

Community Development Scheme 2014/15 grants to new projects

Kaitaia, Northland

Te Tai Tokerau

Far North REAP Society Incorporated

The Te Hiku Youth Initiative will be developed across the Te Hiku Region, covering Cape Reinga to the Hokianga Harbour across to Mangonui including the Karikari Peninsula. The project aims to develop integrated youth services to support rurally isolated youth in this wide geographic area. The project has involvement from iwi, recreational groups, education sector, training providers, health and pastoral care services. Planned initiatives in the first year include completing a community and stakeholder review of youth service providers, establishing a Te Hiku Youth Charter, strengthening the Youth Council, and researching best practice models.

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Far North Safer Community Council Society Incorporated

The community had identified a need for a project focused on young people not in education, training or employment. The project's goals are that; youth will be able to contribute to the community, will have a feeling of connectedness to the community, will have a belief in their future and the confidence to participate in their community. Planned initiatives in the first year include engaging and surveying youth, promoting positive youth stories in the media and community, supporting youth leaders through mentoring and improving employment and education opportunities.

Whangarei

Te Tai Tokerau

Tikipunga High School

The suburb of Tikipunga in Whangarei has identified a number of needs within its community. The project aims for all children and youth to have a sense of belonging and cultural identity, and to be able to fully participate in their community. It also aims for the community to be health conscious and a place of social connectedness. Planned initiatives in the first year include identifying resources within the community, surveying children and youth, researching mentoring programmes and exploring school food programmes. The project will focus on children from birth to 18 years, and their families. The primary schools, local high school and the local Pehiaweri Marae will be involved.

Whangarei

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One Double Five Whare Roopu Community House Trust

A community survey conducted in Otangarei in 2013 identified that addressing the needs of youth in the area was a community priority. The youth expressed a need for the opportunities to learn new skills in their own community, to feel part of the community and to be more connected to the Otangarei Marae. The project aims to build rangatahi capability, to create inspiring projects and strengthen the marae.

Planned initiatives in the first year include creating community gardens, painting a community mural, projects to beautify the community and marae-based mentoring and education programme.

Hamilton East and West

Hauraki-Waikato

Hamilton Ethnic Women's Centre

The Waikato region has approximately 79 ethnic community organisations. These organisations have identified a need to support their youth specifically around the issue of family violence. This projects aims to address the issues around identity, belonging and achievements. Planned initiatives in the first year include community meetings, leadership and mentoring projects and conflict management programmes.

Hamilton East and West

Hauraki-Waikato

Deaf Aotearoa New Zealand Incorporated

This community-led project aims to develop a strong, connected deaf community with the emergence of a number of identified projects. Planned initiatives in the first year include an asset mapping exercise for the Waikato Maori Deaf community and establishing community projects.

Hamilton East and West

Hauraki-Waikato

New Zealand Red Cross Incorporated

An increasing number of refugees are settling in the Waikato area and a focus on developing community engagement and participation is needed to ensure successful resettlement and enhanced social cohesion. The project aims to see improved community connections between the Waikato host community, including Tangata Whenua, and the refugee communities. Planned initiatives in the first year include gathering information on existing services, identifying opportunities to connect former refugee and host communities, and establishing a youth advisory group.

Raetihi, Rangitikei

Waiariki

Ngati Rangitikei Trust

The community of Raetihi has identified a need to build a self-sustaining community economic base to retain current residents, specifically the youth, and to encourage whanau and families to return home. The project aims to bring whanau/families in Raetihi rohe together and link them in with appropriate support and service expertise as well as exploring opportunities to collectively generate sustainable income through innovative economic initiatives. The project will work closely with the Ruapehu Whanau Transformation Project. Planned initiatives in the first year include researching the current situation and identifying potential business opportunities.

**Tararua, Wairarapa
Ikaroa-Rawhiti**

Tararua REAP Incorporated

The communities between Norsewood and Eketahuna in the Tararua District have the challenges of rural isolation and poor public transport networks. A number of key community organisations have worked together to establish the Tararua Collective which will be actively involved in this project. The project aims to ensure people living in this area have awareness and access to well-resourced and connected community services. Planned initiatives in the first year include conducting a stocktake of the current situation and developing action plans.

**Havelock, Kaikoura
Te Tai Tonga**

Havelock Community Association

The Havelock and Pelorus Sound communities are focused on coordination between organisations working in the area to make projects sustainable. The project aims to build a sustainable community framework that is accessible to all and will promote community cohesion, cooperation, collaboration, capability and sustainability. Planned initiatives in the first year include creating a local communications plan, conducting a community asset mapping exercise and creating a community brand.

**West Coast-Tasman
Te Tai Tonga**

Kumara Residents Trust

The Kumara and Ross communities have come together to change negative perception in their communities. With the support of the wider Chinese community, they have created a Chinese garden dedicated to Chinese miners who worked in the area during the gold rush. The success of this project has been the start of the communities working together and this project aims to increase this engagement and activities. Planned initiatives in the first year include asset mapping of the two West Coast communities, developing a shared virtual space and developing a community garden.

**Green Island, Dunedin South
Te Tai Tonga**

Presbyterian Support Otago

The Green Island community of Dunedin has recognised that there is a need for activities for its young people. A group of local community members has established The Greater Green Island Community Network with the vision for a well-connected thriving community that works together to solve local problems. Planned initiatives in the first year include supporting relationship building between neighbours, creating a community logo and community directory, and working with businesses to encourage other retailers into the area.