



Tēnā koe

On 30 September 2021, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *Could you please provide a breakdown of the number and value (\$) of Special Needs Grants (SNGs) issued by the Wairarapa Community Link for the quarter ending 30 September 2021?*
- *Can this data please be provided per SNG category as per previous requests? (See table below)*

Please find **Table One** enclosed, which shows the number and amount granted for Special Needs Grants from the Wairarapa Service Centre for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 September 2021, broken down by need reason.

**Table One: The number and amount granted for Special Needs Grants from the Wairarapa Service Centre for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 September 2021, broken down by need reason.**

<b>Need Reason</b>	<b>Grants</b>	<b>Amount Granted</b>
Assistance during an initial stand down and/or application process	9	\$1,655.34
Bedding	6	\$1,007.98
Car Impound Fee	3	\$2,235.50
Dental Treatment	75	\$21,189.54
Drivers Licence (New and Renewal)	12	\$1,226.60
Emergency Housing	12	\$24,115.00
Emergency Medical Equipment	0	\$500.87
Emergency Medical Treatment (Fees and Prescription Charges)	9	\$975.50
Food	648	\$64,957.15
HSP Bond Grant	15	\$24,620.00
HSP Rent Arrears	12	\$13,024.00
Health Travel Costs Client Only (Non-Recoverable)	12	\$1,050.00
Health Travel Costs Client Only (Recoverable)	6	\$260.00
NET Payment	3	\$451.00

<b>Need Reason</b>	<b>Grants</b>	<b>Amount Granted</b>
Other Emergency Grants	9	\$2,732.00
Re-establishment Sole Parent (Other)	3	\$600.00
Seasonal Work Assistance	6	\$1,536.00
Steps to freedom	6	\$1,686.14
Student Allowance Transfer Grant	0	\$406.78
Transfer to NZ Super	3	\$1,173.25
Vasectomy Surgery	0	\$300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>852</b>	<b>\$165,702.65</b>

**Notes for Table One:**

- This is a count of grants not clients. A client may have multiple grants in a period.
- The amount granted may not be the same as the amount spent.
- Service centre is based on the Work and Income site where the recommending case manager for the application was based at the time of the grant.
- To protect confidentiality the Ministry of Social Development uses processes to make it difficult to identify an individual person or entity from published data.
- These data tables have had random rounding to base three applied to all cell counts in the table.
- The impact of applying random rounding is that columns and rows may not add exactly to the given column or row totals.
- The published counts will never differ by more than two counts.

More information regarding the supplementary assistance can be found at the following link:

[www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/benefit/index.html](http://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/benefit/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 and any attached documents 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](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding the number and value of Special Needs Grants issued by the Wairarapa Community link, for the quarter ending 30 September 2021, 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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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