



## The Ethnic Communities Development Fund has changed

*The fund has a new focus, and there is more funding available more often.*



### What is the new focus?

The Fund has a new purpose, and new priorities. When you apply for funding, you will need to show how your project will support the purpose and priorities.

**Purpose:** New Zealand communities are welcoming and inclusive, and ethnic communities connect and take part in society.

#### **Priorities:**

- including and welcoming ethnic diversity into our neighbourhoods
- promoting ethnic diversity and understanding – including educating New Zealanders about the contribution of ethnic communities
- developing capability and ability within ethnic communities
- encouraging participation in employment and society
- supporting our ethnic communities to thrive through the practice and celebration of culture.

### What are the other changes?

- The total funding available each year has **grown from \$520k to \$4.2 Million.**
- **The fund will remain open permanently**, and take applications throughout the year.
- **We will make decisions regularly**, and you will find out if your funding has been approved within eight weeks of applying.

### More information

*Is available on our website:*  
[ethniccommunities.govt.nz](http://ethniccommunities.govt.nz)