



5 May 2022

Tēnā koe

On 28 December 2021, you emailed the Ministry of Justice requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *how much funds were disbursed to the Community Builders Trust of Otago and how many leases were given to them too.*
- *I would like to have DATES AS WELL.*

On 10 January 2022, your request was transferred to the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) under section 14 of the Official Information Act, as the subject matter is more closely related to the functions of the Ministry.

On 14 February 2022, the Ministry contacted you and advised that more time was required to make a decision on your request. The reason for this extension was that consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are as such that a proper response to the request cannot be made within the original time frame. The Ministry advised you that a decision would be with you on or before 29 March 2022.

On 29 March 2022, the Ministry advised you of its decision to grant your request, and that the Ministry intended to send the information to you by 29 April 2022.

I acknowledge that this date has passed, and I sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this has caused.

Please refer to the following links for publicly available information on the grants (Community Food Transition Grants Funding and Community Food Response Grant Funding) that Community Builders Trust has received from the Ministry:

- www.msd.govt.nz/what-we-can-do/community/food-secure-communities/community-food-transition-grants.html.
- www.msd.govt.nz/what-we-can-do/community/food-secure-communities/community-food-response-funding.html.

Further, please see **Table One** below showing a breakdown of funding provided to Community Builders Trust of Otara through the Emergency Food Grant (COVID-19 Delta Funding) between August 2021 to December 2021, and **Table Two** showing a breakdown of funding provided to Community Builders Trust of Otara through the Community Food Response Grant (CFR) between August 2021 to December 2021.

Table One: Amount of funding provided to Community Builders Trust of Otara through the Emergency Food Grant (COVID-19 Delta Funding) between August 2021 to December 2021, broken down by date paid.

Date Paid	Amount
6/10/2021	\$10,000.00
13/10/2021	\$8,000.00
26/10/2021	\$8,000.00
18/11/2021	\$6,000.00
25/11/2021	\$3,000.00
13/12/2021	\$40,000.00
Total	\$75,000.00

Table Two: Funding provided to Community Builders Trust of Otara through the Community Food Response Grant (CFR), broken down by Financial Year.

Financial Year	Amount
2021	\$80,000.00
2022	\$80,000.00
Total	\$115,000.00

Notes for **Tables One** and **Two**:

- Please note that Community Builders Trust of Otara held a contract for Emergency Food Grants for the period 16 August 2021 to 31 December 2021.
- Please note that the Community Builders Trust of Otara hold a contract for the Community Food Response Grant (CFR) for the period 1 August 2020 to 30 June 2022.

In regard to your request for information regarding leases given to the Community Builders Trust of Otara, the Ministry can confirm that the Ministry does not grant leases. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as this information does not exist.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 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'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 regarding Community Builders Trust of Otara, 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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