



AGENDA

Community Funding Subcommittee Meeting

Tuesday, 6 October 2026

Date Tuesday, 6 October 2026

Time 2:00 pm

Location Meeting Room 1
District Council Building
King George Place
Timaru

File Reference 1876643

Timaru District Council

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Community Funding Subcommittee will be held in Meeting Room 1, District Council Building, King George Place, Timaru, on Tuesday 6 October 2026, at 2:00 pm.

Community Funding Subcommittee Members

Clrs Owen Jackson (Chairperson), Philip Harper (Deputy Chairperson), Chris Thomas, Graeme Wilson and Mayor Nigel Bowen

Quorum – no less than 3 members

Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968

Subcommittee members are reminded that if you have a pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda, then you must declare this interest and refrain from discussing or voting on this item, and are advised to withdraw from the meeting table.

Stephen Doran
General Manager Corporate

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- 1 Apologies**
- 2 Identification of Items of Urgent Business**
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- 4 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

5 Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 Minutes of the Community Funding Subcommittee Meeting held on 21 April 2026

Author: Naomi Scott, Community Partnership Support Officer

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Community Funding Subcommittee Meeting held on 21 April 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairperson's electronic signature be attached.

Attachments

- 1. Minutes of the Community Funding Subcommittee Meeting held on 21 April 2026**



MINUTES

Community Funding Subcommittee Meeting Tuesday, 21 April 2026

Ref: 1876643

**Minutes of Timaru District Council
Community Funding Subcommittee Meeting
Held in the Meeting Room 1, District Council Building, King George Place, Timaru
on Tuesday, 21 April 2026 at 9:00 am**

Present: Mayor Nigel Bowen, Cllrs Owen Jackson, Philip Harper, Chris Thomas, Graeme Wilson

In Attendance: Stephen Doran (General Manager Corporate), Jessica Hurst (Community Partnership Team Leader), Naomi Scott (Community Partnership Support Officer), Meghan Taylor (Acting Democracy Services Lead)

The General Manager Corporate conducted the meeting until the Chairperson was elected.

1 Apologies

No apologies were received.

2 Identification of Items of Urgent Business

No items of urgent business were received.

3 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature

No matters of a minor nature were raised.

4 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

- Cllr Chris Thomas declared the following conflicts of interest in regard to report 9.1 (application 7, application 9, application 23 and application 29) and will step back from any discussion regarding the allocation of funding for these applications.

5 Reports

5.1 Election of Chairperson

The General Manager Corporate spoke to the report to select a voting system for the election of one of its members as chairperson of the Community Funding Subcommittee. The Senior Leadership team member present will call for nominations for the position of chairperson.

Cllr Graeme Wilson nominated Cllr Owen Jackson to be the Chairperson, Cllr Chris Thomas seconded the nomination. No other nominations were received.

Resolution 2026/19

Moved: Cllr Graeme Wilson

Seconded: Cllr Chris Thomas

1. That the Community Funding Subcommittee uses System B pursuant to clause 25(4) schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 to elect one of its members as its chairperson.

2. That the Community Funding Subcommittee elects Clr Owen Jackson as the chairperson.

Carried

5.2 Election of Deputy Chairperson

The Chairperson spoke to the report to select a voting system for the election of one of its members as deputy chairperson of the Community Funding Subcommittee. The Chairperson will call for nominations for the position.

The Chairperson Clr Owen Jackson nominated Clr Philip Harper to be the Chairperson, Clr Graeme Wilson seconded the nomination. No other nominations were received.

Resolution 2026/20

Moved: Clr Owen Jackson

Seconded: Clr Graeme Wilson

1. That the Community Funding Subcommittee uses System B pursuant to clause 25(4) schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 to elect one of its members as its deputy chairperson.
2. That Community Funding Subcommittee elects Clr Philip Harper as the deputy chairperson.

Carried

5.3 Funds Available Report

The Community Partnership Support Officer spoke to the report to advise the Community Funding Subcommittee of the remaining funds available for distribution for the 2025/2026 financial

Resolution 2026/21

Moved: Mayor Nigel Bowen

Seconded: Clr Chris Thomas

That Community Funding Subcommittee receives and notes the Funds Available Report.

Carried

5.4 Accountability Received Report

The Community Partnership Support Officer spoke to the report to advise the Community Funding Subcommittee of accountability forms received for grants approved by the Community Services Committee.

Resolution 2026/22

Moved: Mayor Nigel Bowen

Seconded: Clr Graeme Wilson

That the Community Funding Subcommittee receives and notes the report for Accountability Reports Received.

Carried

6 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

No items of urgent business were received.

7 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

No matters of a minor nature were raised.

8 Exclusion of the Public**Resolution 2026/23**

Moved: Cllr Chris Thomas

Seconded: Mayor Nigel Bowen

That at 9.04am the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely,—

9.1 Funding Applications

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Plain English Reason
9.1 - Funding Applications	s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons s7(2)(b)(ii) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information	To protect a person's privacy, including the privacy of deceased persons To protect commercially sensitive information

Carried

Note

[Section 48\(4\)](#) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides as follows:

- “(4)Every resolution to exclude the public shall be put at a time when the meeting is open to the public, and the text of that resolution (or copies thereof)—
 - (a)shall be available to any member of the public who is present; and
 - (b)shall form part of the minutes of the local authority.”

9 Public Excluded Reports

9.1 Funding Applications

Resolution 2026/25

Moved: Clr Owen Jackson

Seconded: Clr Chris Thomas

That the Community Funding Subcommittee review and approve the following request for extension:

Applicant	Project/Event	Amount Granted	Date approved
Te Aitarakihi	Weather Cover and Path Levelling	\$5,000.00	19/11/2024

Carried

Resolution 2026/26

Moved: Clr Chris Thomas

Seconded: Mayor Nigel Bowen

That the Community Funding Subcommittee Review and decline to consider the following late application received:

Application No.	Applicant	Event	Amount
Application 30 <i>Received 26/3/2026</i>	District 72 Toastmasters –	The Toastmasters District Conference 2026	\$6,430.00

Carried

Resolution 2026/27

Moved: Clr Philip Harper

Seconded: Cllr Graeme Wilson

That the Community Funding Subcommittee:

1. Review the following Community Funding applications for round Two of 2025/2026; and
2. Make a recommendation to Council to approve or reject the following applications, noting the associated amounts totalling \$54,000:

Community Development

Application No.	Applicant	Project	Recommendation
Application 1	Sutherlands Hall Social Committee	Complete interior renovations of hall and kitchen	\$4,000.00
Application 2	The South Island (Te Waipounamu) Branch of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of New Zealand Incorporated	Opportunity to Impact - In-home Fieldwork Programme	Decline
Application 3	Temuka Menzshed	Securement of funding for main running costs	\$1,000.00
Application 4	Momentum Charitable Trust	Life and Financial Skills Programmes Supporting Reintegration for Timaru Residents	Decline
Application 5	South Canterbury Multiple Sclerosis Society Inc	South Canterbury MS Headquarters Rental	\$3,500.00
Application 6	Centrecare Counselling - Sam Roebeck	Counselling - Timaru	\$2,000.00
Application 7	South Canterbury Neighbourhood Support	Ongoing Community Services / Operating Costs	\$5,000.00
Application 8	Stopping Violence South Canterbury	Timaru District Adult and Youth Violence Prevention Services	\$3,000.00
Application 9	Age Concern	Venue Hire for Friday Club	\$4,000.00
Application 10	Sea Cleaners Trust	Timaru District waterway and coastal clean-up programme	Decline

Application 11	Food Rescue Aoraki Trust	Operational project-Rent	\$5,000.00
Application 12	ME/CFS Canterbury West Coast	Annual Support and Outreach Programme	\$1,000.00
Application 13	The NZ Raptor Trust	Kitchen/Bird Food Prep Fitout for new Falcon Facility	Decline
Application 14	Timaru Bowling Club Inc	New Bowling Turf	Decline
Application 15	Presbyterian Support Services South Canterbury Incorporated	Fit for pit-out for our Foodbank	Decline
Application 16	The CanInspire Charitable Trust	CanBead Timaru Creative Therapy	\$1,500.00
Application 17	South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce	South Canterbury Website	Decline
Application 18	Citizens Advice Bureau	Operational Costs - Including Rent	\$4,000.00
Application 19	Geraldine District Free Kindergarten	New Purpose-Built Early Childhood Education Centre	\$5,000.00
Application 20	Temuka RSA Incorporated	Lighting Refurbishment	\$1,500.00
Application 21	Plunket	Plunket Timaru Services	\$3,000.00
Application 22	Gloriavale Leavers Support Trust	Gloriavale Leavers Support	\$2,000.00
Application 23	Social Services Council of the Diocese of Christchurch	Anglican Advocacy South Canterbury	\$2,000.00

Community Local Events

Application No.	Applicant	Event	Recommendation
Application 24	Timaru Harrier Club	Timaru Ten	\$2,000.00
Application 25	Te Aitarakihi	Matariki 2026	Decline

Application 26	Winchester Rodeo Club	Fencing for new bank extension	Decline
Application 27	Pasifika O Aoraki	Pasifika & Multicultural Community Volleyball Festival	\$1,000.00
Application 28	Green Hayes Emporium	Temuka Thrifty Catwalk	Decline
Application 29	South Canterbury Neighbourhood Support	The Amazing Neighbourhood Race	\$3,500.00

Carried

Resolution 2026/28

Moved: Cllr Owen Jackson

Seconded: Mayor Nigel Bowen

That the Community Funding Subcommittee resolves that the recommendation be released following the meeting and that the report remains in public excluded permanently.

Carried

10 Readmittance of the Public

Resolution 2026/24

Moved: Cllr Chris Thomas

Seconded: Cllr Philip Harper

That the meeting moves out of Closed Meeting into Open Meeting at 11.04am.

Carried

The meeting closed at 11.04am.

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Cllr Owen Jackson
Chairperson

6 Reports

6.1 Accountability Received Update Report

Author: Naomi Scott, Community Partnership Support Officer

Authoriser: Jessica Hurst, Community Partnership Team Leader

Recommendation

That the Community Funding Subcommittee receives and notes the *Accountability Received Report*.

Purpose of Report

- 1 To advise the Community Funding Subcommittee of accountability forms received for grants approved by the Council.

Assessment of Significance

- 2 While the provision of Community Funding is of importance to numerous community groups, the content contained in this report has been assessed as of low significance in accordance with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. This is based on the assessment criteria with specific focus on impact on the number of people affected, the degree that people may be impacted, community interest, financing and rating impact, and impact on wellbeing.

Discussion

- 3 Successful recipients of Community Funding grants are required to complete an Accountability Form within two months of their project or initiative being completed. The accountability process enables Council to confirm that funding has been used for the approved purpose and provides an opportunity for recipients to report on the outcomes achieved for the community.
- 4 Accountability reports are reviewed by Council Officers to ensure funding conditions have been met and to identify any issues requiring follow-up. Completion of accountability requirements is also considered when organisations apply for future funding opportunities.
- 5 The Community Funding Subcommittee previously requested that accountability information be presented in list form rather than receiving full copies of completed accountability reports.
- 6 Attachment 1 provides a summary of accountability reports received since the previous meeting, including the organisation funded and the purpose of the grant.
- 7 The Community Partnership Support Officer has reviewed the accountability reports received and is satisfied that they meet the required accountability and reporting obligations.

Attachments

1. **Accountability Update September 2026**  

Program	Applicant		Accountability Due
Accountability Due			
Quick Response	George (Kerala Cultural Society)	Onam Event 2025	30/10/2025
Local Events	Timaru Christmas Parade Trust	Timaru Santa Parade 2025	7/02/2026
Local Events	Pleasant Point Christmas Procession Committee	Annual Community Christmas Procession	19/02/2026
Accountability Received			
Quick Response	South Canterbury Multiple Sclerosis Society Inc	Garden Walk 2025	11/12/2025
Community Development	Southern Cancer Society Trust	A contribution to our cancer support programme	30/01/2026
Community Development	The NZ Raptor Trust	To complete the Flacon Breeding Facility	1/06/2026
Community Development	Temuka & Districts Project Trust	Temuka Town Centre Mural	30/01/2026
Community Development	Temuka Menzshed	Running costs	1/09/2026
Local Events	The Geraldine District & Promotions	Geraldine Christmas Parade 2025	5/02/2026
Local Events	South Canterbury Returned & Services Association	Annual Dawn & Civic Services - ANZAC Day	25/06/2026
Local Events	Boost Temuka	Pictures in Pink	23/01/2026
Local Events	South Canterbury Museum Development Trust	Retro Rock at the Museum 2026	14/04/2026
Local Events	Boost Temuka	Temuka Christmas Parade	29/01/2026
Quick Response	South Canterbury Childrens Day Committee	Childrens Day 2026	1/05/2026
NZ Representative	Neve Ball	NZ Youth U16 Ski squad competition in Andorra	27/03/2026
NZ Representative	Steven Anderson	IAU Asia-Oceania 24hr Championships	24/06/2026
Quick Response	Lions Club of Geraldine Charitable Trust	Geraldine Multi Sport Challenge	22/05/2026
Quick Response	Hussein AlHaroun	EID Al Fitr	22/03/2026
Community Funding	Sutherlands Hall Social Committee	Complete interior renovations of hall and kitchen	30/07/2026
Community Funding	Temuka Menzshed	Securement of funding for main running costs	30/08/2026
NZ Representative	Melanie Tregurtha obo Finn Tregurtha-Nairn	2026 Oceania Athletics Championships	23/07/2026
Not yet due			
Community Development	Volunteering Mid & South Canterbury	Timaru Rental Cost	30/11/2026
Community Development	Community Accounts Service Charitable Trust	Continuation of Service	30/11/2026
Community Development	The Order of St John	Health Shuttle Timaru	30/11/2026
Community Development	Geraldine Historical Society Inc	Annual insurance	30/06/2027
NZ Representative	Reid Brazendale/Tini Brazendale	NZ Storm basketball U16	1/10/2026
Community Funding	South Canterbury Multiple Sclerosis Society Inc	South Canterbury MS Headquarters Rental	30/08/2027
Community Funding	Centrecare Counselling - Sam Roebeck	Counselling - Timaru	30/06/2027
Community Funding	South Canterbury Neighbourhood Support	Ongoing Community Services / Operating Costs	31/05/2027
Community Funding	Stopping Violence South Canterbury	Timaru District Adult and Youth Violence Prevention Services	30/06/2027
Community Funding	Age Concern	Venue Hire for Friday Club	26/05/2027
Community Funding	Food Rescue Aoraki Trust	Operational project- Rent	30/08/2027
Community Funding	ME/CFS Canterbury West Coast	Annual Support and Outreach Programme	30/06/2027
Community Funding	The CanInspire Charitable Trust	CanBead Timaru Creative Therapy	28/04/2027
Community Funding	Citizens Advice Bureau	Operational Costs - Including Rent	31/05/2027
Community Funding	Geraldine District Free Kindergarten	New Purpose Built Early Childhood Education Centre	4/03/2027
Community Funding	Temuka RSA Incorporated	Lighting Refurbishment	3/03/2027
Community Funding	Plunket	Plunket Timaru Services	3/03/2027
Community Funding	Gloriavale Leavers Support Trust	Gloriavale Leavers Support	31/05/2027
Community Funding	Social Services Council of the Diocese of Christchurch	Anglican Advocacy South Canterbury	1/07/2027
Local Events	Timaru Harrier Club	Timaru Ten	24/12/2026
Local Events	Pasifika O Aoraki	Pasifika & Multicultural Community Volleyball Festival	28/11/2026
Local Events	South Canterbury Neighbourhood Support	The Amazing Neighbourhood Race	24/12/2026
Quick Response	Height of Harmony	Venue Hire	30/08/2027
NZ Representative	Sophie Best	U19 Womens European Cycle Tour	26/09/2026
Community Funding	Pleasant Point Railway and Historical Society Inc	KC Dogbox lighting	9/11/2026
NZ Representative	Julia Burgess	ITU World Age Group Championships	19/01/2027
NZ Representative	Gillian Catchpole	IISA Frozen Ferns	24/03/2027
NZ Representative	Ellie Pillar	IKF Para Karate	4/12/2026

6.2 Community Funding Summary

Author: Naomi Scott, Community Partnership Support Officer

Authoriser: Jessica Hurst, Community Partnership Team Leader

Recommendation

That the Community Funding Subcommittee receives and notes the *Community Funding Summary Report*.

Purpose of Report

- 1 To advise the Community Funding Subcommittee of the funds available for distribution for the 2026/2027 financial year and to provide summaries of the applications received for round one.

Assessment of Significance

- 2 While the provision of Community Funding is of importance to numerous community groups, the content contained in this report has been assessed as of low significance in accordance with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. This is based on the assessment criteria with specific focus on impact on the number of people affected, the degree that people may be impacted, community interest, financing and rating impact, and impact on wellbeing.

Discussion

- 3 Council maintains a Community Development Fund which consists of Community Development, Community Local Events, Quick Response and New Zealand Representative grants. In which Council contributes **\$113,600.00** to the funds annually.
- 4 This is the first of two rounds of the 2026/27 financial year. The next round is in April 2027.
- 5 Applications for the Community Local Event Fund can be up to a maximum of \$10,000.00 per application.
- 6 Applications for the Community Development Fund can be up to a maximum \$30,000.00 - subject to availability of funds.
- 7 The Quick Response Fund is a maximum of \$500.00 per application and has a maximum allocation of \$3,000.00 per annum.
- 8 The New Zealand Representative fund is a maximum of \$500.00 per application.
- 9 Both the Quick Response and New Zealand Representative fund applications are considered under delegated authority by the Mayor and the relevant Council Officer.
- 10 Any remaining balance from all funds are carried forward from the previous financial year.
- 11 The negative variance is due to a New Zealand Representative application being received outside the timing of the previous funding round.
- 12 Summaries of the applications received for this round are attached to this report.
- 13 Funds available as of 01 September 2026:

2026/2027 council contribution	\$113,600.00
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Carry-over from 2025/2026	-\$104.00
Less Quick Response fund	-\$492.17
Less NZ Representative Applications	-\$1,500.00
Funds Available	\$111,503.83

Relevant Legislation, Council Policy and Plans

- 14 Timaru District Council Community Funding Policy.

Attachments

1. Meat the Need - Meeting the need across Timaru District [↓](#) 
2. South Canterbury Genealogy Society Incorporated - SCGS Online Digital Archive and Military Records Development [↓](#) 
3. Temuka Menzshed - Rent [↓](#) 
4. Southern Cancer Society Trust - A contribution to our cancer support programme [↓](#) 
5. Addiction Mental Health Support Incorporated (AMPSS101) - Annual Rent [↓](#) 
6. Family Mental Health Support Incorporated - Energy Efficiency Project [↓](#) 
7. Connections Community Trust - Together - Coordinator Salary [↓](#) 
8. Stopping Violence South Canterbury - Timaru District Adult and Youth Violence Prevention Services [↓](#) 
9. Geraldine Historical Society Inc - Administration support for Insurance costs [↓](#) 
10. Volunteering Mid & South Canterbury - Office rental [↓](#) 
11. Presbyterian Support South Canterbury - Hornsey Home Development [↓](#) 
12. RNZ SPCA - Animal Desexing for the Timaru Community [↓](#) 
13. St John - Hato Hone St John Timaru Health Shuttle running costs [↓](#) 
14. Momentum Charitable Trust - Life and Financial Skills Programmes Supporting Reintegration for Timaru Residents [↓](#) 
15. Family Support (South Canterbury) Incorporated - Parenting Programme [↓](#) 
16. Brain Injury Association - Education & Outreach Programme 2026-2027 [↓](#) 
17. Plunket - Plunket Timaru Community Services [↓](#) 
18. Canterbury Triathlon Club Incorporated - Timaru Triathlon Festival [↓](#) 
19. South Canterbury Returned & Services' Association - Anzac Day 2027 [↓](#) 
20. Southern Cancer Society Trust - Relay for Life [↓](#) 
21. Multicultural Aoraki - Cultural Dinner Series [↓](#) 
22. The Y Central South Island - Youth Impact and Art Awards [↓](#) 
23. South Canterbury Museum Development Trust - Retro Rock at the Museum 2027 [↓](#) 
24. Pleasant Point Gymkhana Committee - Get to the Point Day [↓](#) 
25. Pleasant Point Gymkhana Committee - Allan Scott Speed Shear & 80th Celebration [↓](#) 
26. The Y Central South Island - Mudrun [↓](#) 
27. Lions Club of Geraldine Charitable Trust - Geraldine Multi Challenge [↓](#) 
28. The Pleasant Point Christmas Procession Committee - Pleasant Point Christmas Procession [↓](#) 
29. Pasifika o Aoraki - Pacific Champions [↓](#) 
30. National Wetlands Trust of New Zealand - National Wetland Restoration Symposium 2027 - Timaru [↓](#) 
31. Timaru Christmas Parade Trust - Timaru Santa Parade [↓](#) 
32. Creative Corner - Charity Ball [↓](#) 
33. The Geraldine District & Promotions Association - Geraldine Xmas Parade [↓](#) 

Community Development Round Two 2026
Application Summary for Agenda
Application No. CD01 From Meat the Need (T/A Meet the Need)
Form Submitted 17 Sept 2026, 2:53pm NZST

Community Funding

Applicant

Meat the Need

Project Title

Meeting the Need across Timaru District

Total Amount Requested

\$10,000.00

Total Project Cost

\$24,297.00

Short project description

We are constantly told that proteins are the hardest and most expensive to source (and rarely donated), making our supply vital to their operations. Meat and milk provide crucial sources of protein, improving the nutritional value of meals and food parcels whilst also providing relief, comfort and dignity to recipients receiving quality and familiar kai.

Community Development Round Two 2026 Application Summary for Agenda Application No. CD02 From South Canterbury Genealogy Society Incorporated

Form Submitted 18 Sept 2026, 1:35pm NZST

Community Funding

Applicant

South Canterbury Genealogy Society Incorporated

Project Title

SCGS Online Digital Archive and Military Records Development

Total Amount Requested

\$5,000.00

Total Project Cost

\$5,000.00

Short project description

The South Canterbury Genealogical society is developing an online digital archive to preserve and improve community access to significant South Canterbury genealogical, historical and military records. The project builds on substantial volunteer work already undertaken by the society and will support further development, testing and release preparation of the SCGS Archive, further development of the "Remembering WW2" project and support and refinement of the existing SCRoll WW1 collection. Funding will also contribute to data quality and record presentation work, documentation, volunteer training and handover support. The resulting online database will help make locally significant records more accessible to researchers, descendants, families and the wider community while providing SCGS with a sustainable system for managing and preserving these collections.

**Community Development Round Two 2026
Application Summary for Agenda
Application No. CD03 From Temuka Menzshed**

Form Submitted 18 Sept 2026, 1:37pm NZST

Community Funding**Applicant**

Temuka Menzshed

Project Title

securement of funding for rent for our premises

Total Amount Requested

\$5,000.00

Total Project Cost

\$5,000.00

Short project description

Temuka Menzshed is seeking funding for the rent we pay to Duncans Joinery, this is our major annual account. This year they have asked for payment of our rent rates and insurance by the 30th of October 2026 which is only fair and reasonable.

Community Development Round Two 2026
Application Summary for Agenda
Application No. CD04 From Southern Cancer Society Trust
Form Submitted 18 Sept 2026, 1:38pm NZST

Community Funding

Applicant

Southern Cancer Society Trust

Project Title

A Contribution to Our Cancer Support Programme

Total Amount Requested

\$15,000.00

Total Project Cost

\$437,142.00

Short project description

Our initiative seeks support towards the operational costs of our South Canterbury Centre, which plays a vital role in supporting people affected by cancer across the region. Our Centre provides a safe, welcoming space where patients, whānau, and caregivers can access information, practical assistance, and emotional support throughout their cancer journey. Services include counselling, support groups, volunteer driving to treatment, wellbeing and exercise programmes, accommodation, and tailored guidance to help patients and families cope with the impact of diagnosis and treatment. These services reduce isolation, promote resilience, and help individuals maintain quality of life at a time of great stress and uncertainty. All our services are 100% free and no referrals are needed. Despite the essential nature of this work, our South Canterbury Centre operates at a deficit each year. Grants such as this enable us to keep our doors open, ensure our team can respond quickly to the needs of local patients, and provide equitable support regardless of someone's financial circumstances. By investing in our Centre, funders directly help strengthen the wellbeing of hundreds of people in South Canterbury living with the daily realities of cancer.

Community Development Round Two 2026 Application Summary for Agenda Application No. CD06 From Addiction Mental Health Peer Support Services (AMPSS101)

Form Submitted 18 Sept 2026, 1:39pm NZST

Community Funding

Applicant

Addiction Mental Health Peer Support Services (AMPSS101)

Project Title

Annual Rent.

Total Amount Requested

\$24,150.00

Total Project Cost

\$24,150.00

Short project description

Our annual rental costs are a significant part of our yearly expense. If these costs were covered it will allow us to provide a better service to our AMPSS101 clients. Currently, our main source of funding comes from the Te Whatu Ora. The amount of 251,098.00 per annum covers our operating costs, including wages. There is very little left over at the end of each month. We requested an extra 1.0 FTE uplift in our most recent review, but it was declined. We are therefore obligated to operate on our current MOH funding of 2.0 FTE.

Due to rising costs of goods and services, the day-to-day operations of the charity are beginning to come under strain. We anticipate that 2027 will become even more difficult. We are currently restructuring within the organisation so as to save salary costs. These savings will be added to our contingency fund for emergency costs. In July 2025 our contingency fund had 60,000.00 in it. It currently sits at 13,000.00.

Our income and expenditure has a deficit of 17,500.00. This is due to increased costs and having no change in funding from Te Whatu Ora.

Community Development Round Two 2026
Application Summary for Agenda
Application No. CD07 From Family Mental Health Support Incorporated
Form Submitted 18 Sept 2026, 1:41pm NZST

Community Funding

Applicant

Family Mental Health Support Incorporated

Project Title

Energy Efficiency Project

Total Amount Requested

\$26,657.46

Total Project Cost

\$33,617.69

Short project description

Our power consumption is extremely high as we work from a brick house with single glazing. We wish to convert our water heating from hot water cylinder to gas hot water. As we use very minimal hot water for hand and dishes washing, it is uneconomical to have a large cylinder being heated daily. We also wish to install double glazing. Currently we have two heat pumps running in the building in the spring, winter and autumn months, with an average power bill of around \$350 per month. Even with this heating, the family meeting rooms are still cold, and we have recently purchased two convection heaters to help alleviate the chill - but this will also add to the power bill. Additionally we need to repair our garage roof which is leaking.

Community Development Round Two 2026 Application Summary for Agenda Application No. CD08 From Grown Together

Form Submitted 18 Sept 2026, 1:42pm NZST

Community Funding

Applicant

Connections Community Trust

Project Title

Together – Coordinator Salary

Total Amount Requested

\$30,000.00

Total Project Cost

\$30,000.00

Short project description

Grown Together is a community-based initiative supporting parents, caregivers and young children through early, relationship-based and preventative support. Its programmes build parenting confidence, strengthen parent-child relationships, reduce isolation and connect families with wider support services.

Growing demand and referrals from organisations such as Oranga Tamariki, Corrections, Kensington infant and mental health, and schools demonstrate a clear community need. Funding would enable Grown Together to expand its programmes, respond to more families, strengthen partnerships and develop the paid capacity needed for sustainable growth.

Ultimately, Grown Together aims to ensure families have access to connection, practical support and trusted relationships before challenges become crises.

Community Development Round Two 2026 Application Summary for Agenda Application No. CD09 From Stopping Violence Services (Christchurch) Incorporated

Form Submitted 18 Sept 2026, 1:43pm NZST

Community Funding

Applicant

Stopping Violence Services

Project Title

Timaru District Adult and Youth Violence Prevention Services

Total Amount Requested

\$7,000.00

Total Project Cost

\$29,556.36

Short project description

We provide immediate response and long-term adult and youth programmes in the Timaru District from Waimate to Twizel. This application is for rent costs where we meet clients.

The ISR programme works with the collaborative ISR team to offer immediate interventions and support to adults following a family violence incidence.

Adult services include 10-week individual educational programmes that encourage participants to take accountability for previous abusive behaviour and learn skills and strategies to develop healthy relationships, to enhance the safety of women and children. In 2024-25, the programme had 70 referrals from MoJ, 40 referrals from Corrections and 28 self-referrals, totalling 138 individuals.

Enabling Youth programme provides a 8-week behaviour change programme to young people. We empower youth to make positive choices, strengthen their wellbeing, and build pathways to support their education, employment, respectful relationships and a healthy future. Currently this is for youth aged 12-18 who are experiencing challenges at school, home, or in the community, who need help with emotional regulation, relationships, or life direction, and youth involved in Care and Protection or Youth Justice pathways. In 2025, we received: 35 male and 9 female referrals and (25 pakeha, 12 Māori and 1 Asian, 6 unknown/ other).

Community Development Round Two 2026
Application Summary for Agenda
Application No. CD10 From Geraldine Historical Society Inc
Form Submitted 18 Sept 2026, 1:44pm NZST

Community Funding

Applicant

Geraldine Historical Society Inc

Project Title

Administration support for Insurance costs.

Total Amount Requested

\$8,000.00

Total Project Cost

\$13,000.00

Short project description

Support with Administration costs which keep increasing every year with Insurance being one of the biggest costs for the Museum. The Museum which is entirely run by a small committee of volunteers who willingly give of their time to contribute to the recording and archiving of Geraldine's history and proudly answer and show visitors around the museum, is open seven days a week.

Community Development Round Two 2026
Application Summary for Agenda
Application No. CD11 From Volunteering Mid & South Canterbury
Form Submitted 18 Sept 2026, 1:45pm NZST

Community Funding

Applicant

Volunteering Mid & South Canterbury

Project Title

Volunteering Mid & South Canterbury Timaru office rental for 12 months

Total Amount Requested

\$5,059.00

Total Project Cost

\$110,129.32

Short project description

Volunteering Mid & South Canterbury provides connection between people who want to volunteer with community groups, charities and NFP organisations across Mid and South Canterbury.

We administer a referral service that pairs individual volunteers with organisations.

The service operates from the Rakaia River to the Waitaki River, and inland from the Southern Alps to the Pacific Ocean (including Timaru, Ashburton, Geraldine, Waimate, and Twizel).

From our offices in Timaru and Ashburton we provide guidance, resources, best-practice training for volunteer managers and community committees.

Volunteering and volunteers weave an often invisible strength throughout our communities, are frequently the driving force behind successful community initiatives and ensure relevant valued delivery of many social services and connection.

This application is for the rental of our Timaru office base, a welcoming walk in hub for volunteers and organisations to seek support, advice and opportunities for participation and belonging as well as a professional working space for staff.

Community Development Round Two 2026
Application Summary for Agenda
Application No. CD12 From Presbyterian Support South Canterbury
Form Submitted 18 Sept 2026, 1:46pm NZST

Community Funding

Applicant

Presbyterian Support Services South Canterbury Incorporated

Project Title

Hornsey Home Development

Total Amount Requested

\$30,000.00

Total Project Cost

\$118,172.74

Short project description

PSSC is seeking funding to transform the outdoor courtyard at Hornsey Home, a dedicated wing within Margaret Wilson Home that supports younger people with significant disabilities requiring full-time care. The current outdoor area is unsafe and inaccessible, with uneven paving, restricted wheelchair access, and a large concrete fishpond creating significant health and safety risks. As a result, residents are unable to independently enjoy the space.

This project will create a safe, fully accessible and age-appropriate outdoor environment through the removal of existing hazards, installation of level wheelchair-friendly paving, improved drainage, accessible entry points, raised gardens, outdoor furniture and communal gathering spaces.

As the only residential provider for younger adults with disabilities in South Canterbury, PSSC is committed to ensuring these residents can experience the same opportunities for independence, social connection and outdoor recreation as others in the community. The redevelopment will enable residents to spend time outdoors safely with family and friends, improve wellbeing, reduce social isolation, and enhance overall quality of life for current and future Hornsey Home residents.

Community Development Round Two 2026**Application Summary for Agenda****Application No. CD13 From THE ROYAL NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS INCORPORATED**

Form Submitted 18 Sept 2026, 1:48pm NZST

Community Funding**Applicant**

The Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Incorporated

Project Title

Animal Desexing for the Timaru Community

Total Amount Requested

\$5,000.00

Total Project Cost

\$23,104.00

Short project description

SPCA is seeking funding to support the routine desexing of animals coming into the SPCA Timaru Centre, helping to improve animal welfare while delivering lasting benefits for the wider Timaru community.

Over the past 12 months, 324 animals came into our care, including abandoned, injured, unwell and unwanted animals. Our initiative ensures animals are desexed before rehoming, alongside being microchipped and registered where appropriate, giving them the best opportunity for a healthy and secure future.

Desexing is a vital preventative measure. It prevents unwanted litters, helps reduce stray and roaming animal populations, and can reduce nuisance and aggressive behaviours. This lessens future pressure on animal welfare organisations, Council services and local families. With cats and kittens comprising 55% of animals cared for at our Timaru Centre last year, preventing uncontrolled breeding is particularly important.

The initiative also supports responsible and accessible pet ownership by ensuring adopters receive an animal that is already desexed, removing a significant veterinary cost for local households.

Funding support will help SPCA Timaru continue this established, practical service, providing measurable animal welfare outcomes while contributing to a safer, healthier and more responsible community.

Community Development Round Two 2026 Application Summary for Agenda Application No. CD14 From The Order of St John South Island Timaru Area Committee

Form Submitted 18 Sept 2026, 1:49pm NZST

Community Funding

Applicant

St John

Project Title

Hato Hone St John Timaru Health Shuttle running costs

Total Amount Requested

\$10,000.00

Total Project Cost

\$34,747.00

Short project description

The Hato Hone St John Health Shuttle service is a volunteer-led transport programme established in 1991 and now operating through 61 services nationwide. The service responds to a growing need for accessible and affordable transport to healthcare appointments, particularly for older people, those living with disabilities, people facing financial hardship, and individuals living in rural or isolated communities.

By removing transport barriers, the Health Shuttle helps people maintain their health, independence, and quality of life. The service not only improves access to healthcare but also reduces social isolation and provides reassurance through regular contact with caring volunteers.

As demand for health services continues to grow, particularly among an ageing population, the need for accessible community transport is expected to increase.

Continued investment in the Aoraki Health Shuttle Service will help ensure vulnerable members of the community can continue to access essential healthcare, remain connected to support services, and achieve better health and wellbeing outcomes.

Community Development Round Two 2026
Application Summary for Agenda
Application No. CD15 From Momentum Charitable Trust
Form Submitted 18 Sept 2026, 1:50pm NZST

Community Funding

Applicant

Momentum Charitable Trust

Project Title

Life and Financial Skills Programmes Supporting Reintegration for Timaru Residents

Total Amount Requested

\$7,020.00

Total Project Cost

\$10,020.00

Short project description

Momentum is seeking funding towards the deliver four one-day life and financial skills programmes, facilitated by Life101, for Timaru residents who are rebuilding their lives while serving community-based sentences or following imprisonment.

Many participants face barriers such as financial hardship, disrupted education, unstable employment, and social isolation, making it difficult to secure employment, manage their finances, and participate fully in their communities.

Each programme provides practical tools and skills participants can apply immediately. Workshops cover CV preparation, job applications, interview preparation, managing workplace anxiety, budgeting, saving, debt management, and understanding tax.

Delivered at a key stage of transition, the programmes strengthen confidence, financial capability, and employment readiness. By supporting participants to achieve greater stability and make positive decisions, the initiative contributes to improved wellbeing for participants, their children, whānau, and the wider community.

Community Development Round Two 2026
Application Summary for Agenda
Application No. CD16 From Family Support (South Canterbury) Incorporated
Form Submitted 18 Sept 2026, 1:52pm NZST

Community Funding

Applicant

Family Support (South Canterbury) Incorporated

Project Title

Parenting Programme

Total Amount Requested

\$19,996.92

Total Project Cost

\$19,996.92

Short project description

Our agency runs free parenting programmes each year for two age groups. People can be referred by the Family Court, other agencies, Department of Corrections or through self-referral. Our first programme is 'Coping with the Infant/Toddler' for parents with children under 5. Our tutor works on skills about caring for babies, forming secure and loving attachment, positive parenting, stress and anger management, nutrition, milestones and self-care. Our second programme is 'Coping with the Kids' for children aged over 5. Our tutor teaches communication strategies for different ages and stages, how to manage different behavioral challenges, setting boundaries, building positive relationships, working together and self-care. Each course is delivered one on one to individuals or sets of parents /caregivers. This allows our tutor to tailor any content to the specific needs of each whanau. Each course runs for a minimum of 5 weeks but may take longer depending on literacy needs. On completion, each person receives a certificate and a letter outlining what they have achieved which can be used to support them at Family Court.

Community Development Round Two 2026**Application Summary for Agenda****Application No. CD17 From The Brain Injury Association (Otago) Inc**

Form Submitted 18 Sept 2026, 1:53pm NZST

Community Funding**Applicant**

The Brain Injury Association

Project Title

Education & Outreach Programme 2026-2027

Total Amount Requested

\$2,144.00

Total Project Cost

\$4,144.00

Short project description

For 20 years Brain Injury Otago has been providing support to individuals and whānau affected by brain injury. The BIA works to reduce the impact of brain injury through education, advocacy, and personalised support. The BIA is seeking funds to cover our Timaru programme expenses.

BIA provides a free Liaison Service that offers information, guidance, and practical support to clients and their families as they navigate recovery and everyday challenges. As well as ensuring our clients are receiving their entitlements, our Liaison Officer facilitates groups. Brain Injury Otago works closely with health professionals and community organisations to raise awareness of brain injury and promote a more inclusive and supportive community for those affected.

We currently have 49 clients in South Canterbury and aim to present a 10 week education programme in Timaru as well as meet with clients in person. At the end of the 10 week programme the clients will be in a position to operate their own peer-led support group.

Our Liaison Officer currently holds groups in Richmond, Papanui, Ashburton and Rangiora and works 24 hours per week. The Liaison Officer is managed by the Dunedin office of BIA.

Community Development Round Two 2026

Application Summary for Agenda

Application No. CD18 From Plunket

Form Submitted 18 Sept 2026, 1:54pm NZST

Community Funding

Applicant

Plunket

Project Title

Plunket Timaru Community Services

Total Amount Requested

\$5,000.00

Total Project Cost

\$100,076.28

Short project description

Whānau Āwhina Plunket provides a range of free Community Services for parents, caregivers, pēpi and tamariki across Timaru and South Canterbury. Our purpose is to strengthen families during the critical early years of a child's life by reducing isolation, building parenting confidence, supporting healthy child development and connecting whānau with practical help and wider community support.

Our Timaru Family Centre Hub is at the heart of these services, with more than 400 families accessing the drop-in space each month. We deliver around 22 groups and activities, including playgroups, walking and exercise groups, parenting education through Tamariki Tuatahi, breastfeeding support, water safety and swimming programmes, injury prevention education, clothing and book exchanges, and other activities responding to local needs.

We also provide tailored home-based support, matching trained volunteers with families who need additional practical and emotional assistance.

Participants include expectant and new parents, caregivers and families with children under five, with particular emphasis on reaching families experiencing isolation, financial hardship, limited support networks or other challenges.

The primary beneficiaries are local pēpi, tamariki and their whānau. Through support, parents become more connected, children benefit from safe opportunities to play, learn and socialise, and families build lasting support networks within their community.

Community Local Events Round Two 2026 Application Summary for Agenda Application No. CLE01 From John Newsom

Form Submitted 17 Sept 2026, 2:17pm NZST

Community Funding

Applicant

Canterbury Triathlon Club Incorporated

Project Title

Timaru Triathlon Festival

Total Amount Requested

\$5,000.00

Total Project Cost

\$24,500.00

Short project description

The Timaru Triathlon has a proud history and was once a highlight on the South Canterbury sporting calendar. However, like many community events around New Zealand, it has struggled over the past decade due to the increasing demands and costs associated with event organisation, with only one edition being held in 2021.

Our vision is to re-establish a Timaru Triathlon Festival as a sustainable, annual event that caters for participants of all ages and abilities. In 2027, the focus will be on successfully relaunching a festival of events whilst hosting a round of the New Zealand Junior Triathlon Series (this is already confirmed).

This long-term approach will firmly re-establish Timaru as a triathlon destination while creating a positive community legacy. The event will provide an annual goal for local residents to train towards, encourage healthy and active lifestyles, and offer race options for everyone from children as young as five through to athletes competing well into their seventies ensuring the event is inclusive, welcoming and sustainable for years to come.

Community Local Events Round Two 2026
Application Summary for Agenda
Application No. CLE02 From South Canterbury Returned & Services'
Association

Form Submitted 17 Sept 2026, 3:32pm NZST

Community Funding

Applicant

South Canterbury Returned & Services' Association

Project Title

Anzac Day 2027

Total Amount Requested

\$6,230.32

Total Project Cost

\$7,030.32

Short project description

Annual Dawn and Civic Services to mark Anzac Day 2027 to be held at the WW1 Memorial Cenotaph and the Caroline Bay Soundshell. Anzac Day is a day of remembrance of all veterans and service people who have served for New Zealand and Australia. It is important to bring the community together to remember that the sacrifices of war are not forgotten. Hundreds turn out for the services.

Veteran Breakfast attended by 80 people

Community Local Events Round Two 2026
Application Summary for Agenda
Application No. CLE03 From Southern Cancer Society Trust
Form Submitted 17 Sept 2026, 3:35pm NZST

Community Funding

Applicant

Southern Cancer Society Trust

Project Title

Timaru Relay For Life 2027

Total Amount Requested

\$10,000.00

Total Project Cost

\$10,500.00

Short project description

Timaru's Relay For Life - Te Ara Toiora is an inspiring community event that gives everyone a chance to whakanui (celebrate) people who have or have had cancer and the people who care for them; maumaharatia (remember) loved ones lost to cancer; and tū atu (fight back) by raising awareness and funds for the Cancer Society.

Every other year, we come together to walk for 12 hours. The first lap is led by those who had or have cancer and the loving people who care for them. Then the relay begins. Each team keeps their baton moving around the track symbolising our unstoppable fight against cancer. Walk, run, skip, hop... it's totally up to you! To keep the energy alive, we have loads of special performances, awesome activities, good music and even better food all through the event. It's an amazing atmosphere, there's really nothing like it! In the evening, we hold the candlelight ceremony to honour those who had or have cancer and remember those we've lost, we decorate the track with glowing candle bags dedicated to loved-ones. All are welcome (usually 400-500 participants) to this great day for a great cause!

Community Local Events Round Two 2026
Application Summary for Agenda
Application No. CLE05 From Haidee Woods

Form Submitted 17 Sept 2026, 3:39pm NZST

Community Funding**Applicant**

Multicultural Aoraki

Project Title

Cultural Dinner Series

Total Amount Requested

\$10,000.00

Total Project Cost

\$10,000.00

Short project description

The Cultural Dinner Series (6 dinners x bimonthly) will bring together different cultural groups in our community to share their traditions in a warm, welcoming setting. Each dinner will give a cultural group the chance to showcase their food, share their history, and present information about their country. This might include presentation and performances that highlight their music, dance, or storytelling.

These dinners will be promoted to the wider community to help create awareness of our diversity, encourage cross-cultural understanding, and support people to appreciate our differences. The series aims to strengthen community connections, celebrate cultural identity, and provide a platform for every culture to be seen, heard, and valued.

Community Local Events Round Two 2026
Application Summary for Agenda
Application No. CLE06 From The Y Central South Island
Form Submitted 17 Sept 2026, 3:41pm NZST

Community Funding

Applicant

The Y Central South Island

Project Title

2027 Youth Impact and Art Awards

Total Amount Requested

\$5,000.00

Total Project Cost

\$10,706.56

Short project description

The Youth Impact and Art Awards is a community celebration to be held during Youth Week 2027 to recognise and uplift rangatahi aged 12-24 who make a positive difference in our district.

The event celebrates contributions such as kindness, leadership, creativity, volunteering, environmental action, and community care, placing value on everyday impact rather than traditional academic or sporting achievement.

Delivered as a free, inclusive evening, the Youth Impact and Art Awards is a collaborative initiative led by The Y Central South Island, in partnership with the Tongan Society South Canterbury, Multicultural Aoraki, Refugee Resettlement Services, and the Timaru District Council. Together, we aim to bring young people, whānau, schools, community groups, and local leaders together in a shared celebration.

The event features an MC-led awards ceremony, youth performances and youth art exhibition all showcasing young people's creativity alongside their wider contributions to the community. Nominations are open to the public, schools, and community organisations, with a diverse judging panel assessing nominees against clear and transparent criteria. All nominees will be acknowledged, with award recipients announced on the night.

This initiative strengthens community connection, builds confidence and mana among rangatahi, and highlights the positive impact young people have across our district.

Community Local Events Round Two 2026
Application Summary for Agenda
Application No. CLE07 From South Canterbury Museum Development Trust
Form Submitted 17 Sept 2026, 3:44pm NZST

Community Funding

Applicant

South Canterbury Museum Development Trust

Project Title

Retro Rock at the Museum 2027

Total Amount Requested

\$3,990.00

Total Project Cost

\$6,557.00

Short project description

Stage a free open-air "retro" rock concert and community event on the evening of Saturday 13 February 2027 on Perth Street, Timaru, outside the South Canterbury Museum.

The Street will be closed to traffic, and 4 local bands will perform retro rock music on a temporary stage facing the audience on the hill outside the South Canterbury Museum. Audience participation is encouraged through competitions, quizzes and dancing. There is scope for other acts such as dance troupes performing during band changeovers. This will be the 9th such event that we have organised. Each event has received very positive audience feedback, with people recognising the value of a free event that celebrates local popular culture and is safe and inclusive.

Community Local Events Round Two 2026**Application Summary for Agenda****Application No. CLE08 From Get to the Point Committee - Rowan Rabbidge**

Form Submitted 17 Sept 2026, 3:49pm NZST

Community Funding**Applicant**

Pleasant Point Gymkhana Committee

Project Title

Get to the Point Day

Total Amount Requested

\$6,140.00

Total Project Cost

\$36,000.00

Short project description

Get to the Point is a community day that we have every year to celebrate our community and come together for the day to promote our town and a way to fundraise for many organisations in our community. We offer this as a free event for everyone to attend and all of the children's activities are free for all of the children to enjoy. We have stalls, raffles and a shearing competition and music and provide an entertaining day for all to enjoy. Funding will allow us to provide this entertainment free once again

Community Local Events Round Two 2026**Application Summary for Agenda****Application No. CLE09 From Get to the Point Committee - Rowan Rabbidge**

Form Submitted 17 Sept 2026, 3:52pm NZST

Community Funding**Applicant**

Pleasant Point Gymkhana Committee

Project Title

Allan Scott Speed Shear & 80th Celebration

Total Amount Requested

\$7,908.00

Total Project Cost

\$15,000.00

Short project description

The reason behind the speed shear was to attract new high class shearers to the Get to the Point day by having the speed shear the night before and honouring Allan Scott as he was a generous community member and previously owned along with his wife Lylney a shearing business in our community. The 80th Celebration is for anyone in our community who has been part of the 80 years of history that we have created this will attract a different group of people back into Pleasant Point for the weekend.

Community Local Events Round Two 2026
Application Summary for Agenda
Application No. CLE10 From The Y Central South Island
Form Submitted 18 Sept 2026, 12:32pm NZST

Community Funding

Applicant

The Y Central South Island

Project Title

The Y 2027 Mud Run

Total Amount Requested

\$5,000.00

Total Project Cost

\$7,625.00

Short project description

The Y's Timaru Mud Run is a family friendly mud run designed to bring the community together and attract visitors from out of town for a fun, messy, and memorable outdoor experience. Held at Washingtons Farm and based at Rosewill Valley Hall, the event offers an accessible adventure suitable for all ages and abilities. The focus is on participation, enjoyment, and connection rather than racing or competition.

The event is intentionally designed to get families out and active together, with a strong emphasis on engaging young people. It encourages them to explore the outdoors, challenge themselves, and connect with others in a safe, supportive environment. As one of the few mud run style events available, our mud run offers something unique, exciting, and distinctly local, giving people a reason to travel to Timaru for a fresh, muddy adventure they won't find anywhere else nearby.

Participants can choose between a 2.5 km easy course or a 3.5 km harder challenge, each showcasing the farm's natural terrain through a series of muddy, wet, and forest based obstacles. The event encourages teamwork, laughter, and getting as muddy as possible.

Community Local Events Round Two 2026
Application Summary for Agenda
Application No. CLE11 From Lions Club of Geraldine Charitable Trust
Form Submitted 17 Sept 2026, 3:57pm NZST

Community Funding

Applicant

Lions Club of Geraldine

Project Title

Geraldine Multi Challenge

Total Amount Requested

\$2,000.00

Total Project Cost

\$5,000.00

Short project description

A running, biking and walking event for all ages.

Community Local Events Round Two 2026
Application Summary for Agenda
Application No. CLE12 From Sarah Denton

Form Submitted 18 Sept 2026, 12:52pm NZST

Community Funding**Applicant**

Pleasant Point Christmas Procession Committee

Project Title

Pleasant Point Christmas Procession

Total Amount Requested

\$1,000.00

Total Project Cost

\$1,000.00

Short project description

Pleasant Point Christmas Procession is an annual community event. Local groups, clubs, communities, schools, businesses etc are invited to show up on the night and provide the community with entertainment, laughter, joy and cheer. Each year we see roughly 40 floats turn up. The beneficiaries - everyone

Community Local Events Round Two 2026
Application Summary for Agenda
Application No. CLE13 From Pasifika o Aoraki Services
Form Submitted 18 Sept 2026, 12:48pm NZST

Community Funding

Applicant

Pasifika o Aoraki

Project Title

Pacific Champions

Total Amount Requested

\$8,257.34

Total Project Cost

\$8,257.34

Short project description

Pacific Champion 2026 is a collaborative Pacific community awards event celebrating the people who make a positive difference across South Canterbury. The event will bring together approximately 250 people to recognise Pacific community members whose contribution is demonstrated through service, cultural leadership, advocacy, resilience, connection, whānau support, youth development and community participation — not simply conventional achievements in education or sport.

The event is being delivered collaboratively by Pasifika o Aoraki Services, Multicultural Aoraki, The Y and Tahi Pasifika, representing the South Canterbury Tongan Society, Samoan Society, Kiribati Community, Fijian Community and Niuean representatives.

The evening will include 15 award categories, a shared Pacific meal prepared by participating communities, entertainment, cultural elements and opportunities for Pacific communities and the wider South Canterbury community to connect and celebrate. Approximately 250 people will benefit through participation, recognition, cultural connection and strengthened community relationships.

Community Local Events Round Two 2026
Application Summary for Agenda
Application No. CLE14 From National Wetlands Trust of NZ
Form Submitted 17 Sept 2026, 4:00pm NZST

Community Funding

Applicant

National Wetlands Trust of New Zealand

Project Title

National Wetland Restoration Symposium 2027 - Timaru

Total Amount Requested

\$10,000.00

Total Project Cost

\$111,951.30

Short project description

The National Wetland Restoration Symposium is organized every two years by the National Wetland Trust and a local committee made up of wetland enthusiasts to bring together people researching and undertaking wetland restoration projects in New Zealand.

The event provides a supportive environment to inspire, upskill, and share experiences and learnings among community groups, landowners, iwi, local authorities, agencies, researchers, students, and educators working to improve the quantity and quality of wetlands.

It is designed to be open to a variety of people involved in wetlands, bring together lay practitioners, professional practitioners, and researchers to promote peer-to-peer, two-way communication and networking. The format focuses on a democratic and hands-on mix of presentations, field visits, workshops, social events, and practical training sessions covering topics like plant identification, pest control, and monitoring tools

We are aiming to have 200 (hopefully 250) attendees from across New Zealand, and will focus on encouraging and supporting local involvement. Participants can attend workshops, part-days, a day or both days of the symposium or a day of field trips.

Community Local Events Round Two 2026
Application Summary for Agenda
Application No. CLE15 From Timaru Christmas Parade Trust
Form Submitted 18 Sept 2026, 11:57am NZST

Community Funding

Applicant

Timaru Christmas Parade Trust

Project Title

Timaru Santa Parade

Total Amount Requested

\$5,112.00

Total Project Cost

\$12,325.67

Short project description

The 2026 PrimePort Timaru Santa Parade will provide a free, family-friendly Christmas celebration for Timaru and the wider South Canterbury community. Its purpose is to bring people together, create joy and belonging, showcase local organisations and ensure families can enjoy a festive community event regardless of their financial circumstances. Santa Comes to Town!

Held on Sunday 6 December at 2.00 pm, the parade will include approximately 50-60 floats and walking groups from schools, businesses, service clubs, community organisations, performers and emergency services. Around 1000+ people are expected to participate directly in the parade, supported by volunteers from the two Timaru Lions and two Timaru Rotary groups with supports, with an estimated 10-15,000 spectators attending along the route.

Participants will assemble near the Parade Base at: Timaru Scottish Hall (Barnard Street) before travelling from North Street through Stafford Street, down Port Loop Road and into Caroline Bay. Activities will include decorated floats, music, live entertainment, judging, float awards and Santa's arrival.

The primary beneficiaries are those that come along: local children and families, businesses, groups, Community groups, performers, volunteers and businesses also benefit through increased visibility, participation, connection and community pride.

**Community Local Events Round Two 2026
Application Summary for Agenda
Application No. CLE16 From Jasmine Harper**

Form Submitted 18 Sept 2026, 12:45pm NZST

Community Funding**Applicant**

Creative Corner

Project Title

CHARITY BALL FUNDRAISER

Total Amount Requested

\$5,000.00

Total Project Cost

\$27,973.00

Short project description

In 2025, we proudly completed a full playground upgrade and are now fundraising for the next stage of improvements, including the installation of sunshades, interior classroom enhancements, and an outdoor sensory walkway. These projects will create a safer, more comfortable, and stimulating environment that supports the learning, wellbeing, and development of the tamariki in our care.

Community Local Events Round Two 2026**Application Summary for Agenda****Application No. CLE17 From Anthony Griffin on behalf of The Geraldine District & Promotions Association T/A Geraldine.NZ**

Form Submitted 18 Sept 2026, 11:04am NZST

Community Funding**Applicant**

Geraldine District & Promotions

Project Title

Geraldine Christmas Santa Parade 2026

Total Amount Requested

\$2,250.00

Total Project Cost

\$2,670.00

Short project description

This is the annual Geraldine Christmas Parade which is one of our towns most popular community events. An opportunity for the entire Geraldine district community to share some festive spirit in the lead up to Christmas. The parade runs the length of Talbot Street and brings people together to watch the parade with the village green being a throng of activity and Christmas cheer.

7 Consideration of Urgent Business Items**8 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters****9 Exclusion of the Public****Recommendation**

That the public be excluded from—

- *(a)the whole of the proceedings of this meeting; or
- *(b)the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely,—

10.1 Funding Applications**10.2 Public Excluded Minutes of the Community Funding Subcommittee Meeting held on 21 April 2026**

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Plain English Reason
10.1 - Funding Applications	s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons s7(2)(b)(ii) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information	To protect a person's privacy, including the privacy of deceased persons To protect commercially sensitive information
10.2 - Public Excluded Minutes of the Community Funding Subcommittee Meeting held on 21 April 2026 Matters dealt with in these minutes:	Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.	The public excluded minutes of the meeting held on 21 April 2026 are considered confidential pursuant to the provisions of the LGOIMA Act of 1987.

9.1 - Funding Applications		The specific provisions of the Act that relate to these minutes can be found in the open minutes of the meeting held on 21 April 2026.
*I also move that [name of person or persons] be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge of [specify]. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because [specify] . *Delete if inapplicable.		

Note

Section 48(4) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides as follows:

- “(4)Every resolution to exclude the public shall be put at a time when the meeting is open to the public, and the text of that resolution (or copies thereof)—
 - (a)shall be available to any member of the public who is present; and
 - (b)shall form part of the minutes of the local authority.”

10 Public Excluded Reports

11 Readmittance of the Public