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Dear

On 22 September 2020, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *Are you able to advise what extent of funding has been allocated to Canterbury / Christchurch (via the respective application processes)? (for the following providers)*
 - *Community Capability and Resilience Fund*
 - *Building Provider Capability and Resilience Fund*
 - *Building Financial Capability*
 - *Community Food Transition Grants*
 - *Community Food Response Funding*
 - *Food Secure Communities Grants*

On 24 September 2020, you met with Social Development Manager, Denise Jackson and verbally clarified your request to the following:

- The specific amount of funding that came to Christchurch in respect of each funding stream listed below:
 - *Community Capability and Resilience Fund*
 - *Building Provider Capability and Resilience Fund*
 - *Building Financial Capability*
 - *Community Food Transition Grants*
 - *Community Food Response Funding*
 - *Food Secure Communities Grants*

Building Financial Capability Fund:

The Building Financial Capability Fund (BFC Fund) aims to help community groups and local providers to build the financial capability of their people and communities. The BFC Fund supports projects that improve the wellbeing of people, families and whānau, opportunities and life outcomes for tamariki/children and access to social and economic inclusion.

The BFC Fund was available during 2019/20 only. From 2020/21 this funding was been reprioritised to support the delivery of other Building Financial Capability products/services.

For information on BFC Fund recipients from the 2019/20 funding round see our website - <https://www.msd.govt.nz/what-we-can-do/providers/building-financial-capability/bfc-fund/index.html>

COVID Response and Recovery Funding:

The Ministry received significant funding from the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund to support communities and NGOs to continue to provide a range of social services during the response and recovery phases of COVID-19. More information on this investment can be found on the Ministry's website - <http://msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/newsroom/2020/covid-19/27m-covid-19-boost-for-some-essential-social-services.html> and <https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/newsroom/budget/2020/index.html>

Community Capability and Resilience Fund:

The Community Capability and Resilience Fund provides \$36 million (over two years) for grant funding to support communities as they rebuild and recover from COVID-19. The Community Capability and Resilience Fund opened on 1 August 2020. Priority groups for this funding are Māori, Pacific and ethnic/migrant communities, and culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) populations. As at 11 September 2020, a total of \$25,557 has been distributed to six providers based in Canterbury.

More information on this initiative is available on the Ministry's website - <https://www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/newsroom/factsheets/budget/2020/covid19-investing-in-the-resilience-and-recovery-of-communities.pdf> and <https://www.msd.govt.nz/what-we-can-do/community/community-capability-and-resilience-fund/index.html>

Building Provider Capability and Resilience Fund:

The Building Provider Capability and Resilience Fund provides \$22 million (over two years) to strengthen the organisational capability of existing Ministry funded community-based service providers to enable them to better respond to the needs of their communities. The fund will initially be targeted towards uplifting the capability of community providers with a focus on supporting Māori, Pacific and ethnic/migrant and CALD communities.

The Ministry is currently identifying providers who may benefit from this funding, invitations are being extended as providers are identified.

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Food Secure Communities

A total of \$32 million over three years has been funded for Food Secure Communities to support foodbanks, food rescue and other community food services to meet the increased demand on services and to plan for longer-term food security in their communities. The majority of this funding has been allocated across three funding pools: the Community Food Transition Grant Fund, the Community Food Response Grant Fund and Food Secure Communities Grant Fund. Following the closure of all three funding pools the Canterbury region has been allocated a total of \$1.96 million over the period June 2019 to 30 June 2022. This funding is broken down as follows:

- Community Food Transition Grant Fund – \$207,546 to support 17 Canterbury based providers to transition out of Civil Defence Emergency Management temporary funding arrangements during national lockdown
- Community Food Response Grant Fund – \$1.6 million (over two years) has been allocated to 11 Canterbury based providers to contribute towards costs while participating in building a Food Secure Community.
- Food Secure Communities Grant Fund – \$95,000 (over two years) has been allocated to five Canterbury based providers to develop and implement a plan for a Food Secure Community.

More information on this initiative is available on the Ministry's website - <https://www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/newsroom/factsheets/budget/2020/covid19-ensuring-food-secure-communities.pdf> and <https://www.msd.govt.nz/what-we-can-do/community/food-secure-communities/index.html>

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter available to the wider public. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter on the Ministry of Social Development's website. Your personal details will be deleted, and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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