

At a Glance



PEOPLE



PARTNERSHIPS



A THRIVING SOUTHLAND



PARTICIPATION



PLACES



Year Established
1988

\$5.84 million



Funding approved
(2014-15)



4.3 Staff
(FTE)

Funding approved since inception

\$168 million

\$201 million

Total Investments



Largest grant
(2014-15)

\$1 million



Smallest grant
(2014-15)

\$100



12%

Investment return
(2014-15)

Funding approved by sector (2014-15)

Grant & Scholarship Applications:

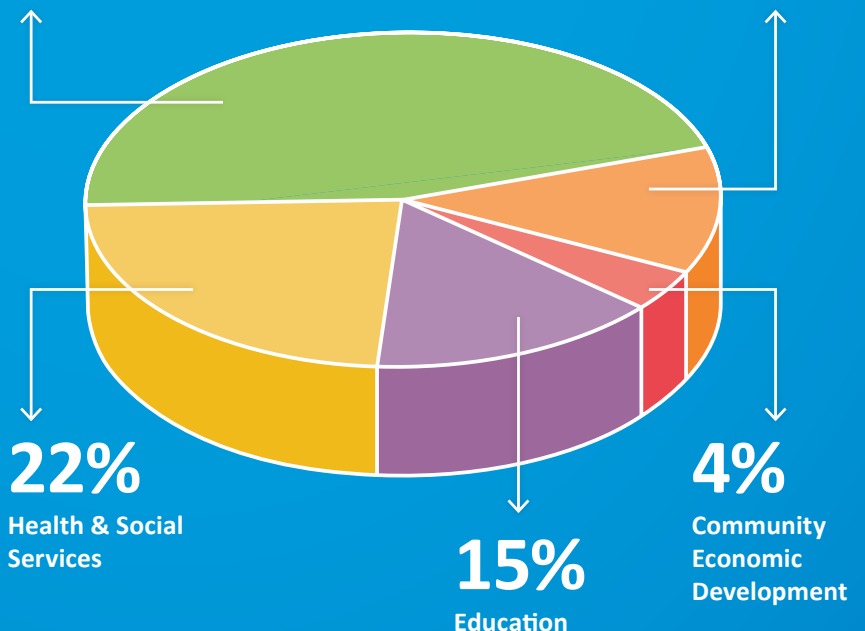
901 received

869 approved **32** declined

10 Trustees

47% Sport & Recreation

12% Art, Culture, Environment & Heritage



CHAIR'S MESSAGE



Trish Boyle,
Chair of the Community Trust of Southland

It has been an honour to Chair the Trust over the past 9 months. I would like to thank Tracy Hicks for the support and advice he has given me in taking on this role. I would also like to thank Lindsay Wright, Deputy Chair for the role he has in working to develop strong leadership of the Trust.

This year has been a year of change. The 2015 financial year has been a time when a review of all practices associated with the Trust was carried out and that review is helping trustees reflect on current practice

and develop a strategic plan and way forward that best serves the needs and aspirations of our community. The framework of the strategic plan has been developed and this is based on previous practice but refined to meet the changing needs of our community. Our vision of having a thriving Southland is underpinned by four pillars, and a focus on people, places, participation and partnerships supported by innovation, access and availability, and the Treaty of Waitangi. Trustees are currently developing priorities for each pillar which will be reviewed after consultation with the different sectors.

A review of granting practices has resulted in the development of an online system for granting. This has been a considerable undertaking and time commitment for staff and I appreciate their efforts. The changed practice is operating well and community organisations have embraced this technology and have been very willing to learn a new way of working.

I would like to specifically mention the hard working team that are responsible for the operations of the Community Trust. They are led by the CEO, John Prendergast who is experienced and has a wealth of knowledge. This year he was successful in being awarded the Winston Churchill Fellowship which enabled him to go to the United Kingdom to look at trusts and foundations there. The learning from that will support effective practices at our Trust.

The staff are a dedicated team focused on working hard to deliver the best outcomes for our community. Each member of the team has a specific role and they work collaboratively to ensure this is delivered. Their commitment to the professional

learning needed to implement the online data base has been a stellar effort this year.

The Trust aspires to work collaboratively with all community groups so together we can support and enhance the lives of Southlanders. Trustees are working to strengthen existing bonds with all community funders and know that continued collaboration will help make this happen. This financial year we have contributed \$1 million to the Stadium Southland rebuild and trustees are delighted to see this reopened and providing an excellent facility for all Southlanders.

The Trust's goals are to return grants to the community while preserving the real value of the capital fund. The Trust has granted \$5.84m to the community this year and total granting since the inception of the Trust is \$168m. The Trust's financial performance this year has been outstanding. At 31 March 2015 net assets were at \$201 million, an increase of \$18 million over last year. Since 2009 the investment return has averaged over 10% per annum. The investment return for the past year was 12 per cent.

The trustees welcome the Honourable Paula Bennett, Associate Minister of Finance as the new Minister responsible for Community Trusts.

Four experienced trustees Tracy Hicks, Joan Kiernan, Craig Robins and Linette Sinclair have completed their terms with the Trust. I would like to thank them for their significant contributions over a number of years and acknowledge the efforts they have made to build the profile of the Community Trust of Southland and share their expertise and energy to support communities across the region.

Four new trustees Mata Cherrington, Margot Hishon, Stephen O'Connor and John Wilson have been appointed in June and I look forward to working with them to utilise their strengths and attributes. All trustees are committed to working proactively to support the community of Southland and I appreciate the efforts they make. They make a significant commitment of time to the Trust and are willing and active participants in a variety of community events. The Trust is fortunate to have such a capable group of Trustees with diverse talents, interests and backgrounds. Trustees continue to reflect on practices, review 'best practice' in their areas of expertise and work collaboratively to make a difference for our community.

Finally I would like to thank all individuals and communities across Southland for their commitment to provide opportunities for people across our community, and trustees look forward to continuing strong partnerships as we work towards developing and growing 'a Thriving Southland.'



Trish Boyle
Chair



Lindsay Wright
Deputy Chair



Stephen Bragg



Mata Cherrington



Margot Hishon



Ross Jackson



Stephen O'Connor



Penny Simmonds



Richard Wason



John Wilson

A Thriving Southland

To achieve our vision we will:

Protect and grow our investment fund for the benefit of our community and future generations

Engage in effective and innovative philanthropy and grantmaking

Demonstrate commitment to and understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi principles

People
Partnerships
Participation
Places

Health & Wellbeing

Working with our community to ensure our people participate, are supported, empowered and cared for

Education

Working with our community to ensure every person has the opportunity to achieve their potential

Arts, Heritage & Culture

Working with our community to ensure our people participate, celebrate, and preserve our arts, heritage and culture

Community Development & Community Economic Development

Working with our community to ensure our communities are connected, successful, resilient and dynamic

You can expect us to be:

Fair
Thoughtful
Respectful
Approachable
Responsible
Transparent
Responsive
Well Informed
Honest

Innovation

Access & Availability

Treaty of Waitangi