

## Media Advisory – DCC Distributes More than \$900,000 in Grants

In July 2025, Dunedin City Council allocated a total of \$991,778.00 from its City Service, City Project, Major Community Events and Premier Events Funds.

City Service and City Project Funds support significant groups contributing to the DCC's Strategic outcomes and acting as a peak body or providing a unique service within Dunedin. Major Community Events and Premier Events contribute to the vibrancy, economy and social connection within the city. Major Community Events deliver larger events for mainly Dunedin residents, while Premier-level events have a stronger economic focus, bringing visitors into the city.

The Council continued to support core operating costs through its, including wages.

### City Service City Project

Grant Recipient	Purpose of Grant	Amount Allocated
<b>ARTS</b>		
Blue Oyster	Extend hours of Gallery Manager and provide additional funding for audience engagement and relationship development activities	\$15,000.00
City Choir Dunedin (Dunedin Choral Society)	Administrative costs, rehearsal accompanist and venue, library storage, insurance, and a Conductor's fee for November's 'Messiah'	\$15,000.00
Connections Education & Development Trust (Studio2)	Operational costs such as staff wages, rent, and utilities	\$15,000.00
Dance Ōtepoti	Contribution to the part-time salary of a General Manager	\$20,000.00
Dunedin Civic Orchestra Inc. trading as Dunedin Symphony Orchestra	Core artistic, production and administration costs	\$110,000.00
Dunedin Collaborative Theatre Trust	Rent, wages, outgoings	\$19,550.00
Dunedin Jazz Foundation	Contribution to the wages of the Dunedin Jazz Club's Director and Marketing Assistant, and Musical Director of the DYJO	\$15,000.00
Māori & Pasifika Education Trust	Contribution to the Trust's overheads, including subcontractors, meeting, administration and professional expenses	\$12,000.00
Mayfair Theatre Charitable Trust	Employment of a part time administrator and casual employment of theatre technician(s)	\$10,000.00
<b>SOCIAL WELLBEING</b>		
Age Concern Otago	To help with operational/salary costs	\$7,500.00
Citizens Advice Bureau Dunedin Inc (CAB)	To help with the Managers salary	\$20,000.00
Dunedin Budget Advisory Service Inc	Contribution towards wages and operational costs	\$10,000.00
Dunedin Community Accounting (DCA)	To help with DCA Coordinator costs and room equipment hire.	\$8,000.00
Dunedin Night Shelter Trust	To help with staff wages	\$25,000.00

Ko Ngā Rourou Manaaki	To help fund hosting two pōwhiri at Araiteuru marae	\$10,000.00
Methodist Mission Southern	To help support the rangatahi transitional housing goals	\$15,000.00
NZ Council of Victim Support Groups Inc	To help with wages for the Dunedin based Team	\$15,000.00
Our Food Network (Dunedin) Inc	To help with the wages of the project manager and the operational costs	\$12,000.00
Te Hou Ora Whānau Services Ltd	To help with operational costs	\$20,000.00
The Dunedin Community House Inc	To help with general operation overhead costs	\$25,000.00
The Hills Radio Trust	To help with the Managers salary	\$20,000.00
Te Roopu Tautoko ki te Tonga Inc.	To help pay for a coach for three sessions per week	\$9,000.00
The South Dunedin Community Network Inc	To help with the process of Participatory Action research (PAR)	\$5,050.00
Youthline Otago Inc	To help with the salary of the Counselling Coordinator	\$20,000.00
Youthline Otago Inc	To help with funding phase one of the three-year project	\$10,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$463,100.00</b>

#### Major Community Event Grants

Grant Recipient	Purpose of Grant	Amount Allocated
Dunedin Fringe Arts Trust	Personnel, marketing and production costs	\$50,000.00
Dunedin Midwinter Celebrations	Personnel and production expenses	\$37,000.00
Dunedin Wildlife Trust	Staffing and promotions and marketing	\$48,000.00
Dunedin Writers and Readers Festival Trust	Contribution to staffing, production costs and venue hire	\$20,000.00
NZ Choral Federation Inc	Contractors, equipment hire, programme design and printing	\$19,958.00
NZ Film Festival Trust	Venue Hire	\$11,000.00
Pacific Trust Otago	Towards project management, advertising and zero waste activities	\$20,000.00
Port Chalmers Seafood Festival	Expanding culinary area, eco initiatives, general event costs	\$45,000.00
South Dunedin Street Festival Steering Group	Logistical costs associated with running the event	\$13,000.00
Te Mana Āhua Ake Trust	Event production and operation costs	\$29,720.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$293,678.00</b>

### Premier Event Grants

Grant Recipient	Purpose of Grant	Amount Allocated
iD Dunedin Fashion Incorporated Society	Retention of event manager and part time staff (publicist and social media manager) in off year	\$48,000.00
New Zealand International Science Festival	Operational and Production Costs	\$68,000.00
Otago Festival of the Arts Trust	Staffing and outreach programmes	\$48,000.00
Otago Sports Car Club	To assist with overall event costs	\$68,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$232,000.00</b>