



Tēnā koe

On 28 July 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 June 2021?*
- *Can this data please be provided per SNG category as per previous requests?*

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 April 2021 to 30 June 2021 broken down by need reason.

The principles and purposes of the Act 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.

If you are not satisfied with this response, 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 or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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

Need Reason	Grants	Amount Granted
Assistance during an initial stand down and/or application process	6	\$675.32
Bedding	3	\$250.00
Car Impound Fee	6	\$3,061.99
Dental Treatment	96	\$27,782.40
Drivers Licence (New and Renewal)	21	\$1,952.40
Emergency Housing	15	\$17,565.00
Emergency Medical Equipment	9	\$1,413.79
Emergency Medical Treatment (Fees and Prescription Charges)	24	\$2,215.19
Food	522	\$52,305.68
Housing Support Products Bond Grant	12	\$16,216.00
Housing Support Products Moving Assistance	3	\$2,414.70
Housing Support Products Rent Arrears	12	\$13,703.57
Housing Support Products Tenancy Costs Cover	0	\$268.00
Health Travel Costs Client Only (Non-Recoverable and Recoverable)	15	\$1,290.00
New Employment Transition Grant	3	\$1,436.00
Other Emergency Grants	12	\$2,092.00
Seasonal Work Assistance	24	\$7,471.44
Sole Parent Study Assistance	0	\$500.00
Steps to Freedom	12	\$4,007.33
Transfer to New Zealand Superannuation	6	\$2,091.69
Water Tank Refill	0	\$400.00
Total	795	\$159,112.50

Notes for Table One:

- This is a count of grants not clients. A client may have multiple grants in a period.
- This table consists of Special Needs Grants only and does not include Advances or Recoverable Assistance Payments.
- 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.
- The following category was not provided in the breakdown list requested by the requestor however has been included as it does not fall under any other categories:
 - Housing Support Products Rent Arrears
- Categories not presented in the table received zero grants within the period stated.
- 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.