# COVID-19 Community Fund 2021: Summary Report - text only version

Helping women and girls in Aotearoa through a time of crisis.

## Disclaimer information:

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## Overview:

* Purpose: to support community organisations in Aotearoa that serve women and girls, and that were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
* 159 organisations funded.
* 33,000 individuals or whānau received support (estimated by Ministry for Women based on combined recipient feedback).
* Total funding: $2 million.
* Grant range: $5,000 to $25,000
* Median grant: $10,000.

## Background:

In September 2021, the COVID-19 Ministerial Group agreed to establish a $2 million COVID-19 Community Fund to be administered by the Ministry for Women.

This summary report is based upon the findings from 137 reports from the 2021 recipients. Some reports have been extended due to the services still being delivered and some reports are overdue.

This was the second COVID-19 Community Fund administered by the Ministry for Women. The $2 million 2020 Fund supported 155 organisations. A summary report for the 2020 Fund is available of the Ministry for Women website.

This is the final report of the COVID-19 Community Fund and there are no current plans to hold another funding round.

## Services delivered:

* 49 provided mental health supports.
* 46 provided food.
* 33 provided essential items (clothing, fuel, baby supplies, period products).
* 29 provided family violence, sexual harm and Intimate Partner Violence support.
* 28 provided skills and education supports.
* 13 provided health services.
* 9 provided housing supports.

Note: most organisations used the funding for more than one project, so these numbers add to more than 159.

## Aroha across the motu:

* Te Tai Tokerau: 11 organisations received $172,480
* Auckland: 61 organisations received $714,700
* Waikato: 6 organisations received $70,000
* Bay of Plenty: 6 organisations received $80,000
* Hawke's Bay: 1 organisation received $10,000
* Taranaki: 1 organisation received $10,000
* Manawatu: 6 organisations received $82,000
* Wellington: 21 organisations received $300,000
* Nelson - Tasman: 3 organisations received $37,000
* West Coast: 1 organisation received $5,000
* Marlborough: 2 organisations received $16,000
* Canterbury: 18 organisations received $235,400
* Otago: 10 organisations received $93,750
* Southland: 2 organisations received $25,000
* Nationwide: 10 organisations received $101,000\*

*\*Note: they delivered services across multiple/all regions.*

## Mahi in action:

### Quotes from recipients:

* “The Community Fund has literally meant that our women, as well as being supplied with safe accommodation for themselves and their tamariki, have continued to be supported… by our social workers, tenancy manager, onsite house managers, frontline administration, and management staff… Without your funding… we would struggle to maintain even basic property expenses such as cleaning and waste; electricity, gas and heating; rates and insurances.” - Tai Tokerau Emergency Housing Charitable Trust.
* "This mama was young and really had no idea about the things needed for a new baby. This box enabled her to see what was needed and have her and her baby a good head start." - Babystart, Auckland.
* “I am safe. I am so happy. I am not scared of him anymore. I have reconnected with my…daughter My…business is ready to start up again and I have work lined up. I’m discovering ME again. It’s been so long since I have felt this strong.” - Kindred Family Services, Auckland.
* "Since the end of last year, I have experienced the most challenging time in my life… I am a migrant in NZ and don't have a family member who could support me… My counsellor is a migrant and my ethnic culture background, I found she had deep understandings my values, culture and practices… My heart just keeps thanking her. She literally saved my life". - Diversity Counselling New Zealand, Waikato.
* “I installed an alarm for because I had serious concerns. The next day her partner broke in and she believes he was there to kill her. She said, ‘You saved my life by having that alarm in there.’” - Aviva, Canterbury.
* “14 years old, working with Oranga Tamariki… She struggles with trauma and was also severely bullied… and didn't leave the house for 18 months… While mentoring, she has become more engaged with school... working towards gaining her NCEA Level 1. She has obtained part-time employment and is thriving.” - Kahu Youth Trust, Otago.

### Examples of supports funded:

* Society of St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies Auckland) provided fresh kai to families in produce boxes. Youth workers became fully certified hoist operators and food procurement and hub team leaders.
* E Tipu E Rea Whānau Services, Auckland, helped young mothers get driver licences.
* Mummys in Need, Auckland, provided baby essentials and support to mums facing hardship.
* Congregational Christian Church Of Samoa Peteleema Fou Trust Board, Auckland, provided sewing skills in an employment and community building programme.
* Taulanga U, Auckland, provided health and hygiene items to 200 women.
* Diamonds in the Rough, Waikato, supported young mums.
* Central Lakes Family Services, Otago, provided services to new and expectant mothers.
* Palmerston North P.A.C.I.F.I.C.A Inc ran health and employment workshops.
* Hutt City New Life Trust staff provided mental health and abuse supports in Wellington.
* Methodist Women's Fellowship, Wellington District, organised food boxes for refuges.