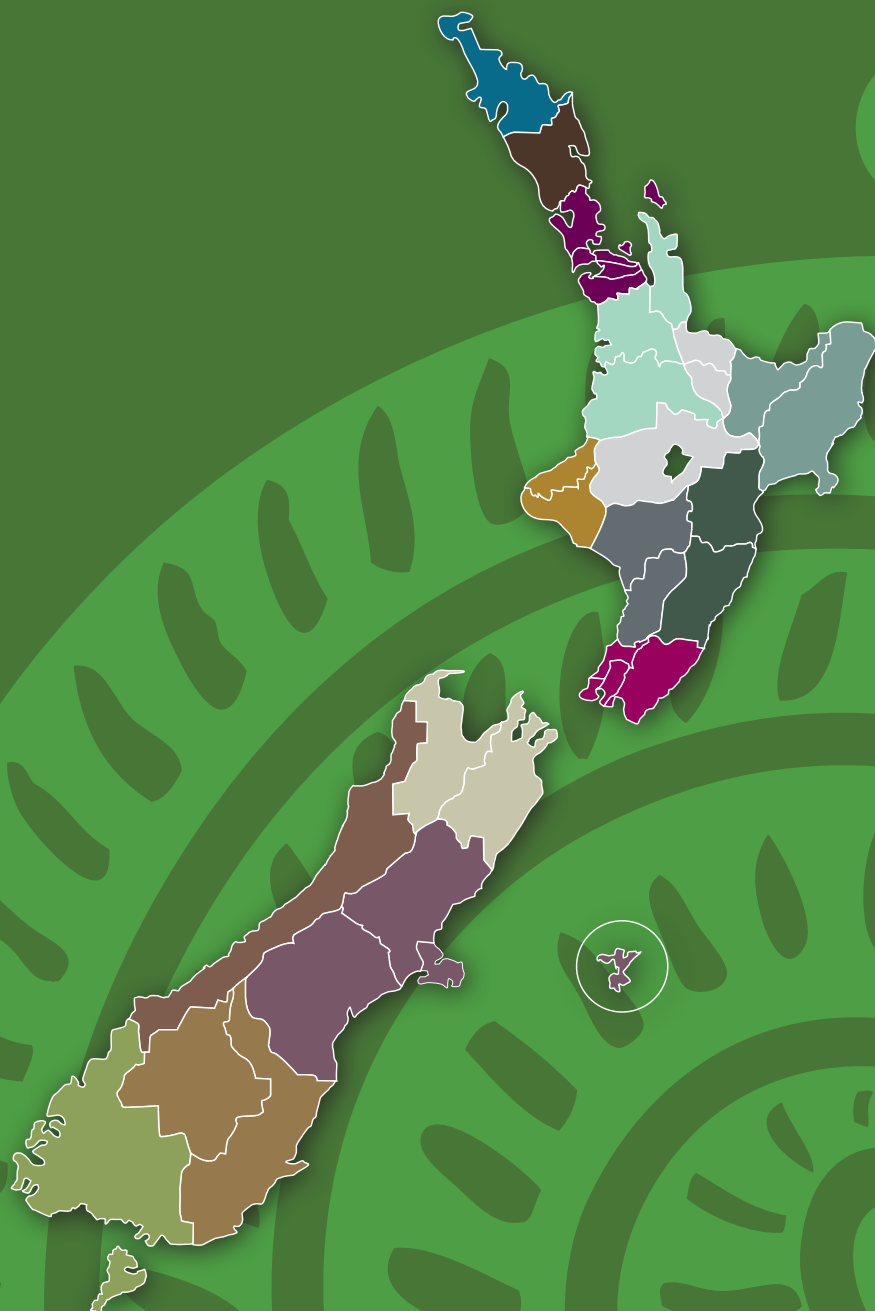
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Rodney/ North Shore	\$519,691
Rotorua	\$226,064
South Taranaki	\$238,362
South Waikato	\$398,739
Southland	\$434,492
Tairāwhiti	\$266,324
Tamatea/ Tamaki-Nui-a-Rua	\$185,033
Tauranga/Moana	\$408,741
Tongariro	\$265,148
Waikato West	\$350,763
Wairarapa	\$181,094
Waitakere City	\$416,561
Wellington	\$341,966
West Coast	\$182,366
Whanganui/ Waimarino/ Rangitikei	\$318,629
Whangarei/ Kaipara	\$405,992
Whitireia	\$263,373
Total	\$12,500,000

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