

## Media Advisory

In September 2025, the Dunedin City Council allocated a total of \$430,182.56 in grants from the following grant funds (*see below*)

The allocations include both DCC-funded grants, Creative Communities Scheme and Waste Minimisation grants (administered by the DCC on behalf of Creative New Zealand and the Ministry for the Environment respectively).

## Biodiversity

Grant Recipient	Purpose of Grant	Amount Allocated
Spingwater Ag.	Support contractor expenses for plant maintenances, willow control, supplementary planting, and trapline servicing.	\$2,500.00
Hannah Farr	Support contractor costs for targeted gorse and pest plant control in regenerating native forest.	\$1,500.00
Horopito Adventures (Sarah Sellar)	Support contractor costs for pest plant removal and plant purchase.	\$4,000.00
Lynnaire Sheridan	Support trapping hardware purchases and contractor-led pest plant control.	\$3,800.00
Tūmai Beach Restoration Trust (Rebecca Kinaston)	Support contractor costs for site preparation, plant procurement, and supplementary planting of 1,000 natives to enhance earlier revegetation efforts.	\$4,200.00
Waitati Beach Reserve Society Incorporated	Support contractor costs for removing large pines within the covenant.	\$1,350.00
The Otago Peninsula Eco Restoration Alliance (OPERA)	Contribute to the cost of traps and bait stations to reduce predator pressure within covenant.	\$2,000.00
Blueskin Amenities Society	Support the purchase of 840 ecologically appropriate plants to revegetate a section of the Waitati Cycle Trail.	\$2,000.00
Rhys Millar	Support purchase of plants and guards for restoration of floodplain.	\$4,650.00
Sorrel O'Connell-Milne	Support purchase of plants for the revegetation of stormwater flow entering Tomahawk Lagoon.	\$1,391.03
4-Rivers (Lee Paterson)	Support purchase of 25 DOC200s to complete the property's mustelid trap network.	\$2,500.00
Pūrākaunui Block Incorporated	Support contractor costs for pest plant control on revegetated land.	\$5,000.00
David Smith	Support trap purchases, replacement batteries, and bait to expand the AT220 possum network on the property.	\$2,173.68
Zachary Noone	Support trap purchases, replacement batteries, and bait to expand the AT220 possum network on the property.	\$2,173.68

Murray Dempster	Support the purchase of 26 DOC200 and 7 DOC250 traps for installation across the property.	\$4,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$43,238.39</b>

## Community Events

Grant Recipient	Purpose of Grant	Amount Allocated
Auckland Diving Community Trust	Contribution towards pool hire, event organisation, specialist technical equipment hire and operation	\$4,150.00
Basketball Otago Incorporated	Contribution towards the delivery of Basketball at the 2026 Masters Games in Dunedin	\$400.00
Brighton Gala Experience	Contribution towards Traffic Management Plan and delivery	\$1,500.00
Disc Golf Dunedin	Contribution towards the three-day Venue Hire and port-a-loos	\$249.00
Dunedin Ice Skating Club Incorporated	Contribution towards the costs of Ice and rink hire at Dunedin Ice Stadium	\$2,650.00
Dunedin Line Dance Gala	Contribution towards venue hire at Edgar Centre and Erricks Music Venue; hire of sound technician and sound system	\$470.00
Dunedin Pool Association	Contribution towards venue hire for cue sports - pool	\$601.00
Dunedin Poultry, Pigeon & Cage Bird club Inc.	Contribution towards venue hire for the Forrester Park Pavilion	\$1,500.00
Dunedin Sri Lankan Society Inc	Contribution towards the cost of the Sri Lankan Traditional New Year festival in 2026	\$4,265.60
Dunedin Super League	Contribution towards the costs of the event	\$2,870.00
Dunedin Theatre Reviewers Collective	Contribution towards event delivery, incl venue hire, technical expenses, event management	\$1,900.00
MG Car Club Otago Southland Centre Inc.	Contribution towards Traffic Management, hire of the Edgar Centre	\$2,900.00
Otago Badminton Association	Contribution towards the event's running costs	\$1,472.20
The Piping & Dancing Assn of NZ Inc Otago Branch	Contribution towards piping competition venue	\$4,990.00
Royal New Zealand Pipe Band Association - Otago Centre Inc	Contribution towards the costs of running the Octagonal Day and Otago/Southland Pipe Band	\$4,990.00
Tennis Otago Incorporated	Contribution towards the court hire for the 2026 NZ Masters Games Tennis	\$1,252.00
Vintage Car Club of New Zealand inc, Otago Branch inc	Contribution towards costs of using the Octagon (Traffic Management) and sound system hire (in the Octagon)	\$1,815.20
Volleyball Otago	Contribution towards the venue hire, equipment, and salaries/wages	\$3,330.00
World Powerlifting New Zealand Inc	Contribution towards funding to assist in covering costs for, venue hire, marketing	\$300.00

	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$41,605.00</b>
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## Community Grants

<b>Grant Recipient</b>	<b>Purpose of Grant</b>	<b>Amount Allocated</b>
Connecting Otago Charitable Trust	A contribution towards running costs and Community Coordinator salary	\$3,000.00
Disability Information Service Inc	A contribution towards the Health and Disability Information Consultant's wages	\$3,500.00
Disabled Persons Assembly	A contribution towards overall costs	\$2,500.00
Dunedin Chinese Language & Cultural Trust	A contribution towards rent and wages	\$2,500.00
Dunedin Community Transport Trust	A Contribution towards the wages of the coordinator	\$4,000.00
Dunedin Curtain Bank Trust	A contribution towards the Manager's wages	\$4,500.00
Dunedin South Community Patrol	A contribution towards operation costs of the vehicle	\$3,000.00
East Otago Events Centre	To purchase a defibrillator for the East Otago Events Centre	\$2,500.00
Good Bitches Baking (Trust)	A contribution towards the costs of running the Dunedin programmes	\$2,500.00
Hearing Support Otago (The Hearing Association Dunedin Branch Inc)	A contribution towards the fieldworker/Education and the Administrator/Tutor's wages	\$3,500.00
Kōkōmuka Harwood Community Garden Manatopu Inc	A contribution to help set up a community garden in Kōkōmuka Harwood	\$4,000.00
Life Education Trust Heartland Otago Southland Inc	A contribution towards overall costs	\$2,000.00
Mosgiel Memorial RSA Inc	A contribution towards the Office Administrator Wages	\$2,500.00
New Zealand Riding for the Disabled Waikouaiti Group Inc (membership group)	A contribution towards the Horse Manager's wages	\$4,000.00
OneCoast Inc	A contribution towards wages	\$3,000.00
Otago Multiple Sclerosis Society	A contribution towards the salary of the Community Connector	\$4,000.00
Port Chalmers Swim Club Inc	A contribution towards the coaches wages	\$4,000.00
Portobello Volunteer Fire Brigade	A contribution towards the purchase of a first response four-wheel-drive utility with FENZ livery, associated fit-out, and garaging at the Portobello Volunteer Fire Station	\$4,000.00

Rape Crisis (Dunedin) Inc T/A Ōtepoti Communities Against Sexual Abuse (ŌCASA)	A contribution towards helping their clients access medical costs	\$3,000.00
Saddle Hill Foundation Trust	A contribution towards the running of the three community Programmes including salary	\$4,000.00
Senior-Link	Contribution towards the wages of the Activity Leader	\$4,000.00
Stopping Violence Dunedin	A contribution towards the costs of SVD's general operations and to cover the costs of the facilitators for the Neurodivergent Women's Support Group	\$3,450.00
SuperGrans SuperSkills Dunedin Charitable Trust	A contribution towards staff wages to continue supporting the community	\$3,000.00
Synergy Wellbeing Education Charitable Trust	A contribution towards wages for Hub manager	\$2,500.00
Te Kohanga Reo o Whakaari	A contribution towards costs of whānau/sports day	\$4,000.00
Taieri Fit and Fun Group	Contribution towards the rent of the fitness room	\$2,500.00
The Moray Foundation Trust (anonymous)	A contribution towards administrative services; specifically accounting services	\$3,000.00
The Royal NZ Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	A contribution towards free companion animal de-sexing vouchers for Dunedin families experiencing financial hardship	\$1,000.00
The Work Opportunities Trust	Contribution towards staff wages	\$4,000.00
Wellness Empathy Kindness Aotearoa Trust	A contribution towards the costs of the weekly support/education group sessions	\$3,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$96,450.00</b>

## Creative Communities

Grant Recipient	Purpose of Grant	Amount Allocated
Andrea Bosshard	Venue hire, various workshop materials, travel	\$2,087.00
Chelsea McRae	Personnel fees, venue hire	\$4,250.00
Christine Keller	Tutor fees	\$5,000.00
Haki Selwyn Davis	Artist fees, producer, director, playwright, dramaturg	\$3,500.00
Madison Kelly	Artist fees, archiving, documentation, travel	\$5,000.00
MayaDhara International School of Dance	Contribution to marketing and production costs	\$3,000.00
Melino, 'Ofa moe Fiefia	Workshop facilitation, venue hire, workshop materials	\$4,435.00
Moira Joy Crossman	Contribution to material transport costs	\$2,000.00
Otago Art Society Inc	Gallery staff fee, marketing costs	\$1,414.80

Ōtākou Māori Women's Welfare League	Artist fees, venue hire, materials, marketing, and travel costs	\$2,713.00
Sarah Entwistle	Artist fees, technician and equipment costs, venue hire, marketing	\$2,650.00
South Dunedin Street Art	Artist fees and materials	\$4,000.00
Southern Cancer Society Trust	Artist fees and materials	\$1,893.37
Taieri Network	Contribution to artist fees, venue hire, and materials	\$2,421.00
The Friends of the Globe Theatre	Contribution to venue hire, royalties, admin costs, tech costs, programme printing, and marketing costs	\$3,240.00
Yellow Eye Ltd	Travel, production	\$1,885.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$49,489.17</b>

### DCC Arts Grants

Grant Recipient	Purpose of Grant	Amount Allocated
Andrea Bosshard (under auspice of Strath Taieri Connect Charitable Trust)	Tutor fee	\$3,000.00
Anna and John Caselberg Charitable Trust	Contribution to artist fees and materials	\$3,500.00
Blue Oyster	Contribution to artists fee, travel and materials	\$3,500.00
Choir! Choir!	Contribution to musical director and accompanist fees	\$4,250.00
Haki Selwyn Davis (under auspice of Artsenta)	Venue hire, production, promotion	\$4,800.00
Kids Music Ōtepoti Collective (under auspice of Music Education Otago)	Contribution to artist fees, venue and equipment hire, and technical support	\$2,000.00
Otago Chinese Professionals Association	Contribution to administrative costs, performers' fees, venue hire	\$3,000.00
Otago Potters Group	Venue hire, artist fees, admin costs, marketing, and materials	\$4,000.00
Pam McKinlay (under auspice of Blue Oyster)	Contribution to artist fees, materials, marketing, venue hire and technical support	\$4,375.00
Proudly Asian Theatre (under auspice of He Waka Eke Noa Charitable Trust)	Writer, dramaturg, director and actor fees, production.	\$3,775.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$36,200.00</b>

## DCC Professional Theatre Grants

Grant Recipient	Purpose of Grant	Amount Allocated
Afterburner (under auspice of WOW! Productions)	Wānanga costs, personnel costs, venue hire for live performance	\$8,474.00
Birds of a Feather (under auspice of He Waka Eke Noa Charitable Trust)	Rehearsal fees, operator fees, marketing, rights and auspicing fee	\$15,000.00
Carol Brown Dances and Collaborations	Artist fees, venue hire	\$14,000.00
Curiouser & Curiouser (under auspice of Stage South Charitable Trust)	Production, personnel costs, and marketing	\$16,000.00
Dunedin Summer Shakespeare (under auspice of Castle Charitable Trust)	Personnel, production, admin and marketing costs	\$14,000.00
Glorious Ruins (under auspice of Stage South Charitable Trust)	Personnel Costs	\$9,826.00
Improsaurus Incorporated	Contribution to venue hire for the rehearsals and shows, artist fees, equipment hire, marketing, and photography of the shows	\$6,000.00
WOW! Productions	Personnel Costs	\$14,900.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$98,200.00</b>

## Waste Minimisation Community Grants

Grant Recipient	Purpose of Grant	Amount Allocated
BIAS Charitable Trust	To subsidise operational costs, venue hire and facilitator fees to support their Brockville Threads for Cause programme.	\$3,700.00
Dunedin Curtain Bank Trust	To subsidise wages for the Curtain Bank Coordinator's (Lead Machinist) wages.	\$4,500.00
Give to Grow Ōtepoti	To fund the purchase and install of a shed.	\$3,000.00
Habitat for Humanity Te Waipounamu (Southern)	To fund building a mattress bank, and to train two staff members in electrical testing and to purchase a portable appliance tester.	\$3,400.00
Otago Farmers Market Trust	To subsidise the running costs of the reusable cup programme at the Otago Farmers Market.	\$3,000.00
Our Food Network	To subsidise the wages of the community harvest coordinator.	\$4,500.00

SuperGrans Dunedin Charitable Trust	To subsidise operational costs, wages, and ingredients to support their Connect with Food programme.	\$4,500.00
The South Dunedin Community Network Incorporated	To fund waste minimisation initiatives at the South Dunedin Street Festival, including wages for waste education staff and marketing.	\$3,400.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>

### Waste Minimisation Commercial Grants

Grant Recipient	Purpose of Grant	Amount Allocated
Reliance Recover	To fund physical material and promotional materials	\$35,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$35,000.00</b>