



NOTICE OF MEETING

**Notice is hereby given of a Meeting of the
Community Wellbeing Fund Subcommittee
to be held in the Council Chamber,
First Floor, Civic Theatre, 88 Tay Street,
Invercargill on Thursday 24 September 2026
at 1.00 pm**

Cr S J Broad (Chair)
Cr A L de Vries
Cr M Lush
Cr L Tou-McNaughton
Mr N Burdon
Ms A Nikora-Wilson
Ms T Willis
Cr P M Boyle (alternate)
Cr B R Stewart (alternate)

MICHAEL DAY
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Community Wellbeing Fund Subcommittee - Public

24 September 2026 01:00 PM

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PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

Moved , seconded that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting; namely

- (a) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Community Wellbeing Fund Subcommittee Held on 30 July 2026
- (b) Correspondence 1 - Invercargill Community Connections Charitable Trust – Grace Street Research Project - Extension Request
- (c) Accountability Report 1 - Waihopai Runaka Inc. - Murihiku Marae Community Day 2026
- (d) Accountability Report 6 - Invercargill Public Art Trail Charitable Trust - Two Dogs Project Funding
- (e) Accountability Report 27 - Tutuki Harnessing Potential Charitable Trust – Education with Therapeutic Benefits
- (f) Accountability Report 29 - Southland Christmas Parade Charitable Trust – Southland Santa Parade 2025
- (g) Accountability Report 30 - Hospitality New Zealand - Savour the South 2023
- (h) Accountability Report 31 - Foveaux Pearls Leisure Marching Team - National Leisure Marching Event 2024
- (i) Accountability Report 32 - New Zealand Choral Federation - The Big Sing Southland Regional Festival 2026
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- (k) Accountability Report 34 - Lemon Creative - Wee Magazine Issue #2
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- (m) Accountability Report 36 - Invercargill Garrison Band Society - IGB 150 Year History
- (n) Accountability Report 37 - Southern Queens Boxing - Kakano
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- (p) Accountability Report 39 - Southland Free Kindergarten Association – Kindergartens South Matariki Art Exhibition
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- (v) Assessment Scoring of Applications
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**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY WELLBEING FUND SUBCOMMITTEE, HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, FIRST FLOOR, CIVIC THEATRE, 88 TAY STREET, INVERCARGILL ON
THURSDAY 30 JULY 2026 AT 12.30 PM**

Present: Cr S J Broad (Chair)
Cr A L de Vries
Cr M Lush
Cr T Boyle
Mr N Burdon
Miss T Willis

In Attendance: Ms G Crawford – Engagement and Partnerships Officer
Ms M Gray – Governance Specialist
Ms D Hallas – Executive Support

1. Apologies

Cr L Tou-McNaughton, Ms A Nikora-Wilson

Moved Cr de Vries seconded Mr Burdon and **RESOLVED** that the apologies be accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest

The Subcommittee were asked if they had any conflicts of interest and advised the following:

- Cr de Vries declared a conflict of interest with Accountability Report 2 – Active Southland.
- Mr Burdon declared conflict of interests with Accountability Report 2 – Active Southland, Funding Application 10 – Freestyle Kings, Funding Application 6 – Cycling Southland and Funding Application 9 – West Invercargill Health – Men's Health Day 2026.

Moved Cr Lush, seconded Cr Boyle and **RESOLVED** that the declarations of interest be confirmed.

3. Minutes of the Community Wellbeing Fund Subcommittee Meeting Held on 7 May 2026

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Moved Cr de Vries, seconded Mr Burdon and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Community Wellbeing Fund Subcommittee meeting held on 7 May 2026 be confirmed.

4. Financial Report for the Community Wellbeing Fund Year-End 2025-2026

A6525223

Ms Crawford spoke to the report. It was confirmed that over \$495,000 was spent during the 2025/2026 financial year, noting some grants were returned. This financial year \$500,000 was available as allocated through the Long-term Plan and would be distributed over five funding rounds.

Moved Cr Boyle, seconded Cr de Vries and **RESOLVED** that the Community Wellbeing Fund Subcommittee:

1. Receives the report "Financial Report for the Community Wellbeing Fund Year-End 2025-2026".
2. Notes Attachment 1 – Community Wellbeing Fund Financial Report as at 30 June 2026.

5. Community Wellbeing Fund – Updated Weighting for Strategic Decision-Making Framework

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Ms Crawford distributed the 2025 Fund Framework to subcommittee members to demonstrate the changes for the recommendation to adopt the new Framework for 2026/2027. The revised Framework was based on the Long-term Plan Scoring Framework and outlined how decisions are made for each funding round. The first funding round for the 2026/2027 financial year would be assessed using the 2025 Framework.

The Framework criteria were clarified noting that if an event was economically viable and generated a surplus or profit 25% of the allocated funding would be returned to the fund for redistribution. It was also noted that an accountability report would be required within a two-month timeframe after the event or project was held.

Moved Cr Lush, seconded Cr de Vries and **RESOLVED** that the Community Wellbeing Fund Subcommittee:

1. Receives the report "Community Wellbeing Fund – Updated Weighting for Strategic Decision-Making Framework".
2. Notes the Assessment Scoring Framework for use as part of the Fund application process, noting any changes required.

6. Public Excluded Session

Moved Cr de Vries, seconded Mr Burdon and **RESOLVED** that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

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- (g) Accountability Report 5 - Multiyear 2/3 - Arts Murihiku - Running an Arts Space
- (h) Accountability Report 7 - The Anderson Park Trust - 100 Year Anniversary of Anderson House
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- (o) Accountability Report 14 - Southland Community Broadcasters Charitable Trust Incorporated - Waitangi Day Esk Fest 2026
- (p) Accountability Report 15 - Bluff Coastguard Inc. - Floating Pontoon Project
- (q) Accountability Report 16 - Hiringa Oranga o Awarua Ltd - Try-Whānau Triathlon Festival (Try-Whānau)
- (r) Accountability Report 17 - Southland Schools Pipe Band Programme Trust – Piping and Drumming Tuition and Leadership Programme
- (s) Accountability Report 18 - Multiyear 1/2 - Loss & Grief Support Trust Southland - Loss & Grief Centre Community Events Year 1
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- (v) Accountability Report 21 - Takahoa Community Trust - Youth Work at Southland Boys' High School
- (w) Accountability Report 22 - Attic Arts Centre Charitable Trust - Operational Costs for the Art Attic Gallery
- (x) Accountability Report 23 - ET Patchwork Circle
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(l) Accountability Report 11 - Southland Mangaia Club Inc - Purchase of New Tables and Chairs	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.
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(n) Accountability Report 13 - The Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals - Enabling Stronger Communities and Safer Animals - Support for the SPCA Invercargill Centre Manager	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.
(o) Accountability Report 14 - Southland Community Broadcasters Charitable Trust Incorporated - Waitangi Day Esk Fest 2026	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.
(p) Accountability Report 15 - Bluff Coastguard Inc. - Floating Pontoon Project	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.
(q) Accountability Report 16 - Hīringa Oranga o Awarua Ltd - Try-Whānau Triathlon Festival (Try-Whānau)	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.
(r) Accountability Report 17 - Southland Schools Pipe Band Programme Trust – Piping and Drumming Tuition and Leadership Programme	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.

(s) Accountability Report 18 - Multiyear 1/2 - Loss & Grief Support Trust Southland - Loss & Grief Centre Community Events Year 1	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.
(t) Accountability Report 19 - Tuurama Trust - Rangatahi Zone 2025	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.
(u) Accountability Report 20 - Methodist Mission Southern - Waihopai Rangatahi Housing Kaupapa	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.
(v) Accountability Report 21 - Takahoa Community Trust - Youth Work at Southland Boys' High School	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.
(w) Accountability Report 22 - Attic Arts Centre Charitable Trust - Operational Costs for the Art Attic Gallery	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.

(x) Accountability Report 23 - ET Patchwork Circle	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.
(y) Accountability Report 24 - Presbyterian Support Southland - Purchase of Freezer to Store Donated Food	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.
(z) Accountability Report 25 - Otatara Landcare Group - Printing of the Pigeon Post	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.
(aa) Accountability Report 26 - Outreach Singing Aotearoa - The Sing Thing 2024	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.
(bb) Accountability Report 27 - Tutuki Harnessing Potential Charitable Trust – Education with Therapeutic Benefits	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.

(cc) Accountability Report 28 - Outreach Singing Aotearoa - The Sing Thing 2023	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.
(dd) Ranked Summary of Incoming Applications – 2026/27 – Round 1	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.
(ee) Assessment Scoring of Applications	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.
(ff) Hearing Timetable	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.
(gg) Funding Application 1 - Map my Mouth - Community Oral Health Access Pilot	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.

(hh) Funding Application 14 - Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals - SPCA Invercargill Centre	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.
(ii) Funding Application 10 - Invercargill City Charitable Trust - Freestyle Kings Live	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.
(jj) Funding Application 5 - Insert Coin to Play Charitable Trust - E5: E- Waste, Education, Entertainment, Esports and Employment	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.
(kk) Funding Application 11 - Takahoa Community Trust - Youth Work at Southland Boys High School and Aurora College	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.
(ll) Funding Application 6 - Cycling Southland Incorporated - SBS Bank Tour of Southland 2026	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.

(mm) Funding Application 12 - Spirit Army - Spirit Army Social	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.
(nn) Funding Application 16 - Eco-Fest Committee - Eco-Fest 2026	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.
(oo) Funding Application 15 - Scott Richardson Memorial Trust - The Scott Richardson Program	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.
(pp) Funding Application 2 - St Andrew's Scottish Society of Southland - St Andrew's Day Concert 2026	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.
(aq) Funding Application 3 - Southland Workers Educational Association Inc. - Sit N Be Fit	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.

(rr) Funding Application 4 - Koha Yoga - Free Yoga	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.
(ss) Funding Application 8 - Multiyear - Victim Support New Zealand Inc. - Supporting Victims of Crime & Traumatic Events	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.
(tt) Funding Application 9 - West Invercargill Health - Men's Health Day 2026	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.
(uu) Funding Application 17 - Late Application - KartSport Southland Incorporated - New Zealand Karting National Championships	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.
(vv) Deliberations and Resolutions	Section 7(2)(i) To enable any local organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 4.00 pm.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY WELLBEING FUND

To:	Community Wellbeing Fund Subcommittee
Meeting Date:	Thursday 24 September 2026
From:	Kathleen Simmonds – Accounting Technician
Approved:	Bryan Staunton – Chief Financial Officer
Approved Date:	Wednesday 16 September 2026
Open Agenda:	Yes
Public Excluded Agenda:	No

Purpose and Summary

This report is to provide the Subcommittee with an update on the financial position for the two months ended 31 August 2026.

Grants of \$200,500 have so far been committed for distribution for the year:

- Multi-year commitments allocated \$124,500
- Total grants allocated Round One \$76,000
- Total funds remaining \$299,500

Background

The fund availability for 2026/2027 has been confirmed through the Annual Plan process to be \$500,000 for the current financial year, distributed across five funding rounds.

This fund has the goal of supporting social, cultural, environmental and economic wellbeing as well as supporting Council's vision to create "Our City with Heart – He Ngākau Aroha". The purpose is to provide a source of Community Funding to enable projects across the city.

Recommendations

That the Community Wellbeing Fund Subcommittee:

1. Receives the report "Financial Report for the Community Wellbeing Fund".
2. Receives Appendix 1 – Financial Report Detail as at 31 August 2026.

Current Year

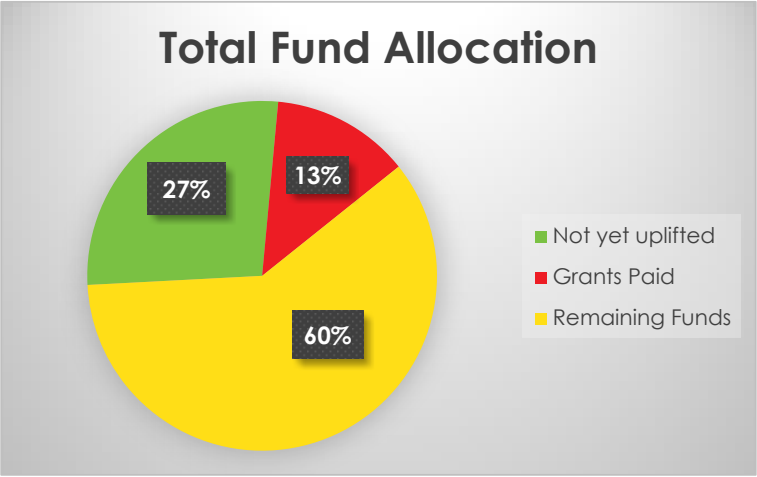
The total funds available for the Community Wellbeing Fund for the 2026/2027 financial year are \$500,000. Five funding rounds are planned for the year. One funding round has been completed with four more remaining.

The total funds allocated as at 31 August 2026 were \$200,500. This includes \$124,500 worth of multi-year grants, allocated in previous funding years, to be uplifted from the total availability for 2026/2027.

This leaves \$299,500 to be allocated to applications across the next four funding rounds for 2026/2027.

Round one, \$76,000 was allocated with \$12,000 still to be uplifted. Multi-year allocations are not yet uplifted as they are due later in the year and will be requested by the administrator.

Based on the above, there remains adequate allocation available to spend in round two of this financial year on the requested applications according to the usual priorities of the Community Wellbeing Fund.



Next Year

The total funds available for the next 2027/2028 financial year will be determined during the setting of the Long-term Plan.

There are currently \$47,000 multi-year commitments for the 2027/2028 financial year.

Note

Any remaining unspent funds at the end of any given financial year are not rolled over into the following financial year allocation.

Attachments

Appendix 1. Financial Report detail as at 31 August 2026 (ID 11283266).



1 July 2025 to 31 August 2026

Funds Available

Community Wellbeing Fund		Amount
Total Fund Allocation at 1 July 2026		500,000
Multi-Year Commitments Paid		-
Multi-Year Commitments Not Yet Uplifted		124,500
Funds Available to Distribute		375,500
Round 1	Grants Paid	64,000
	Grants Approved Not Yet Uplifted	12,000
Round 2	Grants Paid	-
	Grants Approved Not Yet Uplifted	-
Round 3	Grants Paid	-
	Grants Approved Not Yet Uplifted	-
Round 4	Grants Paid	-
	Grants Approved Not Yet Uplifted	-
Round 5	Grants Paid	-
	Grants Approved Not Yet Uplifted	-
Total Grants Committed/Paid		76,000
Grants Returned		-
Total Grants Return		-
Remaining Unallocated Funds		299,500

Community Wellbeing Fund 1 July 2026 to 31 August 2026					
Annual Funds Available			500,000		
			NYU - Not yet uplifted		
Multi-year Commitments					
Entity	Details	Amount			End Date
Loss + Grief Support Trust Southland	Loss + Grief Community Events	5,000	NYU		2026/27
Active Southland	Surf to City	20,000	NYU		2026/27
Southland Christmas Parade Charitable Trust	Southland Christmas Parade	15,000	NYU		2026/27
KiwiHarvest	Food Rescue	20,000	NYU		2026/27
Southern Queens	Youth Boxing	7,500	NYU		2026/27
Southland Motorcycle Club	Burt Munro Challenge 2026-2028	20,000	NYU		2026/27
Southland Warm Homes Trust	Southland Warm Homes Trust	10,000	NYU		2026/27
Nga Hau e Wha Society Inc.	Te Kāhui Reo o Ngā Hau e Whā (The Collective Voices of Ngā Hau e Whā)	12,000	NYU		2026/27
Bluff Hill Motupōhue Environment Trust	Habitat Restoration on Motupōhue and Omaui	15,000	NYU		2026/27
Total Multi-year payments 2026/27		124,500			
Grants Approved: Funding Round 1					
Entity	Details	Amount			
Map My Mouth	Map My Mouth – Community Oral Health Access Pilot	3,000	NYU		
St Andrew's Scottish Society	St Andrew's Day Concert 2026	1,000			
Insert Coin to Play Charitable Trust	E5: E-waste, Education, Entertainment, Esports and Employment	15,000			
Cycling Southland	SBS Bank Tour of Southland 2026	15,000			
Victim Support	Supporting Victims of Crime & Traumatic Events – Multiyear Request	7,500	NYU		
West Invercargill Health	Men's Health Day 2026	2,500			
Invercargill City Charitable Trust	Freestyle Kings Live	10,000			
Takahoa Community Trust	Youth Work at Southland Boys High School and Aurora College	4,500			
Spirit Army	Spirit Army Social	1,500	NYU		
SPCA	Assisting Invercargill Families in Hardship with Community Desexing Vouchers	2,500			
Scott Richardson Memorial Trust	The Scott Richardson Program	5,000			
Eco-Fest Committee	Eco-Fest 2026	1,000			
Kartsport Southland	New Zealand Karting National Championships	7,500			
Total Grants Round 1		76,000			
Grants Approved: Funding Round 2					
Entity	Details	Amount			
Total Grants Round 2		-			
Grants Approved: Funding Round 3					
Entity	Details	Amount			
Total Grants Round 3		-			
Grants Approved: Funding Round 4					
Entity	Details	Amount			
Total Grants Round 4		-			
Grants Approved: Funding Round 5					
Entity	Details	Amount			
Total Grants Round 5		-			
Add Grants Returned			-		
Remaining Available Funds			299,500		
Next Year's Multi-year Commitments 2026/2027					
Entity	Details	Amount			End Date
Southland Motorcycle Club	Burt Munro Challenge 2026-2028	20,000			2027/2028
Nga Hau e Wha Society Inc.	Te Kāhui Reo o Ngā Hau e Whā (The Collective Voices of Ngā Hau e Whā)	12,000			2027/2028
Bluff Hill Motupōhue Environment Trust	Habitat Restoration on Motupōhue and Omaui	15,000			2027/2028
Total Multi-year Commitments 2027/2028		47,000			

COMMUNITY WELLBEING FUND 2025/2026 END OF YEAR ANALYSIS

To:	Community Wellbeing Fund Subcommittee
Meeting Date:	Thursday 24 September 2026
From:	Michael Morris – Manager – Governance and Legal
Approved:	Trudie Hurst - Group Manager - Community Engagement and Corporate Services
Approved Date:	Monday 21 September 2026
Open Agenda:	Yes
Public Excluded Agenda:	No

Purpose and Summary

This report provides the Community Wellbeing Fund 2025/2026 End of Year Analysis Report and its appendices, which were presented to the Community and Regulatory Committee on 8 September 2026.

Recommendations

That the Community Wellbeing Fund Subcommittee:

1. Receives the report "Community Wellbeing Fund 2025/2026 End of Year Analysis".
2. Notes the appendix 1 - Community Wellbeing Fund 2025/2026 End of Year Analysis Report, Appendix 2 - Community Wellbeing Fund Applications and Funding Allocations 2025/2026, Appendix 3 - Community Wellbeing Fund 2025/2026 End of Year Analysis and Appendix 4 - Detail of 2025/2026 Community Wellbeing Fund End of Year Survey Results, which were presented to the Community and Regulatory Committee on 8 September 2026.

Background

Due to the timing of scheduled meetings, the Community Wellbeing Fund 2025/2026 End of Year Analysis Report and its three appendices were presented to the Community and Regulatory Committee on 8 September 2026, ahead of the Community Wellbeing Fund Subcommittee meeting on 24 September 2026. The report and appendices are now presented to the Community Wellbeing Fund Subcommittee for receipt and discussion.

Attachments

Appendix 1 - Community Wellbeing Fund 2025/2026 End of Year Analysis Report (Doc set ID: 11290748)

Appendix 2 - Community Wellbeing Fund Applications and Funding Allocations 2025/2026 (ECM Set ID 10927093)

Appendix 3 - Community Wellbeing Fund 2025/2026 End of Year Analysis (ECM Set ID 11233985)

Appendix 4 - Detail of 2025/2026 Community Wellbeing Fund End of Year Survey Results (ECM Set ID 11173267)

COMMUNITY WELLBEING FUND 2025/2026 END OF YEAR ANALYSIS

To: Community and Regulatory Committee

Meeting Date: Tuesday 8 September 2026

From: Rhiannon Suter, Manager – Strategy, Policy and Engagement

Approved: Trudie Hurst - Group Manager - Community Engagement and Corporate Services

Approved Date: Wednesday 3 September 2025

Open Agenda: Yes

Purpose and Summary

This report provides the Committee on the outcomes of the Community Wellbeing Fund for the 2025/2026 financial year and survey results from the community groups which applied for funding.

Recommendations

That the Community and Regulatory Committee:

1. Receives the report "Community Wellbeing Fund 2025/2026 End of Year Analysis".
2. Notes the increased Community Wellbeing Fund availability for the 2026/2027 Financial Year to \$500,000.

Background

The Community Wellbeing Fund was established in 2020 and therefore is entering the sixth year of operation and continues to support the community across social, cultural, economic and environmental wellbeing's, as well as promoting 'Our City with Heart – He Ngākau Aroha'.

The Subcommittee of seven has the delegation to make decisions on applications received by the community and is made up of four elected members and three community representatives, including a youth representative. Cr Steve Broad is the Chair.

Update

The Community Wellbeing Fund has been through another successful year, with the number of applications supported on par with the previous year.

The Framework continues to allow the Subcommittee to be reactive to the communities' needs in the funding space and allow for flexibility in supported projects and allocations made. Commercial activity and a percentage recall for profitable events were two new criteria implemented in the 2025/2026 year. The fund availability has increased back to its original \$500,000 total pool for 2026/2027 with nine projects, events or operational applications have confirmed multi-year funding for the 2026/2027 financial year.

Updates to the scoring matrix include an increase in the Economic Wellbeing Score and slight increase to the Environmental Wellbeing score, with a reduction to the City Centre score, bringing it into line with the 2027/2037 Long-term Plan Strategic Scoring Framework. The committee met to workshop any suggestions they would like to make to the proposed operation of the fund, and no further changes were proposed. The Fund Policy has also had a review recently, receiving some minor updates to ensure it is fit for purpose for the fund over the next six years. A new community representative and a new youth representative were appointed earlier this year.

Analysis

The Community Wellbeing Fund remains popular with community groups and organisations applying for funding for their projects, events or operational costs and 28% of these were new organisations who had not applied to the fund previously. Funding support has been given to a diverse range of applications across many sectors of the community.

The Fund had a reduced pool of available funds for the 2025/2026 financial year, being \$465,000. Total allocations made to successful applications equalled \$495,906, which included \$30,907 of returned unspent grants added to the pool to be redistributed by the Fund Subcommittee. As at financial year end, \$124,800 had been uplifted by ten organisations with multi-year funding agreements allocated during previous financial years. \$371,106 was allocated to new applications.

Eighty-three applications were received with 63 successfully allocated funding in addition to the ten multi-year allocations mentioned above, bringing the total to 73. This compares to 71 projects funded from 82 applications in 2024/2025 through the Community Wellbeing Fund.

As in previous years, social wellbeing remains the focus of most applications (this data does not include the multi-year grants uplifted):

- 100% Applications supported contained an element of social wellbeing.
- 71% Applications supported had some focus on cultural wellbeing.
- 40% Applications supported assisted in creating a vibrant city centre.
- 27% Applications supported economic wellbeing.
- 29% Applications supported promoted an element of environmental wellbeing.

The breakdown below gives a high-level overview of the types of projects successfully funded (this data does include multiyear grants uplifted in the 2025/2026 year):

- Twenty-six allocations were made to events, comparable to the 25 funded in the previous year. Of these, nine contributed to economic wellbeing.
- Forty grants made were for operational costs, two for capital projects or items and five for one off projects.

- Seven projects supported rangatahi/ young people in Invercargill and Bluff, similar to the eight youth related activities funded last financial year.
- Fourteen projects were arts centric, 11 with a focus on culture and an additional two were related to heritage.
- Six projects had an active/sports focus.
- 12% of applications were from Māori organisations; 48% identified as NZ European; 30% said they were multi-ethnic.
- 100% of cultural application requests were funded, up from 90% support given in 2024/2025.
- Thirteen applications were supported that included engagement with Bluff residents.

Please note that projects could cover more than one sector, therefore the numbers above reflect the totals of the primary sector across a number of applications.

An overview of the 73 activities, events and projects funded is provided as an appendix.

An infographic summary of the 2025/2026 financial year of the fund is appended and will be made available to the public on the website along with the summarised list of allocations.

Community Views

At the end of each financial year, a survey is distributed to applicants from that year and includes projects, events and activities that were approved, declined, ineligible or withdrawn.

Applicant Survey

Twenty-seven responses were received for the 2025/2026 financial year; a summary of feedback is included below.

- Six survey responses were from applications which were fully funded, 19 partially funded and two declined.
- 81% strongly agreed or agreed that the application process was appropriate for the level of funding applied for.
- Eighteen of 27 agreed or strongly agreed that the hearing process was appropriate for the level of funding applied for. Please note that seven applicants did not take part in the hearing process.
- 92% strongly agreed or agreed that the accountability process was appropriate for the level of funding received, compared to the 69% last year.
- 31% of applicants who answered the survey said their organisation has received three or more successful allocations from the Community Wellbeing Fund in the last three years.

Some of the survey feedback included commentary that the application process was great, straightforward, well-communicated and that staff were approachable and offered clear and helpful support with encouraging advice. Some respondents cited that the opportunity to present to the committee was very important. There were very positive comments about the hearing process, with detail that the committee were welcoming and friendly and applicants felt appreciation and that decisions were fair.

Some applicants experienced issues with the online form, and not being able to save their applications, however they were pleased at the availability of staff for problem-solving and assistance with this.

In summary, the feedback from the recent survey was very positive, with improvements on previous years with how applicants found the application and accountability processes. A particular highlight is that almost all of those who presented to the committee were content with their hearing, this reflects the review of the meeting process undertaken in the last year. Some constructive responses were also received, mostly acknowledging clearer communication with some fund processes. Overall, the fund is having a significant impact on community wellbeing and the relationships with organisations applying to the fund remain strong.

Implications and Risks

Strategic Consistency

Community Wellbeing Fund applications continue to be scored under Council's Long-term Plan Strategic Framework. This scoring matrix is available to view in the Fund Framework document.

Financial Implications

The fund availability has been confirmed through the Annual Plan process to be \$500,000 for the 2026/2027 financial year, distributed across five funding rounds. There are already \$124,500 worth of multi-year grants, allocated in previous funding years, to be uplifted from the total availability.

Management of Financial Risk

Council's Risk Framework sets the risk management tolerance for financial risks at \$100,000. The Community Wellbeing Fund makes a large number of smaller allocations, recently between \$500 and \$20,000. Decisions and acceptance of project accountabilities are to be made within this Risk Framework.

Next Steps

The Community Wellbeing Fund has four rounds remaining in the current financial year, and applications for rounds two – five will be assessed on the recently adopted Strategic Framework. Fund interest remains high with new applicants expected across this financial year.

Attachments

- Appendix 1. Community Wellbeing Fund Applications and Funding Allocations 2025/2026 (ECM Set ID 10927093)
- Appendix 2. Community Wellbeing Fund 2025/2026 End of Year Analysis (ECM Set ID 11233985)
- Appendix 3. Detail of 2025/2026 Community Wellbeing Fund End of Year Survey Results (ECM Set ID 11173267)

Community Wellbeing Fund Applications and Funding Allocations – 2025/2026

Name of Organisation	Name of Activity	Requested	Allocated
Life Education Trust	Operational Costs - Workbooks for the Children	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Deer to Care Incorporated	Deer to Care	\$11,500.00	\$6,000.00
Loss & Grief Support Trust Southland	Loss & Grief Centre Community Events	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Tuurama Trust	Rangatahi Zone 2025	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Graeme Dingle Foundation Southern	KiwiCan Youth development programmes in Invercargill	\$25,000.00	\$10,000.00
Manaaki Tāngata Victim Support	Front-line Service Delivery in Invercargill	\$20,000.00	\$15,000.00
Emerge Aotearoa Mind and Body	"Wellbeing Through Water" Aqua Jogging Peer Support Group	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
South Invercargill Urban Rejuvenation Charitable Trust (South Alive)	Operating and Project Costs	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Good Bitches Baking	Baking it Better, Invercargill Chapter	\$2,000.00	\$1,770.00
Art Attic Centre Charitable Trust	Community Curation Capability Development	\$22,000.00	\$15,000.00
Invercargill Repertory Society	2026 Building Maintenance Project	\$15,000.00	\$5,000.00
ILT Stadium Southland	Christmas Variety Show	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Bellyful New Zealand Trust	Filling Bellies in Invercargill	\$3,500.00	\$2,000.00
Indian Community Southland Inc	Cultural Diversity Showcase	\$55,805.65	\$7,500.00
Anderson Park Trust	100 Year Celebration of Anderson House	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
People First New Zealand Inc	Empowered Living	\$1,713.80	\$1,713.80
Momentum Charitable Trust	Life and Financial Skills Programme at Invercargill Probation Centre	\$4,730.00	\$4,000.00
Conductive Education Southern	Staff salaries	\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00

Name of Organisation	Name of Activity	Requested	Allocated
English Language Partners	ESOL Literacy Classes for former refugees	\$10,000.00	\$3,000.00
Southland Motorcycle Club	Burt Munro Challenge 2026 - 2028	\$30,000.00	\$20,000.00
The Southland Christmas Parade Charitable Trust	Southland Christmas Parade	\$20,000.00	\$15,000.00
Southland Multicultural Trust	Southland Multicultural Food Festival 2026	\$18,450.00	\$7,500.00
The Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	"Enabling Stronger Communities and Safer Animals – Support for the SPCA Invercargill Centre Manager	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00
Southland Community Broadcasters Charitable Trust Incorporated	Waitangi Day Esk Fest 2026	\$7,500.00	\$3,750.00
Southland Warm Homes Trust	Southland Warm Homes Trust	\$30,000.00	\$15,000.00
Invercargill Police	Orange Parade 2025	\$3,500.00	\$312.50
New Zealand Choral Federation Inc	The Big Sing Southland Regional Festival - 2026	\$2,660.00	\$1,330.00
Parent to Parent Southland	Outreach Programme	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00
Faded Media and Events	2026 HPTO Fest	\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00
Heritage South Trust	Heritage Month 2026	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00
Southland Sri Lankan Society (SSLS)	SSLS Cricket Match for women and children	\$3,000.00	\$500.00
Bush Haven Native Bird Rehabilitation Trust	Rehabilitation of injured, sick and starving native birds	\$1,500.00	\$500.00
Congolese Community in Southland Incorporated	Congolese Community End of Year Gathering	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
Still Mums	Still Mums Care Packages and Flax Cocoons	\$1,700.00	\$1,000.00
Southland Agricultural and Pastoral Association	Southland A & P Show	\$15,000.00	\$5,000.00
Waverley Community Hub Incorporated	Waverley Hub Whakawhanaungatanga	\$12,000.00	\$10,000.00

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Can Inspire Charitable Trust	CanBead Invercargill	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00
Arts Murihiku	Night of the Arts 2026	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Showquest Charitable Trust	Showquest Southland 2026	\$6,300.00	\$6,000.00
Outreach Singing Trust Aotearoa	The Sing Thing 2026	\$2,112.00	\$1,000.00
Age Concern	Age Concern Virtual Reality Program	\$5,700.00	\$3,000.00
South City Community Choir	Rent for South City Community Choir	\$1,600.00	\$1,000.00
C.S Art	C.S. Art Whare Toi	\$8,207.00	\$6,000.00
West Invercargill Health	Women's Health Day 2026	\$3,500.00	\$2,500.00
Waihōpai Rūnaka	Murihiku Marae Community Day	\$16,997.00	\$10,000.00
Tuesday Walk Group	Tuesday Walk Group	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
Nga Hau e Wha Society Inc.	Te Kāhui Reo o Ngā Hau e Whā (The Collective Voices of Ngā Hau e Whā)	\$24,000.00	\$12,000.00
Hiringa Oranga o Awarua Ltd	Try-Whānau Triathlon Festival (Try-Whānau)	\$21,332.24	\$15,000.00
Methodist Mission Southern	Waihōpai Rangatahi Support Services	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00
Bluff Hill Motupōhue Environment Trust	Habitat Restoration on Motupohue and Omaui	\$20,000.00	\$15,000.00
Southern Farmers Market	Signage for the Farmers Market	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Jubilee Budget	Life Skills Workshops	\$10,000.00	\$6,000.00
Athletics Southland	2026 South Island Colgate Games	\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00
Southland Schools Pipe Band Programme Trust	Piping and Drumming tuition and leadership programme	\$15,500.00	\$5,000.00
Southland Multicultural Trust	Multicultural Trust Community Connection & Inclusion Programme	\$35,005.00	\$10,000.00

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ILT Stadium Southland	Christmas Variety Show 2026	\$10,000.00	\$6,880.00
Southland Free Kindergarten Association	Kindergartens South Matariki Art Exhibition	\$7,122.81	\$5,000.00
Kalapu Maile Us Tongan Community	Maile Ua Tongan Cultural Activity Community Hub	\$5,492.76	\$3,000.00
Citizens Advice Bureau	CAB Operational Expenses	\$25,000.00	\$12,500.00
Garden at 181	Community Garden at 181	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Hellenic New Zealand Congress	Greek Pantry Staples Cooking Class with Waihopai Runaka	\$550.00	\$550.00
Presbyterian Support Southland	Chiller to Store Donated Food	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Te Kāhui Manu Tīfī Charitable Trust	Matariki: Karakia Wānanga and Whāngai I Te Hautapu	\$6,300.00	\$3,500.00
		SubTotal	\$371,106.30

Name of Organisation	Name of Activity	Requested	Allocated
Multiyear Uplifts			
Miharo Murihiku Trust	Murihiku Polyfest 2024 - 2026	\$25,000.00	\$20,000.00
Southland Migrant Walking Together Organisation	Mixing Bowl	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00
Citizens Advice Bureau Invercargill	Citizens Advice - Operational Expenses	\$25,000.00	\$15,000.00
Southland Art Foundation	Artist in Residency - Building Access to the Visual Arts	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
YMCA of Invercargill Charitable Trust	Operational Funding	\$50,000.00	\$15,000.00
Southland Social Sciences Fair	Southland Social Sciences Fair	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
Arts Murihiku	Running an Arts Space	\$30,000.00	\$10,000.00
Active Southland	Surf to City 2025 - 2027	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
KiwiHarvest	Food Rescue	\$30,000.00	\$20,000.00
Southern Queens	Youth Boxing	\$14,700.00	\$8,500.00
SubTotal			\$124,800.00
Grants Returned			
Next Generation Racing Group	NRG Championship		\$1,493.82
EH Productions	The Ratbaggs TV Series		\$25,000.00
City of Invercargill Highland Pipe Band	Royal New Zealand Pipe Band Assn 2025 National Championships		\$1,913.00
Invercargill Musical Theatre	Production of Matilda		\$2,500.00
SubTotal			-\$30,906.82
TOTAL			\$464,999.48

Name of Organisation	Name of Activity	Requested	Allocated
Unsuccessful Applications			
Catalytic Foundation	Christmas Shoebox Project	\$8,300.00	Declined
Inner Wheel Club of North Invercargill	Singing Masterclass	\$3,250.00	Declined
Naked Creative	Coast to Toast - A celebration of Place, People and Pride	\$10,000.00	Declined
Royal New Zealand Plunket Trust	Injury Prevention Services	\$14,786.00	Declined
Chamber Music New Zealand Trust Board	Chamber Music Contest 2026 - Southland District Rounds	\$4,000.00	Declined
The Sports Nutritionist	Free Community Health & Nutrition Seminar Series 2026	\$3,300.00	Declined
Harvestfield Church	Jeremiah Project - Harvestfield	\$35,833.00	Declined
The Girl Guides Assn NZ Inc.	Girl Guides - Empowering girls and young women of Invercargill	\$6,600.00	Declined
Tautawhi Whanau Rangatapu Charitable Trust	Tautawhi Hauora Service	\$65,300.00	Declined
Plunket	Injury Prevention Services Invecargill	\$8,000.00	Declined
Southern Steam Train Trust	Restoration of Locomotive F150 Boiler	\$10,000.00	Declined

COMMUNITY WELLBEING FUND

2025/2026 END OF YEAR ANALYSIS

Supporting social, cultural, economic and environmental wellbeing across Invercargill and Bluff.



AT A GLANCE



WHAT WE FUNDED*



*Projects could cover more than one sector, therefore numbers reflect the totals of the primary sector across a number of applications.

WELLBEING OUTCOMES

(of applications supported – excludes multiyear uplifts)

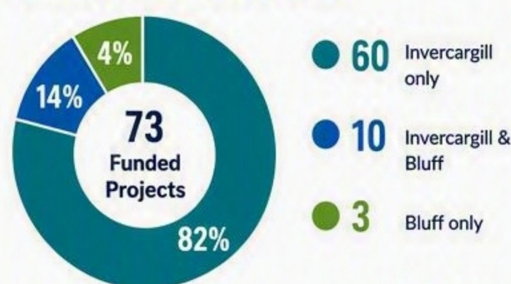


WHERE WE REACH



 12% of applications were from Māori organisations; 48% identified as NZ European; 30% said they were Multi-ethnic.

FUNDED APPLICATIONS BY AREA



73 funded activities, events and projects delivering community outcomes across Invercargill and Bluff.



LOOKING AHEAD

Community Wellbeing Fund availability is \$500,000 for 2026/2027. The fund continues to support projects, events and organisations that strengthen social, cultural, economic and environmental wellbeing across Invercargill and Bluff. Nine projects, events or operational applications have confirmed multiyear funding for 2026/2027.



Detail of 2025/2026 Community Wellbeing Fund End of Year Survey Results

1. What was your experience applying to the Community Wellbeing Fund?

1	Excellent advice and service
2	Gemma was very helpful and patient It was good to have the opportunity to present to the Committee in person to support the application and this process was well managed It would be much easier if we were able to save the application form as we went along
3	Great, Gemma was amazing throughout the process and any information was communicated well.
4	It was great being our first time.
5	Good
6	It was a great process, and we appreciated being able to present to the board
7	Very positive - the opportunity to present to the committee is so important.
8	I have applied to Community Wellbeing for the last 3 years, and we received funding. It helped us pay our lease for the YMCA.
9	Application process was straightforward and inline with processes for other funders.
10	It was straight forward
11	Very good - I found the committee very welcoming
12	The city council staff we dealt with were very helpful and encouraging
13	Simple application process and a friendly interaction with the interview.
14	Easy to understand application and accountability forms. Great to have Council support for our event.
15	Very positive and straightforward
16	Every stage of our application was met with open-ness, courtesy and appreciation. This includes contacts with Gemma Crawford, Trish Boyle (then Chair of ICCWF) and the committee at our presentation.
17	Application process is straightforward and having the option to present is also really appreciated. Sometimes it is easier to talk and discuss your application, rather than just write/read about it.
18	Helpful, quick to respond to questions, simple
19	The submission process for our application to the ICC Community Wellbeing Fund was great, even though the online portal had its issues the team behind it all were still able and willing to ensure our application was submitted on time. The interview panel was very good

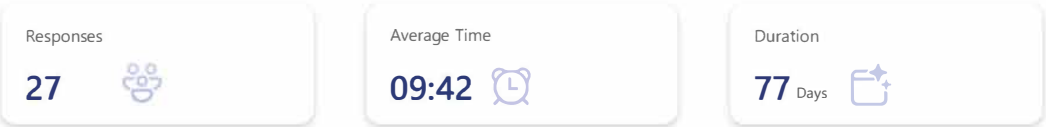
	as well, they asked the right questions and the final decision was fair, especially for a first time applicant.
20	It was an east experience applying
21	Great experience, communications with the grants team last year and presenting to the committee the year before was a great opportunity to provide additional information in support of our application as well as advocating about the services we provide to so many during their toughest times.
22	Presented in previous years but not in FY 25-26. Familiar with online application process - no issues.
23	I have applied and once met with council.
24	My experience applying to the Community Wellbeing Fund was really positive. I found the application process straightforward and easy to understand, and I appreciated having the opportunity to put forward an idea that would directly benefit the people I support. I successfully applied for and received \$1,000 from the Invercargill City Council Community Wellbeing Fund to establish an aqua jogging group for peers accessing the mental health and addiction service I work for. The funding allowed us to create a safe, supportive space where people could improve their physical health, build confidence, connect with others, and support their wellbeing through regular exercise. Seeing the positive impact the funding has had on the group reinforced how valuable the Community Wellbeing Fund is for bringing community-led ideas to life.
25	We were comfortable with what was required and the presentation to the committee
26	Gemma has been fabulous in helping and working through any questions and dates. The form isn't that easy, from the fact that it times out and you can't save your progress, very annoying when time is precious and if you are called away from the screen, you have to start again. that is with submitting and accountability. the process with talking to the committee this year was pleasant, felt like you were talking to real people that had a sense of pride for their community. questions were sensible. thank you to all the committee and Gemma for an easy process this time around.
27	We made an online application.

7. Is there anything else you would like to share with us?

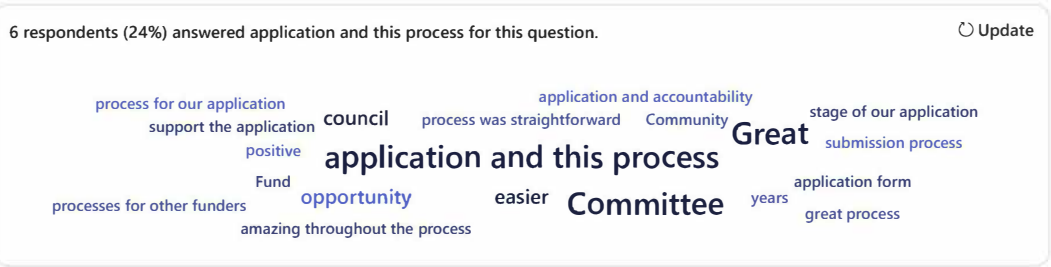
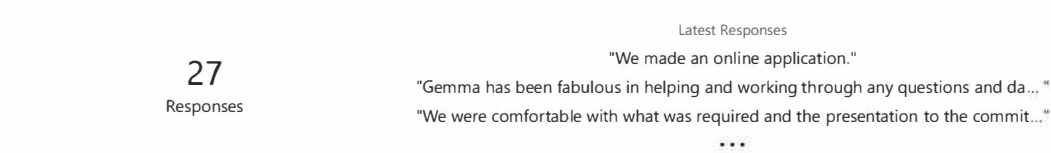
1	No
2	So far so good.
3	None, we are grateful for the opportunity to apply, be heard and receive funds. As a charity supporting other local charities in Invercargill we are always looking for ways to secure further funds and grow further.
4	BHMET applies to many funding sources. ICC has the best match of application / accountability process to funding level. It is much appreciated.
5	On behalf of our Organization thank you for your helping hand. We appreciate your helping our communities through Community Wellbeing Fund programme. We hope and looking forward to continue your helping our communities through Community Wellbeing Fund.
6	We appreciate the clear and relevant contact we receive as a recipient around accountability timeframes and outcomes.
7	Firstly, I think this is truly epic. Every year I'm reminded just how many incredible people, organisations and community groups are quietly doing extraordinary things across Southland. This fund shines a light on those efforts, and I genuinely think that's something worth celebrating. I also want to acknowledge the panel. I can only imagine how difficult the process must be. With limited funding and so many deserving applications, there are never going to be enough dollars to support every worthwhile initiative. Every successful recipient should be incredibly proud, and every project that receives funding makes our region stronger. I genuinely celebrate that. With that in mind, I'd like to offer one piece of constructive feedback. It's certainly not intended as criticism, and definitely not as disappointment at being unsuccessful. Rather, it's an observation from someone who has applied a couple of times and who genuinely wants to see an already excellent fund continue to evolve. The only area I wonder about is how community value is assessed. I think there may be an opportunity to provide a little more clarity around how that criterion is interpreted. For example, citing my own experience - I applied for funding to support a community event that celebrated Southland through food, culture and connection. The event was designed to showcase local producers, encourage people to come together, promote wellbeing through shared experiences and celebrate everything that makes our region unique. While the application was unsuccessful because it was considered to have limited community value, I felt those outcomes aligned closely with the purpose of the fund. On another occasion, I applied for support to distribute Life magazine, a publication dedicated to telling positive Southland stories and celebrating local success, innovation, arts, food, business, culture and community. The goal was simply to foster regional pride and strengthen the connection people feel to where they live. That application was also unsuccessful. I completely accept that different projects will be assessed differently, not bitter in any way - there are so many deserving projects, and I appreciate there are many factors the panel must consider that applicants never see. My only reflection is that, from the outside, it can sometimes be difficult to understand how community value is weighted across different applications. At times, I've seen projects with outcomes that appear comparable receive different decisions, and I wonder whether greater transparency around

	that aspect of the assessment could help applicants better understand the process. Please take this feedback in the positive spirit in which it's intended. I think this fund is one of the best investments our region makes because it backs people who are making Southland a better place to live. If there's an opportunity to make an already outstanding programme even more transparent, I believe it would give applicants greater confidence while further strengthening the credibility and impact of a fund that is already doing an enormous amount of good.
8	No - we are happy with the applications process and appreciated the level of service we received from Gemma. I found the committee very welcoming and helpful with suggestions on our event.
9	No
10	This is the first grant where we have had to provide estimated versus actual costs for accountability. I can see the reasoning why you want this, however it does make it hard having to justify why certain expenses are higher or lower - especially when things can be so volatile i.e. with ticket sales and so on.
11	It's so good to have a fund like this locally accessible and with sensible reasonable oversight and accounts ilitu
12	As heritage funding has become more geographically fragmented (split between ICC, SDC and GDC), it poses logistical challenges for Heritage South's regionally focused applications and accountabilities. We would like to think that a unitary authority for Southland might be able to remove some of these barriers. We should welcome the opportunity to discuss medium-longer term heritage funding opportunities with you and how best we could advocate for that.
13	We have found the application and accountability processes to be clear, straightforward, and easy to navigate. The payment process was also efficient and well managed. The most valuable aspect of this funding was the multi-year commitment. We were so grateful for this. Having funding confirmed over multiple years provided our organisation with greater certainty and allowed us to focus on planning, developing, and strengthening the event, rather than dedicating significant time each year to reapplying for the same support. It also gave other funders confidence in our project. Being able to demonstrate confirmed multi-year investment from the Wellbeing fund strengthened our other funding applications. Multi-year funding has made a genuine difference to our ability to plan strategically and deliver for our community.
14	Thank you for granting us the funding
15	We note that while approximately 54% of our funding is received from government, this funding is strictly limited to services for victims of crime. We receive no government funding to support victims of traumatic events where no criminal offence has occurred. Despite the scale and quality of our support, a significant proportion of victims in Invercargill never receive help. Our independent desktop data analysis shows that only around 1 in 5 victims who report a crime are offered support. With only around 26% of people reporting crime at all, the true level of unmet need is far greater.

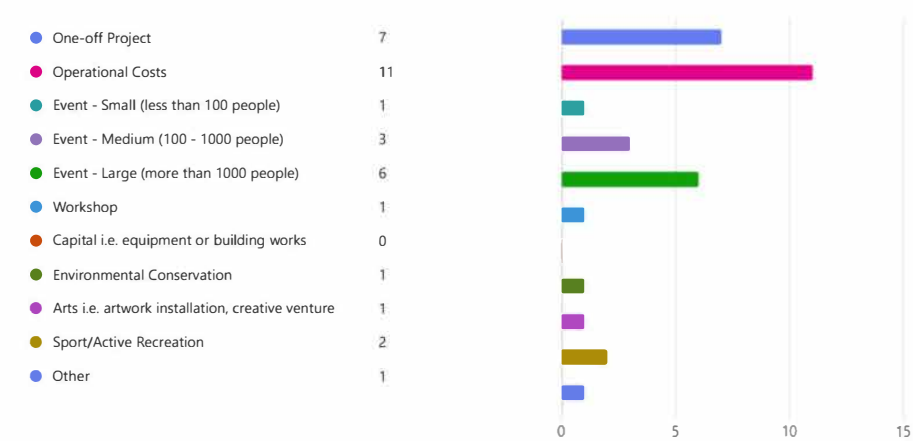
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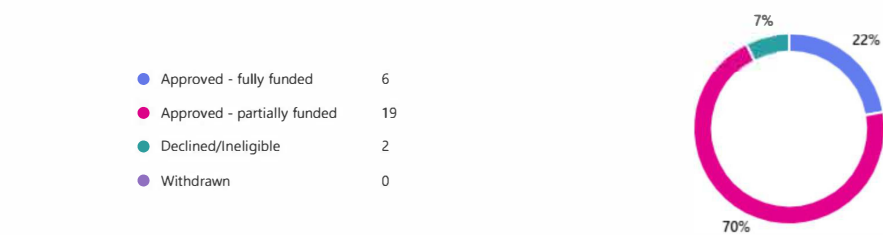
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2. What did you apply for funding for?



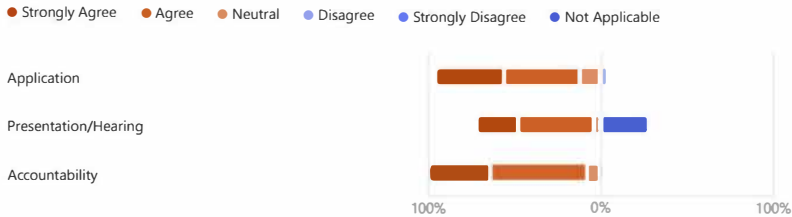
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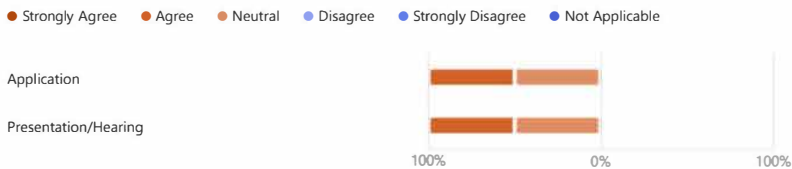
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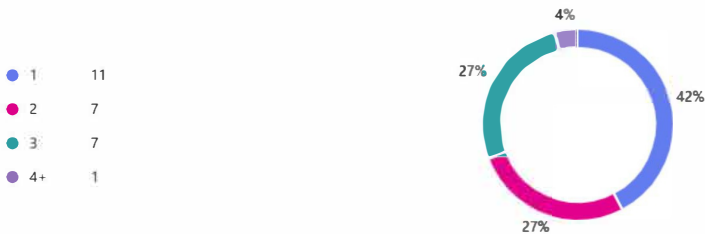
4. The fund processes were appropriate for the level of funding received.



5. The fund processes were appropriate for the level of funding applied for.



6. How many successful funding allocations has your organisation received from the Community Wellbeing Fund in the last 3 years?



7. Is there anything else you would like to share with us?

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Responses

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6 respondents (40%) answered funding for this question.

