



CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Trust

We were the official global fundraiser for the earthquake recovery effort for Christchurch and the Canterbury region. Launched by Prime Minister John Key on 27 February 2011, we were set up to complement emergency support provided by other charitable agencies and core government responsibilities.

When the earthquakes struck, community facilities which took decades of fundraising to put in place, such as sports fields, parks, community buildings and historic buildings, were ruined within hours. We continue to help rebuild these things that are at the heart of Christchurch communities, the places and services that make a city worth living in. If we want to put a city back together, we need to put its communities back together too.

Since our launch we've received or been pledged a total of \$99 million of donations. \$98.4 million has been approved to recovery projects and \$600,000 from a SKY Television pledge will be allocated over the next three years. We chose to commit the funds towards communities, not individuals, and address the gap between what other funders and government were already funding. It has been satisfying and rewarding to partner with donors either on projects that they have specifically wished to support, or match their donations up with projects that lacked funds.

As infrastructure or 'bricks and mortar' needs were addressed, the growing psychosocial needs of people became more apparent. In recognition of this, we granted up to \$4.3 million to help address such hardship and also to benefit people still struggling as a result of the earthquakes. Some highlights in 2013-2014 have included:

- \$1.5 million to "Supporting Children in Christchurch" to help address the increasing psychosocial needs of children, young people and their families post-earthquakes, through major social service providers including Aviva, Barnardos, Early Start, Family Help Trust, Methodist Mission and Wellbeing North Canterbury.
- \$400,000 to Summer of Fun for 60 events throughout Christchurch, Selwyn and Waimakariri districts in 2014 and 2015
- \$240,000 towards the fit-out of the Christchurch Community House's permanent premises, to provide a home for a large number of small to medium sized community groups displaced by the earthquakes
- \$150,000 to provide a new facility at the Spencerville Community Hub that meets the needs of community groups that lost important facilities in the earthquakes
- \$100,000 to the Let's Find and Fix It initiative, to fund repairs to "unintentionally uninsured" houses in time for winter 2014
- \$300,000 to extend the current Residential Advisory Service to help meet the needs of people still working through insurance and housing issues
- Over \$2.8 million of hardship relief towards projects that relieve hardship and benefit people still struggling as a result of the earthquakes.

We've also made significant allocations to portfolios of education/youth, sport and recreation and heritage and culture.

We're no longer receiving funding requests but our trustees will continue to meet as required to make funding decisions concerning projects that directly benefit people still struggling, and on any other matters. All grants will continue to be administered and monitored within the Department of Internal Affairs.

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