

# Ethnic Communities Development Fund

## Successful recipients January 2026

Organisation	Decision	Amount	Project Name	Location
<b>Priority 1. Take action to promote the value of diversity and improve inclusion of ethnic communities</b>				
Aroha NZ Charitable Trust	Partially Fund	\$3,700.00	Survivors - Stories of Sri Lankan War Refugees in Aotearoa	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Arrowtown Autumn Festival Incorporated Society	Partially Fund	\$6,000.00	Arrowtown Autumn Festival 2026	Otago
BIHAR JHARKHAND ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED	Fund	\$4,950.00	Phagua Nav Varsh Mahotsav	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Holocaust Centre of New Zealand Incorporated	Fund	\$5,000.00	International Holocaust Remembrance Day 2026: Bridging the generations	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
IndianNZ Association of Christchurch Inc.	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Selwyn Holi - Festival of Colours 2026	Canterbury
Kerala Association of Palmerston North	Fund	\$5,000.00	suvarnasandhya -Christmas & New year celebrations	Manawatu-Whanganui
Kiwi Spanish Society	Partially Fund	\$3,000.00	Spanish National Day in Auckland - II Manuel Jose de Futos Award/Memorial	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Kiwi Tamil Samoogam	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Samathuva Pongal 2026: The harvest festival	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
New Zealand Chinese Association Auckland Incorporated	Fund	\$19,258.00	76th NZCA Annual Easter Sports & Cultural Tournament 2026	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau

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Rainbow Celebrating Life Trust	Fund	\$4,900.00	COLOURS OF JOY: HOLI	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Red de Cientificos Argentinos en Nueva Zelanda	Fund	\$10,000.00	Exhibition Al Viento. Amplifying the voices of Patagonia in Aotearoa.	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Sri Lankan Community of Whanganui	Partially Fund	\$6,810.00	Sri Lankan Community initiative events promoting harmony and friendship among wider Whanganui Community	Manawatu- Whanganui
THE LAKE HOUSE TRUST	Fund	\$5,000.00	Lake House Arts Culture Night!	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Viet Hub NZ Limited	Fund	\$5,000.00	Lunar New Year in the Hutt 2026	Wellington

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<b>Priority 3. Develop and support initiatives to improve economic outcomes, including addressing barriers to employment</b>				
Taranaki Chamber of Commerce	Partially Fund	\$8,000.00	Taranaki Ethnic Business Owners' Forum	Taranaki
WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTRE CHARITABLE TRUST	Partially Fund	\$5,500.00	Empowering Ethnic Women Entrepreneurs – Pilot Business Ecosystem Programme 2026	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau

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<b>Priority 4. Work to connect and empower ethnic community groups</b>				
Al-Zahra Association of Auckland	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Sisters in Strength Workshop and Women's in Yoga	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Christchurch Kerala Association	Partially Fund	\$3,500.00	Easter Eid Vishu 2026	Canterbury
EmpowHER	Partially Fund	\$4,000.00	EmpowHer –equip women with the tools, resources, and confidence	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Islamic Council of New Zealand	Partially Fund	\$20,000.00	Community Service and Gathering 2026	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
KiwiOra Community Trust	Partially Fund	\$2,400.00	Empower: Ethnic Digital Literacy Project	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Multicultural Nelson Tasman Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$10,000.00	NZ Myanmar Victory School Nelson	Tasman-Nelson
New Zealand Healthy Lifestyle Society Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$12,000.00	Traditions in Motion 2026	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Sherpa Society of New Zealand	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Gyalpo Lhosar -2153- New year of the Horse	Canterbury
Somaliland Society in New Zealand Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$3,000.00	National Day and cultural event of Somaliland	Wellington
The Performance Arcade Trust	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	The Performance Arcade Outreach and Diversity Programme 2026	Wellington

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Yuvam Malayali Club INC	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Yuvam Super League	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau

**Total funds disbursed: \$177,018.00**