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Welcome to the fourteenth edition of Funding News – the newsletter for community organisations funded by the Ministry of Social Development.

In this edition we:

- update you on the work of the Community Response Forums
- tell you about the 2011 Break-Away School Holiday programmes
- announce the recipients of the Community Response Fund grants for round five
- remind you that Round Six closes 25 February 2011 and the new streamlined application forms are now online
- introduce the Code of Funding Practice
- update you on the new Contract Mapping website which will improve access to funding information.

WISHING YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES HAPPY SUMMER HOLIDAYS

This year has been a difficult year for many New Zealanders. Disasters and wars overseas have been matched with our own challenges such as the recession, the Canterbury Earthquake, the Southland/Otago snowstorm, and the Pike River Mine explosions.

At the same time, Kiwis all over New Zealand have risen to the challenge and shown their strength and resilience in the face of adversity. Our country is fortunate to have good people and organisations, like yours, working tirelessly for others in the community so that they, too, can cope when times are bad.

As we approach the holiday season we would like to acknowledge, and thank you for the great work you do for families in your community.

You help make New Zealand a place where families can thrive.

We look forward to working with you in 2011.

Have a wonderful and well-deserved summer break.

***From all of us here at the
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COMMUNITY GROUPS GET \$7.5 MILLION

Social Development Minister Paula Bennett has approved funding for 131 community organisations through the Community Response Fund.

More than \$7.5 million has been allocated in this fifth round of the CRF.

“We created this fund to help organisations keep delivering services to families through tough financial times,” said Minister Bennett.

“Since June last year, we’ve put \$41 million into 779 community organisations and it’s helped keep many afloat,” says Ms Bennett.

A special round of the CRF was also added by Minister Bennett for Canterbury social service providers following the earthquake in September.

“This Fund also encourages social service organisations to think outside the square, to get smart and innovative,” says Ms Bennett.

“Providers applying for funding under the innovation category increased from two in round one to 44 in round five,” she said.

“Organisations understand we’re all operating in a tough fiscal environment and they’re devising ways to work smarter with less,” says Ms Bennett.

Applications for Round Six of the Community Response Fund opened on **Monday 13 September** and will close at **5pm on 25 February 2010**.

This will be the last round of the Community Response Fund. Application forms can be downloaded from **www.familyservices.govt.nz**.

COMMUNITY RESPONSE FORUMS GET DOWN TO BUSINESS

The transformation of the way community-based social services are planned and delivered is well underway with Community Response Forums wasting no time getting down to business.

Forums are part of Government’s new approach to funding social services and takes the planning of family support services closer to the community.

All 14 Forums have been through an orientation process. The next step is actively consulting with their communities and gathering and building on existing information. This will help them develop Community Funding Plans in each territorial authority area. These plans will set out the priorities and goals for social support for families in their local communities.

Once approved by the Minister, the Community Funding Plans will then become part of the Ministry of Social Development’s 2011/2012 Funding Plan which is implemented by MSD funding and contracting staff.

Forums are located in Northland, Auckland North, Auckland West, Auckland Central, Auckland South, Waikato/Coromandel, Bay of Plenty, Taranaki/Whanganui, Hawke’s Bay/East Coast, Palmerston North/Manawatu, Wellington, Nelson/Marlborough/West Coast, Canterbury and Otago/Southland.

Contact details for individual Forums and more information about them is available on the Family and Community Services website: **www.familyservices.govt.nz**

BREAK-AWAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES EXPANDED IN ITS SECOND YEAR

Thousands of young people from around the country are set to benefit from a broad range of government funded Break-Away School Holiday Programmes as the second year gets underway this December.

More than 60 community organisations will run 30,000 one-week programmes for 11–17 year olds during the December/January and April school holidays.

The programmes will be located in areas where there are limited holiday activities for young people. They're designed for the communities they operate in and they encourage young people to reach their full potential. Additional programmes in Canterbury have also been offered to further help communities affected by the recent earthquake and aftershocks.

Following a successful roll-out around the Auckland and Far North regions last summer, the popular programmes are now being expanded to other parts of the country including; Gisborne, Hastings, Napier, Wairoa, Tauranga, Whakatane, Opotiki, South Waikato, Rotorua, Taupo, Tararua, Whanganui, New Plymouth, Porirua, Lower Hutt, Upper Hutt, Greymouth, Christchurch and Dunedin.

Activities on offer will include sport, hip hop dancing, kapa haka, horse riding, kayaking, video making, arts and crafts, drama and games.

For more information about the Break-Away School Holiday Programmes visit www.familyservices.govt.nz.

NEW CODE OF FUNDING PRACTICE

A new Code of Funding Practice was launched by the Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector, Hon Tariana Turia, on 1 October 2010.

The Code will assist government agencies and community organisations build better funding arrangements through working together to address issues such as managing risk and negotiations, high compliance costs, accountability, shared outcomes, monitoring and reporting.

The Code of Funding Practice complements the Treasury Contracting Guidelines and the Office of the Auditor-General's guides for managing funding arrangements.

It was developed by the Office for the Community and Voluntary Sector (OCVS) during 2010 with extensive input from both non-government and government sectors, and the public. It sets out seven core principles and 22 key standards that may be used in funding arrangements.

Family and Community Services is seeking to ensure all its funding and contracting is consistent with this new Code. Community organisations will have an opportunity to comment on our progress in the next Family and Community Services Provider Perception Survey in the first part of 2011.

For more information about the new Code go to: www.msd.govt.nz/what-we-can-do/community/good-practice-funding/index.html.

THE FUNDING CODES

- Code 1:** Respect
- Code 2:** Cultural context
- Code 3:** Transparency
- Code 4:** Open communication
- Code 5:** Flexibility and innovation
- Code 6:** Integrity
- Code 7:** Accountability

CONTRACT MAPPING WEBSITE LAUNCHES

A new website that provides easy access to information about the social services that government funds in the community was launched by Social Development Minister Paula Bennett in Wellington on 14 December 2010.

Minister Bennett said that the purpose of the website was to be as open and transparent as possible about what government funds.

“This will improve government accountability about the social services we contract to support people and families in the community,” she said.

The website shows the location of service providers, details about the services they’re contracted to provide, contract volumes and how much funding they receive. The information comes from MSD’s funding and contracting systems and will be updated monthly.

Initially the site will only show information on contracts for social services with the Ministry of Social Development, but other government agencies will add their data over the next few months.

Visit the website at
www.contractmapping.govt.nz.

If you have any enquiries about the Contract Mapping website you can talk to your local funding and contracting manager or email info@contractmapping.govt.nz.

NEW STREAMLINED FORM MAKES IT EASIER TO APPLY

A new form available for the Community Response Fund’s sixth funding round makes it easier for community organisations requesting grants under \$15,000 to apply.

Stefan Weir, Funded Programmes and Initiatives Manager at Family and Community Services, said that the new form did not require community organisations applying for a low-value grant to submit a lot of information with their application to show they meet the criteria.

“Community organisations requesting a grant under \$15,000 still have to confirm they can meet the Fund’s criteria, but they only have to submit evidence of this upon request of the panels,” he said.

Applicants applying for a grant over \$15,000 still have to submit all documentation as per usual.

There are now two application forms available on www.familyservices.govt.nz as follows:

Application Form One grants under \$15,000
Application Form Two grants over \$15,000

Applications for Round Six – the final round of the Community Response Fund – need to be posted to the Ministry of Social Development by 5pm, 25 February 2011.

More information about the Community Response Fund is available on **www.familyservices.govt.nz**.

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