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Welcome to the 17th issue of *Funding News* – the newsletter for community organisations funded by the Ministry of Social Development.

In this issue we tell you about:

- the opening of Round Seven of the Community Response Fund
- the successful applicants to the Family-Centred Services Fund
- the Break-Away School Holiday application process for 2011/2012
- how we are supporting social services in Canterbury
- projects funded under the Making a Difference Campaign projects
- progress with the implementation of the Code of Funding Practice
- the closing dates for the SKIP LIF Fund summer grants
- increased funding for children in care
- successful applicants to the Fresh Start Innovation Fund.

COMMUNITY RESPONSE FUND EXTENDED FOR ONE MORE YEAR

The Community Response Fund has been extended for a further year with \$25 million available in three funding rounds in 2011/2012.

Applications for the next round, which will be Round Seven of the Fund, will open on 1 July and close 29 July 2011.

Social Development Minister Paula Bennett said that the funding boost to the community sector recognises that the effects of the recession are still being felt.

“We recognise grassroots social services are carrying a heavy workload and this funding will go a long way to relieving that pressure,” she says.

The Community Response Fund (CRF) was established in May 2009 to help local social services deal with increased demand and cost pressures as a result of the recession.

In its first two years, \$55 million has been paid out of this Fund to support more than 694 organisations as they battle the affects of the recession.



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“About \$8 million will be available for each of the three funding rounds throughout the 2011/2012 year,” Ms Bennett says.

“This funding is a further acknowledgement of the vital role social service providers play and confirms that this Government is backing them.”

Application forms and more information will be available from 1 July on **www.familyservices.govt.nz**

FAMILIES GET MORE DIRECT HELP FROM NEW FAMILY VIOLENCE FUND

Community organisations directly responding to the needs of families and whānau experiencing family violence received most of the funding under the Family Centred Services Fund, announced by Associate Minister for Social Development and Employment, Tariana Turia, on 14 June 2011.

Minister Turia said that in the 2011/2012 year, more than \$9.250 million will go to frontline services directly working with families and whānau. This includes services funded under the previous Family Violence Whānau Ora Fund.

Another \$2.641 million has been approved for co-ordination services that bring together organisations that work with families experiencing family violence and \$0.664 million approved for both direct and co-ordination services.

The remainder of the Fund (\$0.780 million) is currently unallocated. We will be targeting areas of high need and address gaps in service provision.

One hundred and sixty-six applications are approved under the Fund. Of these, 121 are for direct services, 35 are for service co-ordination and 10 are for both. This is on top of the 25 organisations already funded under the previous Family Violence Whānau Ora Fund – which was rolled into the new Fund.

A complete list of organisations funded under the Family-Centred Services Fund is available on www.familyservices.govt.nz

BREAK-AWAY TO RUN FOR THIRD YEAR

Applications to deliver the Break-Away School Holiday Programme in the summer and Easter school holidays will open on 1 August 2011.

Government provides \$3 million each year to fund 30,000 one-week placements for children to attend the programmes.

This will be the third year the Break-Away School Holiday programmes will run and Family and Community Services are looking for community-based providers to deliver this programme in the following targeted areas: Northland, Auckland, Gisborne, Hastings, Napier, Wairoa, Tauranga, Whakatane, Opotiki, South Waikato, Rotorua, Taupo, Tararua, Whanganui, New Plymouth, Porirua, Lower Hutt, Upper Hutt, Greymouth, Christchurch and Dunedin.

Applications open 1 August and will close Friday 26 August at 5pm.

More information about Break-Away and applications forms will be available at www.familyservices.govt.nz on 1 August 2011.

MORE SUPPORT FOR CANTERBURY FAMILIES

Canterbury social services will get more support with an extra \$10 million being allocated in the 2011/2012 year to help Cantabrians rebuild their lives and communities after the earthquakes, Social Development Minister Paula Bennett says.

“This funding will go to local agencies to support Canterbury families as they deal with the impact of the earthquakes and move forward.”

A portion of this funding will also be allocated to extend the Canterbury Earthquake Community Response Fund to support additional community-based services for those affected by the earthquakes.

Under this Fund, which opened in response to the September 2011 earthquake, \$7.2 million has been given to more than 290 providers so far.

A further \$2.8 million has been paid to 11 providers for counselling.

The cash injection will support counselling services, assist non-government organisations’ case management, co-ordinate services for families and support additional community-based services for those affected by the earthquakes.

“We’re effectively extending the Government support provided to community-based social services after last year’s earthquake,” Ms Bennett says.

“It is important to have well co-ordinated services on the ground as Christchurch recovers and the Government is committed to making this happen.

“Non-government agencies like Relationship Services provided essential help after the earthquakes and they are still needed, so we’re continuing to support them.”

The \$10 million in support will be drawn from funding set aside for the Community Response Contingency.

Applications to the Canterbury Earthquake Community Response Fund can be accessed on www.familyservices.govt.nz

CODE OF FUNDING PRACTICE UPDATE

Good progress has been made to bring the new Code of Funding Practice alive, with Family and Community Services working together with community organisations to make it a living document.

This voluntary code focuses on how best to develop strong relationships between government funders and non-profit organisations when using public funds to benefit families, whānau and communities.

It aims to ensure compliance and reporting requirements are relevant and kept to a minimum.

There are seven core codes and these promote the importance of respect, cultural context, transparency, open communication, flexibility and innovation, integrity and accountability. They are supported by 22 key standards and a range of success indicators that can be used in funding arrangements.

Alasdair Finnie, Deputy Chief Executive Advisor in Family and Community Services, has been leading the project to integrate the Code in the funding and contracting work of Family and Community Services.

“Since the project started late last year we’ve been spreading the message about the Code and encouraging good practice. It has been exciting to see how keen people are to make the Code a part of their everyday practice.”

Recent examples of the Code in practice include:

Communication: FACS staff in Central South went the extra mile providing an unplanned, impromptu practical briefing on the Community Response Fund and High Trust Contracting at the 2011 SuperGrans Aotearoa Conference.

Flexibility and innovation: FACS Northern, the Franklin Family Support and Huakina Development Trust Board worked together to develop a new contract to deliver an Early Years Service Hub to families in the wider Franklin area.

Respect: New resources for SKIP were developed by FACS working closely with Plunket.

Read more about the Code and what Family and Community Services is doing at www.familyservices.govt.nz

CRM FORUMS DELIVER COMMUNITY REPORTS

A number of the Community Response Forums have produced first drafts of their Community Plans.

The Forums were charged by Social Development Minister Bennett to talk to people in their communities and come up with a plan to better meet the needs of families in their area.

These first drafts are a good indication that the Forums are on the right path. They show the hard work and commitment of the local people that sit on the Forums. They are also a good indication of the final plans to come.

Many people have been asking about the Quality Services and Innovation Fund. This is not a Fund people can apply to. It is for each Forum to decide how best this Fund can be used to improve the capacity and capability of those providing services and supports for families in their communities.

More information about the Community Response Forums and some of the draft reports are available on www.communityresponse.org.nz

SEVEN PROJECTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO DISABLED PEOPLE

The Making a Difference Fund builds on the work already underway in the community to improve the way people think and act towards disabled people.

The first round of the Fund closed on 28 February 2011 with seven applications funded.

The successful projects include an organisation that uses social art as a way to build a more inclusive community, a city council that is developing resources to improve customer service for disabled people and a project to raise awareness of the value of the NZ Sign Language.

A further funding round will be announced in the second half of 2011.

A full list of the projects being funded can be found on www.familyservices.govt.nz

SKIP LIF FUND NOW OPEN FOR SUMMER

Applications for the SKIP Local Initiatives Fund (LIF) summer funding round for 2011/2012 are now open and will close on 12 August.

The SKIP (LIF) helps communities explore innovative ways of connecting parents of 0–5-year-olds with positive parenting ideas and strategies.

Successful initiatives develop and trial ways of reaching parents who would not normally access positive parenting support.

SKIP Manager Lorraine Tarrant says this round they are hoping to fund between six and 15 grants of up to \$15,000 (excluding GST) this round.

“We will consider all projects that meet the criteria but we are specially interested in ideas to get even more dads into positive parenting,” she said.

More information about the SKIP LIF Fund can be found on www.skip.org.nz

MORE FUNDING FOR CHILDREN IN CARE

Social Development Minister Paula Bennett has announced \$43.7 million for services for children in care as part of the Government's focus on children.

"My heart sings when I think about the massive investment we are putting into some of our most vulnerable children," says Ms Bennett.

"Our youth justice system and jails contain individuals who were abused and neglected as children, so putting resources into this vulnerable group is vital."

"Historically a child in state care is 17 times more likely to end up in jail, costing taxpayers \$90,000 a year, so let's do all we can to avoid that."

Children come into care because of abuse or neglect and often have a range of health and behavioural issues as a result, which haven't been addressed.

The \$43.7 million investment over four years goes into four distinct areas:

- Extra Gateway Health and Education Assessments \$15.324 million
- Mental Health Services for Children in Care \$14.513 million
- Early Childhood Education for Children in Care \$11.467 million
- Parenting Support Services for Foster Carers \$2.400 million

There are around 4,400 children in care at any one time and others that are in a Home for Life who will be eligible for these initiatives.

"We know about 41% of children coming into State care have mental health issues and 65% have severe behavioural issues and up until now just 7% got specialist help, so that's about to change," says Ms Bennett.

Mental health services costing \$14,300 per child will go to 1,775 children.

A recent study found 88% of children in care have unidentified health issues.

"We're not just talking about a sore throat, but often complex health needs which must be addressed," says Ms Bennett.

Around 4,200 children will get health assessments, costing \$900 each.

All children in care aged between 18 months and three years will also get ECE places every year. The Ministry of Education's free 20 hours ECE becomes available to all children when they turn three.

Parenting Support Services for foster and whānau carers will provide help for parents struggling with behaviour problems.

"This Government's spending \$130 million on children in care in total, up from \$74 million a decade ago."

"This illustrates our focus on helping these young people who haven't had the best start in life, but need every bit of help if we want them to succeed," says Ms Bennett.

FUNDING FOR LOCAL SOLUTIONS TO YOUTH OFFENDING

Innovative programmes aimed at reducing youth offending have been awarded \$730,000 says Social Development Minister Paula Bennett.

The third round of the Fresh Start Innovation Fund has been awarded to nine community providers with a history of working with youth.

“This funding will help community organisations try and change some of the behaviours of young people at risk of getting into more serious trouble,” says Ms Bennett.

“A key focus of the Fund is also to address the high numbers of young Māori within the youth justice system.”

Successful programmes range from tikanga Māori based programmes in Horowhenua, Hutt Valley and Taupo, to a programme in Invercargill that works with the whole family to deal with difficult, at-risk youth.

There were no applications from the Christchurch region, which is probably due to the focus on the earthquake and continuing aftershocks.

“Canterbury based providers will be given the opportunity to apply for some of the \$570,000 that remains unallocated from the third round.”

This additional round will open in July this year and applications for the 2012/2013 funding period will open early next year

So far, 34 programme providers have received almost \$3 million from the Innovation Fund, which is part of the Fresh Start youth justice initiatives introduced last February.

FELLOWSHIP IN YOUTH HEALTH LEADERSHIP

Youth researchers and practitioners with strong leadership skills are being invited to apply for a Fellowship in Youth Health Leadership offered by The Vodafone New Zealand Foundation in association with SYHPANZ (Society of Youth Health Professionals Aotearoa New Zealand).

The fellowship, worth \$90,000 over a 12 month period, has been established for promising mid-career researchers or practitioners with proven leadership in the youth sector to complete study, research or undertake a sabbatical.

Vodafone Foundation Chair, Michael Stanley says the Foundation’s vision is to promote the health and wellbeing of young New Zealanders.

“Youth are our future and we believe developing the leadership skills of those working in the youth health sector is critical to realising this vision,” he says.

“This is a unique career opportunity for a specialist working within this important field and we strongly urge people to apply.”

More information can be found on www.syphanz.co.nz

WHĀNAU ORA INTEGRATED CONTRACT IN HAWKES BAY IS A FIRST.

In early June, the Hawke's Bay Māori health provider Te Kupenga Hauora Ahuriri signed the first integrated contract for a Māori health provider organisation in a Whānau Ora collective.

Four contracts for services held by Te Kupenga Hauora Ahuriri: two from Ministry of Social Development and two from Ministry of Health were rolled into one integrated contract.

Iria Pene, Integrated Contracts Manager for the Ministry of Social Development said that the integrated contract process brings together multiple contracts with one service provider across government into one joined up – outcome focussed agreement.

“It is a simple process that makes a lot of sense,” she said.

“It involves all parties sitting down together and working through the issues – what they want to achieve and how this will be measured. It also helps strengthen the relationship between agencies and funders and helps them to work in more joined up ways.”

“The Whānau Ora approach is a perfect vehicle for an integrated contract because it aims to deliver joined up holistic services to whānau who need them.”

The Whānau Ora integrated contracts use the Ministry of Social Development's results-based accountability framework. Providers and funders agree to outcomes measures and a service approach that delivers holistically to whānau.

Having a three-year integrated contract means Te Kupenga Hauora Ahuriri are able to spend more time on service development and improving how they tailor their services to meet whānau needs. The contract is set up so they can determine for themselves the best way to achieve the agreed RBA results for whānau. The three way conversations required to set-up the contract means MSD and Health, as funders, get a better understanding about what the organisation is being asked to do across the board.

The Napier-based, Te Kupenga Hauora Ahuriri has several Hawke's Bay-wide contracts – Aukati Kai Paipa (smoking cessation), Kia Piki o te Ora (all age suicide prevention and health promotion) breast and cervical screening support and outreach immunisation services. It also runs a primary health care mobile nursing service where a registered nurse visits people in their homes, healthy lifestyle coaching, and dental health/school-based nursing. It has about 40 staff, 30 of whom are in the frontline working in the community.

For more information about Integrated Contracts visit www.familyservices.govt.nz

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