

Ethnic Communities Development Fund

Successful recipients August 2025

Organisation	Decision	Amount	Project Name	Location
Priority 1. Take action to promote the value of diversity and improve inclusion of ethnic communities				
Afghanistan Social Association Inc	Fund	\$5,931.00	Mawlood Nabi	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Assam Society of New Zealand Incorporated	Fund	\$3,900.00	Rongali Bihu 2025	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Bhartiya Samaj Lower North Island Trust	Partially Fund	\$5,200.00	Firt-ever large-scale Diwali Festival Kāpiti Coast 2025	Wellington
CANTERBURY INDIAN WOMEN GROUP TRUST	Partially Fund	\$13,000.00	Selwyn Diwali 2025	Canterbury
CHRISTCHURCH FELLOWSHIP OF SONG, DANCE AND DRAMA INCORPORATED	Fund	\$4,253.00	Develop community literature and art, enrich spiritual life, improve health level, promote social harmony, and integrate multiculturalism.	Canterbury
Diversity Network	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Diversity Festival 2026	Wellington
Dunedin Indian Association Inc	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Dunedin Diwali Festival	Otago
Hearts & Minds NZ Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$4,484.00	Wellbeing Support for Mandarin-Speaking Communities	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Hindu Council of New Zealand Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Contributions of the Hindu Community to the National Life of New Zealand	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau

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Holocaust Centre of New Zealand Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$119,000.00	As They Were - New Zealand Holocaust Survivors: Their Stories, Their Lives.	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Indopreneur Alliance Ltd	Fund	\$4,850.00	Warm Winter - WonderFood, Culture & Art Festival 2025	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Kerala Association of Manawatu Inc.	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Onam celebration - 2025	Manawatu-Whanganui
Multicultural Whangarei Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Latin American Festival 2025	Northland - Taitokerau
NEPALESE WOMEN'S WELLBEING NETWORK INCORPORATED	Fund	\$4,053.00	Matariki 2025	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
New Zealand Kodava Sangha Inc	Fund	\$8,000.00	Kodavakoota 2025	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Pakistan Association of Wellington New Zealand (PAW NZ)	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Pakistan Independence Day	Wellington
Riwayat-E-Punjab Folk & Culture Club Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Ladies Musical Night	Waikato
Rotorua Malayalie Association	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Onam 2025	Bay of Plenty
SHANDONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND	Partially Fund	\$3,000.00	Multicultural Youth Music Festival "Golden Ribbon"	Southland
Sri Lankan Tamils Welfare Club Wellington	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Tamil New year event	Wellington

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The Lotus Indian Group	Fund	\$2,300.00	Diwali 2025	Manawatu-Whanganui
Waikato Malaysian Society	Fund	\$5,500.00	Malaysian Independence Day Celebration and South East Asian Food and Cultural Festival Waikato	Waikato

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Priority 3. Develop and support initiatives to improve economic outcomes, including addressing barriers to employment				
Dress For Success Northland Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$4,282.00	CV writing and interview skills workshops	Northland - Taitokerau

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Priority 4. Work to connect and empower ethnic community groups				
Afghan Association of New Zealand Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Afghan Independence Day	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Bhartiya Samaj Lower North Island Trust	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Mix and Mingle - Manawatu	Manawatu-Whanganui
Chinese Association of North Shore City	Partially Fund	\$3,000.00	Weekly Sessions & Moon Festival Event Support	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Christchurch Kerala Association	Partially Fund	\$6,000.00	Christchurch Kerala Recreational and Physical wellbeing Project 2025-2026	Canterbury
Cultural Conversations	Fund	\$7,700.00	Global Stitch up sewing groups	Tasman-Nelson

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Dunedin Senior Chinese Association	Partially Fund	\$6,000.00	Cultural Events	Otago
Earth Action Trust	Partially Fund	\$9,996.00	Belonging in Action: Strengthening Ethnic Inclusion through Sustainability	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Ephata Initiatives Trust	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Congolese Community Peace Initiative	Waikato
Hamilton Kerala Samajam Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Onam celebration 2025	Waikato
IESL NZ Chapter	Partially Fund	\$2,000.00	Stall at “University of Auckland Open Day 2025” for Sri Lankan community	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Korean Society of Christchurch Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Korea Day 2025 and Community Events	Canterbury
Live Better (Cultural Centre Trust)	Partially Fund	\$10,000.00	Empower Connect Ethnic Parents and Children	Waikato
Manukau Indian FM	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Celebrating Indian Festivals	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Multicultural Nelson Tasman Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$10,000.00	Zomi National Khua Do Pawi 2025	Tasman-Nelson
Multiethnic Young Leaders NZ	Partially Fund	\$12,500.00	MYLN 2025–2026 Leadership and Social Cohesion Initiatives	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
NABOP Badminton Club	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	2025 Badminton Competition Between Nepalese Community within North island	Bay of Plenty

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Nepalese Society of Manawatu Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$6,000.00	Cultural Engagement Initiative	Manawatu-Whanganui
New Zealand Indian Central Association Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$115,000.00	Celebrate 100 years in New Zealand	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNANZ) Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$6,800.00	Walk for Mental Health and Wellbeing in the Nepalese Community	Bay of Plenty
Patriarhia Romana Trust Board	Fund	\$2,000.00	Romanian Community Gathering	Canterbury
Philippines Culture and Migrant Services	Fund	\$10,000.00	2025 Philippine Festival in Christchurch	Canterbury
Refugees As Survivors New Zealand Trust	Partially Fund	\$10,000.00	Psychosocial Community Peer Support	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Shama Ethnic Women's Trust	Partially Fund	\$12,750.00	SuperShero Workshops - ethnic women develop confidence and skills	Waikato
TARANAKI TAMIL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	Partially Fund	\$12,500.00	Annual Cultural Awareness and Engagement Events – 2025/2026	Taranaki
Te Toipoto - New Zealand Ethnic Men's Council	Fund	\$3,914.00	Free First Aid Event for Ethnic Men	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Wellington Sikh Sangat Trust New Zealand	Fund	\$4,870.00	Artificial Intelligence - Community Awareness and Capacity Building	Wellington

Total funds disbursed: \$518,783.00