

# Ethnic Communities Development Fund

## Successful recipients February 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>				
Afghanistan Social Association Inc	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Eid ul Fitr 2026	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Al Rasool Foundation of Waikato	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Social Cohesion Activity and Events Programme	Waikato
Christchurch Multicultural Recreation and Community Centre Charitable Trust	Partially Fund	\$1,000.00	Connecting Canterbury: Social Services and Volunteering Opportunities in Otautahi	Canterbury
Dunedin Tai Chi Club	Partially Fund	\$3,800.00	2026 Dunedin Tai Chi Community Engagement and Cultural Celebration Project	Otago
Filipino Dairy Workers in New Zealand Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	FDWNZ Family Fun Day Season 3	Canterbury
IRANIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY OF WELLINGTON INCORPORATED	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Nowruz (Persian New Year) 2026	Wellington
New Zealand Charitable Association Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$20,000.00	2026 Happy Chinese New Year Festival, Christchurch	Canterbury
New Zealand Eid Day Trust Board	Partially Fund	\$160,000.00	NZ Eid Day Festivals 2026	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Noor Foundation	Partially Fund	\$3,420.00	Noor & Light of Christmas	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau

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Palmerston North City Council	Fund	\$20,000.00	Festival of Cultures 2026	Manawatu-Whanganui
Queenstown Association of Migrant Pinoys Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$3,000.00	Philippine Independence Day Celebration	Otago
Tairāwhiti Cultural Festival and Events	Fund	\$4,000.00	Hiroshima Exhibition	Gisborne - Tairāwhiti
Tauranga Regional Multicultural Council Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	TET – Vietnamese Lunar New Year 2026 celebration	Bay of Plenty
Te Toipoto - New Zealand Ethnic Men's Council	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Careers Advancement Workshops for Ethnic Men	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Telangana Association of New Zealand	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Vanabhojanalu – Traditional Cultural Picnic in Nature	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
The Aoraki Multicultural Council Incorporated	Fund	\$2,250.00	Syrian Cultural Evening	Canterbury
The Arts Centre of Christchurch Trust Board	Fund	\$10,000.00	Muslim Music Festival 2026	Canterbury
Vamos Community Trust	Partially Fund	\$10,000.00	Nelson Latin Fiesta 2026	Tasman-Nelson
Wellington Chinese Community Groups Trust	Fund	\$10,000.00	Wellington Lantern Festival 2026	Wellington
Znanie Russian Language and Culture Group Charitable Trust	Partially Fund	\$6,000.00	Celebrating the traditional New Year, Christmas and Easter according to the Julian calendar.	Waikato

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<b>Priority 2. Ensure equitable provision of, and access to, Government services for ethnic communities</b>				
BELONG AOTEAROA	Partially Fund	\$20,000.00	LEAD – Leadership, Employment, Access for Diverse communities	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Ethnic Arts and Trade Foundation NZ	Fund	\$5,450.00	TriNexus Trade Summit: Taiwan – New Zealand – Latin America	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau

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<b>Priority 3. Develop and support initiatives to improve economic outcomes, including addressing barriers to employment</b>				
Allyship Projects	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Allyship Mentors Group	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau

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<b>Priority 4. Work to connect and empower ethnic community groups</b>				
Auckland United Oromo Community Incorporated	Fund	\$11,025.00	Anchoring Multiple Identity	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Chinese Pride New Zealand	Partially Fund	\$3,700.00	Chinese-language queer film screening in Wellington and Christchurch	Canterbury
DOINA-COMMUNITY OF ROMANIAN AUCKLANDERS INCORPORATED	Fund	\$9,900.00	Community activities for Romanian Community	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau

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Ethnic Arts and Trade Foundation NZ	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Horse & Hongbao Programme -International Students Initiative	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Hillary - Tenzing Centre	Partially Fund	\$15,000.00	Hillary Tenzing Centre wellbeing and happiness day program for elderly	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
IESL NZ Chapter	Fund	\$2,700.00	Snada Pini Diya - A Sri Lankan Classical Musical Show - 2026	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
LIBYAN SOCIETY IN NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED	Partially Fund	\$3,000.00	Eid Al-Fitr Celebration 2026	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Mahamevnawa Dhamma Circle	Partially Fund	\$1,500.00	Children's day event	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
New Zealand Tamil Society Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$15,000.00	Refugee Youth & Adults Badminton and Recreation Program, Annual Sports Meet, and Tamil Language School Cultural Activities	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Zarathustrian Association of New Zealand	Partially Fund	\$2,000.00	Intercultural Dialogue Strength In Unity	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau

**Total funds disbursed: \$387,745.00**