

COMMUNITY GROUPS RECEIVE \$3.3 MILLION FUNDING FROM THE SOUTHERN TRUST IN THIRD QUARTER OF 2018

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Community groups from Whangarei to Southland - and places in between - received \$3.310 million in grants from The Southern Trust to support their programmes in the third quarter of 2018.

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

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

Auckland	160,137.00
Central Otago District	13,867.00
Christchurch City	791,579.00
Dunedin City	124,917.00
Hamilton City	117,420.00
Horowhenua District	105,810.00
Invercargill City	286,704.00
Kaikoura District	58,370.00
Nationwide	164,850.00
New Plymouth District	141,900.00
Opotiki District	63,050.00
Queenstown-Lakes District	199,788.00
Rotorua District	256,270.00
South Taranaki District	4,000.00
South Waikato District	67,200.00
Southland District	37,997.00
Tararua District	40,000.00
Taupo District	39,970.00
Tauranga City	53,455.00
Timaru District	97,965.00
Waikato District	90,914.00
Waimakariri District	169,300.00
Waitaki District	17,787.00
Whakatane District	86,320.00
Whangarei District	120,255.00
Total	3,309,825.00

The Southern Trust CEO and Trustee Karen Shea said significant grants in the three months included; \$150,000 for the New Zealand Olympic Committee to help fund the Olympic Ambassador programme, \$75,000 for the Rotorua Community Hospice Trust and \$30,000 each to The New Zealand Aids Foundation, and Upper Central Zone of New Zealand Rugby League.

Other activities funded included \$30,000 for the Kiwi Can and Career Navigator programmes run by the Youth Development Southland Regional Trust, \$25,000 to support the Royal New Zealand Ballet tour of The Nutcracker to Auckland and Christchurch, a \$15,000 contribution to New Zealand Breast Cancer Foundation for costs of the Pink Star walk in Christchurch, \$18,000 to Gymsports New

Zealand for medical services and AV equipment for 2018 Champs in Tauranga and \$15,000 to Christchurch's Parkview Primary School for purchase and installation of a playground.

"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, she said."

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.