



## COMMUNITY GROUPS RECEIVE \$2.5 MILLION FUNDING FROM THE SOUTHERN TRUST IN FIRST QUARTER OF 2018

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Community groups from Northland to Southland - and places in between - received \$2,574,485 from The Southern Trust to support their programmes in the first quarter of 2018.

The Southern Trust – one of the country’s leading gaming trusts – released figures today showing 333 community groups received grants between 1 January 2018 and 31 March 2018.

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

Whangarei District	\$114,820
Auckland City	\$161,147
Waikato District	\$135,800
Hamilton City	\$ 80,525
South Waikato	\$ 39,500
Taupo District	\$ 15,947
Tauranga City	\$ 71,670
Rotorua District	\$308,910
Whakatane District	\$130,900
Opotiki District	\$ 81,900
New Plymouth District	\$179,115
Startford District	\$ 3,915
Tararua District	\$ 6,145
Horowhenua District	\$ 50,545
Kaikoura District	\$ 22,747
Waimakariri District	\$ 79,500
Christchurch City	\$ 538,552
Timaru District	\$ 68,837
Waitaki District	\$ 3,000
Central Otago District	\$ 1,000
Queenstown Lakes District	\$ 55,500
Dunedin City	\$ 89,007
Southland District	\$ 33,000
Invercargill City	\$ 170,237
National grants	\$132,265

The Southern Trust aims to support community groups working in health, sports, arts, community and education and its allocations by sector were:

Community	\$1,199,020
Sport	\$ 779,100
Education	\$ 295,970
Arts	\$ 141,780
Health	\$ 158,615

The Southern Trust CEO and Trustee Karen Shea said “We are pleased that our partnerships with venues across New Zealand provide funds to assist community organisations the length and breadth of the country.”

Community organisations throughout the 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 the monthly Board of Trustees meetings.

Ms Shea says 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.*