

Ethnic Communities Development Fund

Successful recipients June 2026

Organisation	Decision	Amount	Project Name	Location
Priority 1. Take action to promote the value of diversity and improve inclusion of ethnic communities				
Bangladesh Association New Zealand Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Boishaki Mela (Bengali New Year Fair)	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
CANTERBURY INDIAN WOMEN GROUP TRUST	Partially Fund	\$10,000.00	SELWYN DIWALI 2026	Canterbury
Chinese Culture Association (NZ) Incorporated	Fund	\$15,000.00	2026/2027 Chinese Festival (NZ)	Canterbury
CHRISTCHURCH FELLOWSHIP OF SONG, DANCE AND DRAMA INCORPORATED	Partially Fund	\$10,000.00	Develop community literature and art, enrich spiritual life, improve health level, promote social harmony, and integrate multiculturalism.	Canterbury
Dunedin Indian Association Inc	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Dunedin Diwali Festival 2026	Otago
Gore District Council	Fund	\$5,000.00	Hokonui Culture Feast	Southland
Hutt Multicultural Council Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$10,000.00	Multifest 2026	Wellington
Indian Association (Manukau) New Zealand Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$20,000.00	Indians In New Zealand Then and Now	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Indian Social & Cultural Club (CHCH) Incorporated	Fund	\$15,000.00	Diwali 2026	Canterbury

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LIBYAN SOCIETY IN NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED	Partially Fund	\$15,000.00	Libyan Cultural & Community Celebrations 2026–2027	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
New Zealand Kodava Sangha Inc	Fund	\$8,000.00	Kodavakoota 2026	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
NZ Kashmiri Trust (Vitasta NZ)	Fund	\$5,000.00	Vitasta NZ - Diwali 2026 Celebrations	Wellington
Pakistan Association of New Zealand (PANZ)	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Independence Day Celebrations (14 August-2026) & Multi Cultural Event	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Patriarhia Romana Trust Board	Fund	\$2,500.00	Community lunch	Canterbury
Prayas Cultural Group Of New Zealand Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$11,390.00	Mama Moo- community play	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Rangmanch of New Zealand Incorporated	Fund	\$3,528.00	Ek Guldasta	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Rooh Punjab Di Nz Folk and Culture Club	Partially Fund	\$9,748.00	3rd Lok Naach mela	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Sri Lankan Society of New Zealand Inc.	Fund	\$4,800.00	Eid Al Adha Community Event	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
THE CENTRE AT KERIKERI LIMITED	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Carnaval Latino at the Turner Centre Kerikeri	Northland - Taitokerau

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The Lotus Indian Group	Fund	\$3,300.00	Diwali 2026 Celebration	Manawatu-Whanganui
WAIKATO REFUGEE FORUM INCORPORATED	Partially Fund	\$20,000.00	Ethnic Community Language classes	Waikato

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Priority 2. Ensure equitable provision of, and access to, Government services for ethnic communities				
Adhikaar Aotearoa	Partially Fund	\$8,000.00	Newcomer Resources and Creative Storytelling by LGBTQIA+ people of Colour in Aotearoa New Zealand	Wellington
Bhartiya Samaj Lower North Island Trust	Fund	\$5,000.00	Community Safety Forum for Ethnic Communities – Manawātū	Manawatu-Whanganui
NEW ZEALAND SIKH WOMENS ASSOCIATION	Fund	\$15,000.00	Building Bridges: Preventing and Intervening in Family Harm within Ethnic Communities	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
NZ Pan African Broadcasting Corporation Charitable Trust	Partially Fund	\$22,000.00	Speak Up. Speak Out – Community Inclusion & Safeguarding Project	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau

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Priority 3. Develop and support initiatives to improve economic outcomes, including addressing barriers to employment				
Aroha For Humanity	Partially Fund	\$6,500.00	Aroha for Humanity: Community Health, Wellbeing & Skills Empowerment Programme for Ethnic Communities	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Black Creatives Aotearoa	Fund	\$10,000.00	Producers in Training Programme	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Citizens Advice Bureau Queenstown Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$41,500.00	Employment Support and Advocacy Initiative	Otago
HOST International NZ Ltd (HOST NZ)	Partially Fund	\$132,000.00	More than Jobs: Pathways, Belonging and Careers	Wellington
InCommon	Partially Fund	\$8,900.00	Cooks Collective transition to independent cooperative business	Canterbury
NEW ZEALAND - CHINA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	Partially Fund	\$10,000.00	Breaking the Bamboo Ceiling: Leadership & Communication Workshop for Chinese Professionals	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
NEW ZEALAND - CHINA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	Fund	\$4,900.00	Work Like a Kiwi	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau

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Priority 4. Work to connect and empower ethnic community groups				
All Together Multi-Culture Society-Club of NZ Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$1,676.00	Jubilee Event “25 years the only bilingual newspaper “Our Harbour”.	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Aotearoa Latin American Community Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$17,000.00	Latin Community Wellbeing Programme & Family Day 2026	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Asian Family Services	Fund	\$30,000.00	New Zealand Asian Responsible Online Gambling Project 2025 - 2026	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
ASSAM SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED	Partially Fund	\$3,500.00	Rongali Bihu 2026	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Bangaliana Multicultural Christchurch	Partially Fund	\$9,000.00	Christchurch Durga Utsab (Festival) 2026, Bengali New Year, Saraswati Festival 2027, Holi 2027, Supporting New Migrants - CV Workshop, Commute, 1st Home Buying Guidance	Canterbury
BAY OF PLENTY - PHILIPPINE FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY INCORPORATED	Partially Fund	\$4,800.00	Community activities	Bay of Plenty
BIHAR JHARKHAND ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED	Partially Fund	\$4,800.00	Matariki 2026 & BJANZ Foundation Day	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Christchurch Kerala Association	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Onam- Harvest Festival 2026	Canterbury
Diversity Counselling New Zealand	Partially Fund	\$11,480.00	Community Mobilisation for Mental Wellbeing in Ethnic Communities	Waikato
Dunedin Hazara Association incorporated	Fund	\$800.00	Flavours of Our Community: Women’s Cooking Workshop	Otago

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Hamilton Kerala Samajam Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Onam Celebration 2026 – Sharing Kerala’s Harvest Festival with Aotearoa	Waikato
Hope Worldwide-Pakistan	Fund	\$15,000.00	Kotahitanga Community Connections Promoting Social Cohesion and Understanding of Māori Protocols and Tikanga Māori	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Japan Kauri Education Trust	Partially Fund	\$15,320.00	Activities as Japanese Community Hub: 1. Learning Hub 2. Teen Volunteer Group 3. Single Parents Group 4. Family Sport Fun Day	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Kiwi Chinese Association Incorporated	Fund	\$5,000.00	EverGreen Art Festival	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Muththamil Sangam Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Celebrating 25 year anniversary of MTS	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Nepal New Zealand Waikato Friendship Society Inc.	Fund	\$40,000.00	NNZWFS Ethnic Community Connection, Culture and Wellbeing Programme 2026–2027	Waikato
Nepalese Society of Manawatu Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$7,000.00	Cultural Events (Teej, Dashain, Tihar, Christmas, Nepalese New Year), Sports and health Activities, CV Writing Workshop to Improve Job Opportunities for Society Members, Community empowerment and startup	Manawatu-Whanganui
Nepali Sahitya Samaj New Zealand Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$5,200.00	Literary and Cultural Activities	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
New Zealand Zo Community Inc	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Zo Harvest Festival/Cultural Show 2026	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Pakuranga Chinese Association Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$20,000.00	Community activities	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau

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RAD Bikes Charitable Trust	Partially Fund	\$25,000.00	Bike Bridge Expansion Project	Canterbury
Remuera Chinese Association Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$6,000.00	Health and social integration Program	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Roskill Together Trust	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	The Surs and Sargrams of Pakistan	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Rotorua Malayalie Association	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Onam 2026	Bay of Plenty
Sri Lankan Society of New Zealand Inc.	Fund	\$3,400.00	Sports for Community	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Sri Lankan Tamils Welfare Club Wellington	Fund	\$11,500.00	2026 Year Events	Wellington
THE OKAPI ALLIANCE OF NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED	Partially Fund	\$7,800.00	OKANZ 2026 Independence Day Celebration	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
WELLBEING CHARITABLE TRUST BOARD	Partially Fund	\$7,800.00	Muslim Female Refugee Youth Programme: Empowering Changemakers	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau

Total funds disbursed: \$734,142.00