



COVID-19 Community Fund

Helping women and girls in Aotearoa through a time of crisis



Manatū Wāhine
Ministry for Women

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Overview

Total funding: \$2 million in Budget 2020

Organisations funded: 155

Median grant: \$10,000

Lowest grant: \$5,000. Highest grant: \$40,000.

Purpose: to help NZ NGOs and community organisations that serve women and girls, and experienced increased demand or reduced funding due to the pandemic.

Manatū Wāhine received reports from organisations

Some examples are highlighted on the next page.

The initiatives included poverty relief, mental health support, helping women learn to drive, and family and sexual violence services.

- 34** organisations supported women with mental health and wellbeing.
- 26** organisations needed support due to an increase in family/sexual violence.
- 7** organisations provided increased financial support for their clients.
- 1** organisation supported young people from the Rainbow community.
- 33** organisations targeted support to Wāhine Māori or Pasifika women.
- 9** organisations supported women and girls to participate in sports.
- 3** organisations supported disabled women and women caring for disabled children.
- 4** organisations provided targeted support for homeless women.

We funded organisations across Aotearoa



Profiles of organisations funded



In **Te Tai Tokerau**, the Kete Mātauranga Trust held restorative taiao wānanga to enhance the health and wellbeing of kōtiro. Learning tūpuna mātauranga empowered them with greater resilience to deal with COVID-19 challenges.



The Tuvalu **Auckland** Community Trust held four events for women to discuss issues important to the community, establish wider community networks, and build trust to encourage strong relationships between Tuvaluan women.



Wera Aotearoa Charitable Trust in the **Bay of Plenty** provided Welcome Home Packs to wāhine who have secured houses. These packs removed financial barriers, making women less vulnerable.



In **Hawke's Bay**, the Citizens Advice Bureau Napier facilitated a Well Women's group to build contacts within the community, and give the women a safe place to discuss their concerns about living and working in New Zealand.

In **Tairāwhiti**, Wairoa Financial Literacy provided local community education by including understanding of papakainga and Kāinga Ora, and growing kai.

In **Waikato**, the Whangamatā Community Services Trust provided hundreds of young women with hygiene packs during lockdown.

In **Manawatū**, the Living Well Counselling Centre provided early intervention and client-centred care to women through low-cost or free counselling.



In **Wellington**, the ChangeMakers Resettlement Forum maintained driving lessons for migrant women after facing a shortfall in valuable volunteers., which increased their ability to provide safety for their families.



In **Marlborough** the Māori Women's Welfare League of Blenheim supported struggling whānau by holding activities and positive life experiences for rangatahi, providing opportunities to build good relationships with their peers.

In **Tasman** the Nelson Women's Centre employed a co-ordinator to manage a team of counsellors coping with increased demand from vulnerable women and girls.

In **Canterbury**, Zeal Education Trust supported Rainbow mentoring groups, allowing young women to access support speedily.

In **Otago** Stopping Violence Dunedin facilitated two additional group therapy programmes for women, and extended their creative art programme for youth affected by whānau violence.



In the **West Coast**, WestREAP started a support group for isolated new or expectant parents, including maternity classes and learning for young kids.



Waihōpai Rūnaka maintained a Women's Tikanga Programme in **Southland**, providing a safety net for women to share their experiences of family violence, and form special relationships with each other
