

# Ethnic Communities Development Fund

## Successful recipients April 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>				
Access Radio Taranaki Trust	Partially Fund	\$10,000.00	Migrant Connections and Culture	Taranaki
African Communities Forum Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$20,000.00	Africa Day Festival 2026	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Bihar Jharkhand Sabha of Australia and New Zealand	Partially Fund	\$3,000.00	Holi & Community cultural Celebration	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
COLAB Community Trust	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	The Festival of Cultures	Bay of Plenty
Cultural Conversations	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Beyond the fold - South Asian Saree exhibition	Tasman- Nelson
EKTA NZ INCORPORATED	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Lunar New Year and Eid Celebrations	Wellington
Filipino Grapevine Charitable Trust	Partially Fund	\$2,500.00	Filipino Language Week 2026	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
LIBYAN SOCIETY IN NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED	Partially Fund	\$3,000.00	Eid Al Adha Celebration 2026	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Marlborough Latin American and Hispanic Community Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Marlborough Latino Market 2026	Marlborough

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'NAAD' CHARITABLE TRUST (NZ)	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Naad Music Festival 2026	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Nepalese Cultural Centre, New Zealand Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$10,000.00	9th Multi-Ethnic Dance Festival 2026	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
NEW ZEALAND BENGALI NORTH BENGAL SOCIETY INCORPORATED	Fund	\$4,000.00	Community Pahela Baishakh & Cultural Gathering	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
NEW ZEALAND SOCIAL CHARITABLE TRUST BOARD	Partially Fund	\$10,000.00	Community Wellbeing and Social Connection Programme for Ethnic Communities	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
New Zealand Tea Culture Association	Fund	\$2,000.00	Tea Sharing event	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Noor Foundation	Partially Fund	\$3,500.00	Eid-al-Noor	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
NZ Tamil Senior Citizens Association	Partially Fund	\$2,500.00	Celebration of Cultural understanding to coincide with Silver Jubilee	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Organisation of Hindu Malayalees New Zealand	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Vishu 2026	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Rainbow Chorus Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$8,000.00	Chinese Cultural Arts and Music Presentation	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Rotorua Sri Lankan Cultural Society Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Rotorua Sri Lankan Sinhala and Tamil New Year 2026	Bay of Plenty

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Sampriti Incorporated	Fund	\$4,250.00	Bengali New Year Celebration	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Sisonke Taranaki African Community	Partially Fund	\$10,000.00	Africa Day Celebrations	Taranaki
SlavFest Educational Charitable Trust	Partially Fund	\$11,877.00	SlavFest 2026	Wellington
Sounds of India Charitable Trust	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	New Zealand Sings Bollywood	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Sri Lanka Friendship Society, Waikato Inc.	Fund	\$5,000.00	Nawamini Cultural Show	Waikato
Taranaki Malayalee Association	Fund	\$5,000.00	Easter, Vishu & Eid event	Taranaki
The Nepalese Society of Wellington Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Everest Day Celebration at NZ Parliament	Wellington
Wellington Progressive Jewish Congregation Incorporated	Partially Fund	\$8,800.00	Beit Midrash & Seder 2026	Wellington

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<b>Priority 2. Ensure equitable provision of, and access to, Government services for ethnic communities</b>				
Aotearoa Refugee and Migrant Support Services	Partially Fund	\$15,000.00	Ethnic Community Integration and Social Cohesion Support Project.	Wellington
Standards and Monitoring Services Board	Partially Fund	\$13,298.00	Empowering Ethnic Communities through Disability Navigation and Inclusive Communication	Wellington

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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	\$4,200.00	Boosting Latin American Business	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Aotearoa Refugee and Migrant Support Services	Partially Fund	\$10,000.00	Ethnic Employment and Enterprise Capability Workshop Series	Wellington
Dignify Lives Charitable Trust	Partially Fund	\$15,000.00	Refugees Employment Readiness & Pathways Programme	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Pakistan New Zealand Business Council	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Aotearoa Global Connect Summit 2026	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Waitakere Indian Association	Fund	\$106,500.00	Building an Inclusive and Thriving NZ economy empowering diversity and social cohesion	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau

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<b>Priority 4. Work to connect and empower ethnic community groups</b>				
Canterbury Tamil Society	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	TAMIL NEW YEAR EVENT 2026-CANTERBURY TAMIL SOCIETY	Canterbury
Chinese Senior Citizens Health Exercise Group Inc	Partially Fund	\$10,000.00	Taichi/Qi Gong and other health exercises	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Congolese Community in Southland	Partially Fund	\$1,500.00	Celebrate togetherness, culture, tradition, and integration of the Congolese community in Aotearoa	Southland
He Waka Eke Noa Charitable Trust	Fund	\$3,665.00	'English' by Sanaz Toossi	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Japanese Family Society of Queenstown	Partially Fund	\$10,000.00	Community Learning, Wellbeing and Cultural Exchange Project	Otago
Luo Community Wellington	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Ethnic Mothers' Day Celebration 2026	Wellington
New Zealand Chinese Youth Trust	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	NZ Chinese Youth Trust 2026 April Cultural & Youth Leadership Training Holiday Programme	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Tamil Association Of New Zealand Inc	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Auckland Kari Virunthu	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau
Voice of Aroha	Partially Fund	\$10,000.00	Youth Empower Summit	Wellington
Welcome Academy Trust	Partially Fund	\$5,000.00	Support Farsi Speaker's Kids and Youth	Auckland - Tāmaki Makaurau

**Total funds disbursed: \$397,590.00**