

# ANNUAL REPORT 2023



Rangitikei farmland

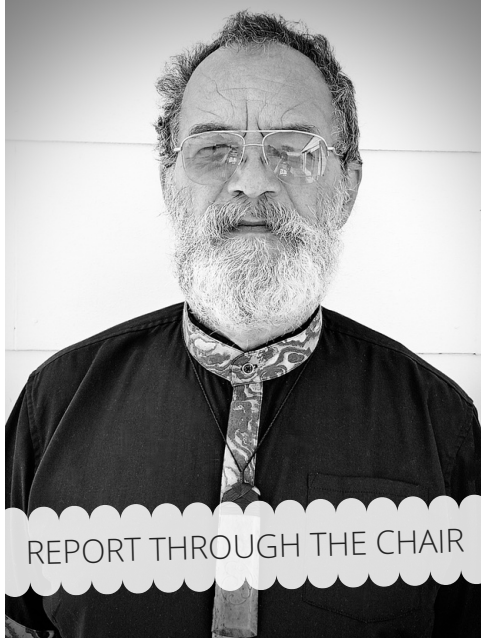




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And so this brief report opens with the words of welcome that are often heard upon our marae as our guests enter into our space. This call, known as the karanga, reminds us all of our shared origins and our place within this world. For many readers, this will be the first time that the words of encounter will be directed towards them personally so, following the tikanga of my people, welcome, welcome, thrice welcome.



DR MIKE PAKI

Again it is my privilege as Chairman to report to everyone on the operations of the Whanganui Community Foundation.

The 2022-23 year has been one of continued restructuring of our approaches across various sectors and the community as a whole. Because our rohe or region extends from the Wahapū (river mouth) of both the Rangitikei and Whanganui Rivers to Paretaitonga, one of the peaks of Ruapehu, we have continued to look for ways to support initiatives throughout our various communities.

## PERSONNEL CHANGES

The past year has also been eventful for our Foundation with some of our members moving on to 'greener pastures'. We must acknowledge Jeff Whitlock, Michael Dewhirst and Douglas Wilson and thank them for their contributions. Other members have gone off to try their hands at different activities, and we wish them well. We welcome two new trustees in Kevin Ross and Mary Bennett, adding a depth to our board as we begin to move forward. We also welcomed in Brent Hood into the fold as our Kaitiaki Pūtea or Guardian of the Purse.

## DIRECTIONS

With the changes taking place across the sector, so too changes have taken place in regards to our strategic direction as a foundation. We have continued our pledge to being 'Greener' in our support and this has led to the Foundation becoming a signatory to the Funders' Commitment on Climate Change. Another shift in philosophy is the recognition of the Tiriti o Waitangi and the partnerships envisaged and foreseen within this founding document. This shift has afforded us the opportunity to think seriously about our funding priorities. There was a brave decision made by members of the foundation to work towards ensuring that our support enables people and organisations to move forward into the future

with notions of self-development, setting goals for self-sustainability. From this bravery emerged the notion that grants whereby people and organisations can be given a 'hand up' rather than a 'hand out' will be given priority, with a focus towards those people or organisations moving from a situation of seeking monies for the "next thing on the agenda" to "future planning and provision".

We have listened to the voices of the various communities across our rohe and identified five specific areas that will be the focus of our work and funding support for the next five years; they are:

1. Equitable outcomes
2. Funding the gap
3. Community outcomes
4. Benefit to our community(ies)
5. Transformational change – enhances wellbeing

Alongside these areas are specific criteria and foci that will be to the forefront of our work as we move forward into the future:

- 1.40% of funding will be devoted and earmarked to projects that engage with and empower whānau, hapū and iwi māori, including tauiwi and taura here;
2. Initiatives that involve 'Whole of Community';
3. Initiatives that provide opportunities for employment or entrepreneurial development from within the Community.

There are new requirements to be introduced to all applicants that I am happy to announce here: What are the impacts their work is making in one of the following areas:

1. Active engagement with Whānau Māori and the local iwi in the Community? Actual participation statistics, not educated guesses;
2. Active engagement with low socio-economic sectors of the Community; this includes those within the elderly community who are often overlooked;
3. Reasons why Central Government cannot or will not pick up this area?

These new priorities will allow us to engage with and enable the Foundation to support the notions highlighted.

## **FINANCIAL POSITION**

We have been very fortunate that our financial position has been maintained despite the market volatility over the past year. We acknowledge the work done by all our financial advisors and Accountants – Craigs Investment Partners and Spooner, Hood & Redpath Ltd for their astute handling of our portfolios to ensure our level of income has not been impacted for grants. Our grants for the year ended March 2023 totalled \$1,087,570 including pledges.

# 100

GRANTS CONSIDERED  
+6 FROM 94

# 66

GRANTS APPROVED  
-1 FROM 67

# \$842.9 K

TOT GRANTS  
+5.8K FROM \$837.1K

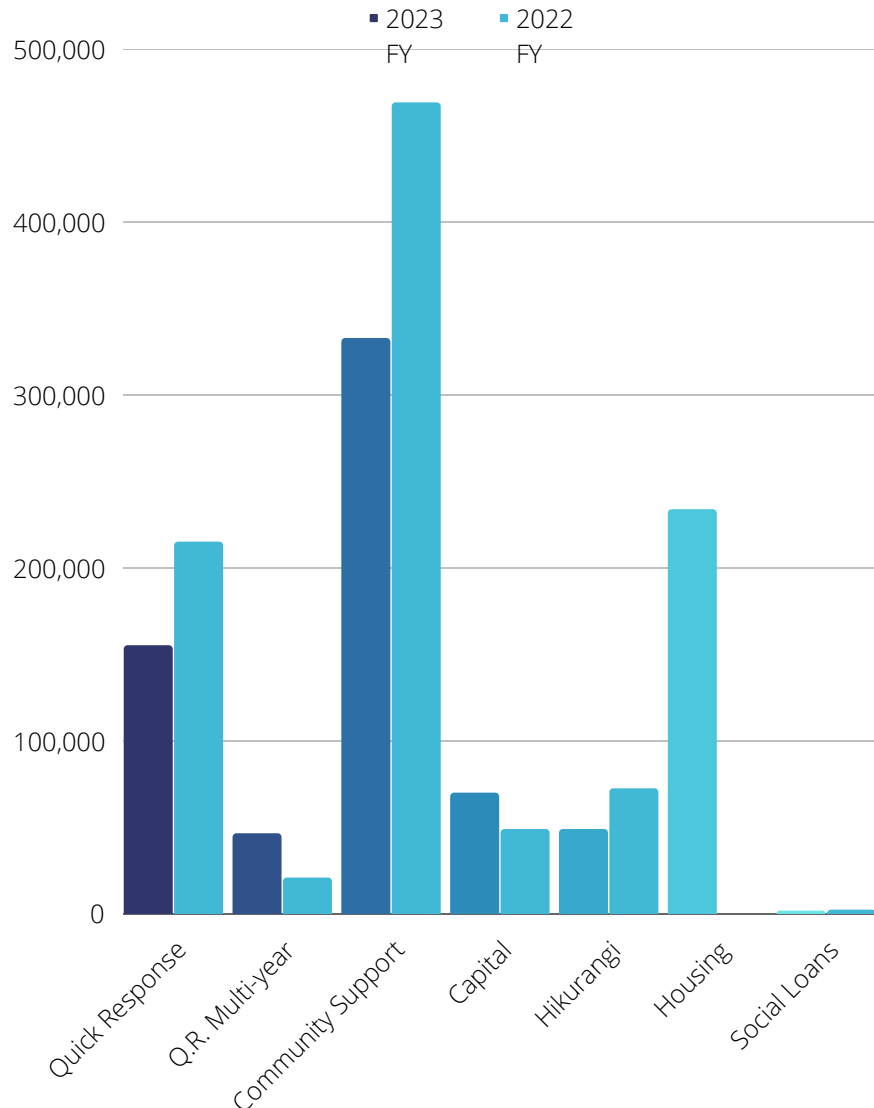
# \$50.2 M

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO  
-1.9M FROM \$52.1M

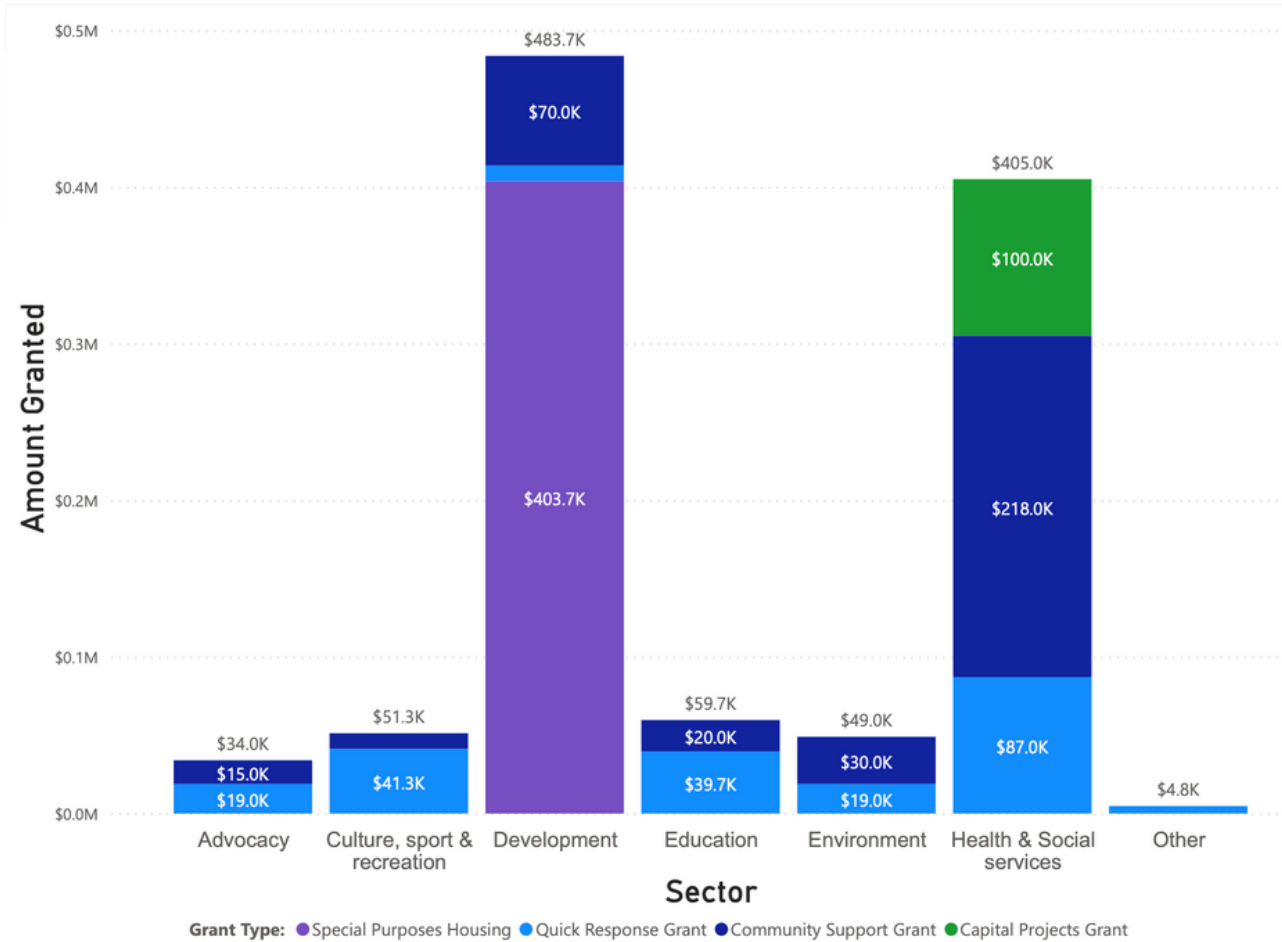
# -\$555.8K

INVESTMENT INCOME  
DOWN FROM \$752.4K SURPLUS

## GRANTS BY TYPE



## GRANTS BY COMMUNITY SECTOR



## CLOSING WORKDS PERHAPS

So, to all our Grant recipients, keep up the great work you are doing, as we say, ko koe ki tēnā, ko au ki tēnei kiwai o te kete, ka ora ai te iwi.

*By our unity of purpose, and support of our actions, we create a community that looks after each other and thrives.*

Tēnā tātou katoa

Dr. Mike Paki

Chair

Whanganui Community Foundation

# Whanganui Community Foundation Trustees

Dr Mike Paki (Chair)  
Annette Main (Deputy Chair)  
Mary Bennett  
Carla Doolan Blackburn  
Michael Dewhirst  
Rachel Hoskin  
Sally Patrick  
Kevin Ross  
John Vickers

*As at 31 March 2023*





Whanganui River

# Grantees 2022-23

## Quick Response Grants

Aphasia New Zealand (AphasiaNZ) Charitable Trust	4,000	Sustainable Whanganui Trust	5,000
ARAN Animal Rescue NZ	4,000	Taihape Playcentre	2,000
Autism New Zealand Inc	4,500	Tennis Whanganui Inc	4,000
Brain Injury Association Whanganui Inc	2,500	The Compassionate Friends Whanganui	1,000
Chamber Music Whanganui Trust	2,000	The Girl Guides Association New Zealand	6,500
Citizens Advice Bureau Whanganui *	15,000	The Hearing Association Wanganui Branch	2,000
Community Governance Aotearoa	3,200	The Marton and Surrounds ICT Hub Charitable Trust Board	6,000
Counselling Centre (Marton) Inc	10,000	The Orautoha School Board of Trustees	4,700
Dance Therapy NZ	4,000	The Scout Association of New Zealand	4,000
Epilepsy Association of New Zealand Inc *	15,000	The Wanganui Blind and Partially Blind Craft Group Inc	3,000
Heritage Food Crops Research Trust	5,000	Waimarie Operating Trust	4,000
Life Education Trust Wanganui and Districts *	16,500	Wanganui Agricultural and Pastoral Association Inc	2,217
Momentum Charitable Trust	8,000	Wanganui Multiple Sclerosis Society Inc	2,000
New Zealand Choral Federation Inc	3,000	Whanganui Creative Space	3,300
New Zealand Council Of Victim Support Groups Inc	4,000	Whanganui Cricket Association Inc	5,000
Ohakune Carrot Adventure Park	2,500	Whanganui Regional Heritage Trust Board	2,912
Para Kore Marae Inc	10,000		
Philanthropy New Zealand	1,600		
Pride Whanganui Trust	4,000		
Raetihi Community Charitable Trust - Waimarino Shears	5,000		
Raetihi Marae Trust	8,500		
Road Safety Education Limited	2,000		
Royal New Zealand Foundation Of The Blind Inc	1,000		
Sport Whanganui	3,378		
Springvale Playcentre	3,500		
Stroke Central New Zealand Inc	2,000		

\* Multi-year Quick Response grant

**Community Support Grants**

Birthright Wanganui Inc	8,000
Bulls and District Community Trust	10,000
Cancer Society Of NZ Wanganui - Rangitikei - Waimarino Inc	10,000
Community Education Whanganui Trust	15,000
Converge Trust	30,000
Family Support Services Whanganui Trust	35,000
Gabby's Starlit HOPE	10,000
Hakeke Street Community Centre	15,000
Life to the Max Trust	45,000
Presbyterian Support Central	10,000
Te Ora Hou Whanganui Inc	10,000
Te Whawhaki Trust	30,000
Volcano Vibe Collective	10,000
Wanganui Central Baptist Kindergarten & Creche Trust	10,000
Women's Network (Wanganui) Inc	15,000
Woven Rivers Trust	30,000
YMCA Central Inc	15,000
Youth Services Trust Whanganui	25,000

**Social Loans** [foregone interest]

Hockey Whanganui	1,303
Wanganui Football	512

**Hikurangi Reserve Grants**

Hearing Association Whanganui	1,043
Community Education Trust Whanganui	5,000
Bulls & Districts Community Trust	10,000
Hakeke St community Centre	5,000
Raetihi Marae Trust	1,500
Men's Shed	4,000
The Stroke Foundation of NZ Ltd	10,000
Cancer Society - Whanganui Rangitikei and Waimarino	10,000
Royal NZ Foundation of the Blind Incorporated	2,500

**Capital Grants**

Ruapehu Emergency Services Charitable Trust [pledge]	100,000
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**Special Purpose - Housing Grants**

Wai Ora Christian Community Trust	200,000
Grace Foundation Charitable Trust	33,720
TCLD Trust [pledge]	170,000



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