

## **COMMUNITY GROUPS RECEIVE \$3.1 MILLION FUNDING FROM THE SOUTHERN TRUST IN SECOND QUARTER OF 2018**

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Community groups from Whangarei to Southland - and places in between - received \$3.144 million in grants from The Southern Trust to support their programmes in the second quarter of 2018.

The Southern Trust – one of the country’s leading gaming trusts – released figures today showing 411 community groups received grants between 1 April 2018 and 30 June 2018.

The grant allocation by region in the second quarter of the year was:

Auckland	\$210,674.00
Central Otago District	\$ 14,500.00
Christchurch	\$479,204.00
Dunedin	\$109,446.00
Hamilton	\$120,789.00
Horowhenua District	\$149,270.00
Invercargill	\$180,525.00
Kaikoura District	\$ 61,200.00
National organisations	\$261,312.00
New Plymouth District	\$167,490.00
Opotiki District	\$ 80,800.00
Queenstown-Lakes District	\$ 90,690.00
Rotorua District	\$ 372,250.00
South Taranaki	\$ 5,000.00
South Waikato	\$ 21,000.00
Southland District	\$ 27,750.00
Taranua District	\$ 37,010.00
Taupo District	\$ 35,410.00
Tauranga	\$ 68,700.00
Timaru District	\$ 86,800.00
Waikato	\$ 24,800.00
Waimakariri District	\$ 122,902.00
Waitaki	\$ 1,500.00
Westland	\$ 2,500.00
Whakatane District	\$ 197,267.00
Whangarei District	\$ 215,136.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,143,925.00</b>

The Southern Trust CEO and Trustee Karen Shea said “Partnerships with venues across New Zealand provide funds to assist community organisations the length and breadth of the country. The Trust is consistently receiving more applications for fund than there are funds available in the majority of areas.”

Community organisations anywhere in New Zealand can apply for funding from The Southern Trust. The Trust continually reviews applications with most processed within 20 working days. Requests larger than \$30,000 are reviewed at monthly Board of Trustees meetings.

Community organisations considering applying for funding should firstly call The Southern Trust funding team on 0800 4 CHARITY (0800 42 42 74). "Our team can easily advise on application criteria, which can save organisations a lot of time."

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For more information please contact The Southern Trust CEO & Trustee Karen Shea on 03 4716601 or 021948018 or PR Manager, Nicola McConnell of Brand Amp on 027 218 8120.

**EDITOR'S NOTE**

*Established in January 1998, The Southern Trust is licensed by the Department of Internal Affairs under the Gambling Act 2003 to return gaming machine proceeds to the community. It is one of many gaming trusts across the country, which are required by legislation to return a minimum of 63% to the community. This social dividend comes via a direct community distribution of 40% of funds raised and 23% in gaming duty. In the year ended 31 December 2017 The Southern Trust contributed \$12.096 million to organisations across New Zealand. The Southern Trust focus is funding education, community, amateur sport and arts and culture.*