

From: Grace Ockwell
To: ["Vanessa"](#)
Cc: [Paul Coffey](#)
Subject: RE: Local Government Official Information request - 479827
Date: Tuesday, 10 February 2015 03:03:34 p.m.

Dear Vanessa,

I refer to your email of Christmas Eve requesting information about grants to churches and religious groups/organisations.

Your request has been considered under the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) and the following response is provided. I have repeated your request and used your numbering to give context to our response.

Question 1: From December 2011 - present (the past three years), a breakdown of the total amount in grants given by your Council to churches and religious groups/ organisations - the name of each church/ religious group/ organisation who received a grant, the amount of each individual grant, and the reason for it being given

DCC Response: The DCC Grants [Dunedin City Council Grants Policy - Dunedin City Council](#) provides that programmes or events with a primarily religious, political or fundraising purpose do not qualify for grants.

We do however fund religious organisations that have programmes that are not religious in nature. E.g. Social work, counselling, support for food banks, educational projects.

In the November 2014 funding round, the following **Community Grants** were distributed which fall within the ambit of your first question.

Organisation	Project Name	Purpose of Grant	Amount allocated
Presbyterian Support Otago	Dunedin Buddy Programme	assistance with Coordinator's wages	\$2,700.00
Saddle Hill Foundation Trust	GroundZero/Summit pre-intervention youth work	assistance with salary for youth worker	\$2,700.00
Acts of Kindness Charitable Trust	Dunedin Community Christmas Dinner	assistance with promotion, advertising, administration costs	\$2,700.00
Methodist Mission Southern	SPAN South	assistance with salary	\$2,700.00
Methodist Mission Southern	ARAHINA - After school and holiday programme - Mosgiel	assistance with salary	\$2,700.00

There were no **Arts** or **Events Grants** within this funding round to religious groups or organisations.

By way of **Civic Partnership Grants** at the Annual Plan hearing 2014/15 the Methodist Mission received \$15,000 to assist with salaries required to provide a benefit advocate service.

Question 2 - From December 2011 - present, a breakdown of the total amount of money spent by your Council on churches - the name of the church that directly benefited from the money spent by Council, the amount of each spend, and the reason for it

DCC response: The DCC has a **Rates Relief Grants** scheme to which churches may apply.

Churches are rated at a special rate if they are used exclusively for religious purposes. If a church hall is deemed to be used for activities that are not exclusively religious they are rated as any other community hall and can apply for and receive Rates Relief. The DCC also gives rates relief if the church building is used for social community programmes

The following churches and religious organisations received funding during the 2014/15 rating period. Please note that the name of the particular church is not listed as we record the body that owns the building and pays the rates account.

Organisation	Grant Given 14/15	Activity
Dunedin Diocesan Trust Board	\$ 1,091.92	Hall
Dunedin South Presbyterian Church	\$ 2,977.80	Hall
Green Island Anglican Church	\$ 1,935.56	Hall
Knox Church	\$ 760.04	Hall
Mornington Methodist Church	\$ 1,414.59	Hall
Mosgiel Methodist Church	\$ 2,646.96	Hall
New Zealand Methodist Church - Dunedin South	\$ 1,786.68	Hall
Otago Foundation Trust Tirohanga	\$ 4,482.18	Hall
Otago Foundation Trust Tirohanga	\$ 12.12	Hall
Presbyterian Support Otago	\$ 22,123.40	Social
Presbyterian Support Services - Youth Grow	\$ 1,213.83	Social
Society of St Vincent De Paul	\$ 3,308.56	Social
South Dunedin Baptist Church	\$ 2,294.03	Hall
Roman Catholic Diocese of Dunedin	\$ 1,553.52	Social
Methodist Connect Approach	\$ 989.06	Social
Methodist Mission	\$ 632.51	Social

Question 3: From December 2011 - present, a list of all grant applications (not just from religious groups) that were declined by your Council - the name of the group/ individual/ organisation that applied, the amount of the grant they requested, the reason for their request, and the Council's reason for declining their application for a grant

DCC Response: In the November 2014 funding round, the DCC declined an application from the Blind Foundation, who requested \$5000 to assist with costs of providing local services, as the budget supplied with the application did not indicate that the projects would only proceed if DCC funding was provided. (No financial need demonstrated.)

Question 4: A breakdown of the total amount of money currently budgeted by your Council for churches and religious groups/ organisations - the name of each church/ religious group and the individual amounts budgeted, plus the reasons for those amounts being budgeted

DCC Response: There is no money currently budgeted by the DCC for churches and religious groups/organisations.

In addition to this information provided above (by way of sample), all the information you have requested is available on our website by searching the minutes for the Grants Subcommittee and the Community Assistance Subcommittee.

<http://www.dunedin.govt.nz/your-council/council-minutes>

Yours sincerely,

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Subject: Local Government Official Information request - 479827

Vanessa has submitted a LGOIMA request - 479827.

Below are the details of the request

Request details:

received by email at CSA, 23.12.14 10.35pm. See attached for email request.

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