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On 24 February 2017 you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the number and dollar value amount of Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants approved for the North Shore region.

On 1 July 2016, the Government introduced a non-recoverable emergency housing Special Needs Grant (SNG) to help people who need emergency housing. This Emergency Housing SNG is payable for up to seven days to help individuals and families with emergency housing needs, while the Ministry works with the individual to investigate alternative housing options. In most cases this grant does not need to be repaid.

Further information regarding Emergency Housing SNGs is available on the Ministry's website: [www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/income-support/extra-help/special-need-s-grant/emergency-housing.html](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/income-support/extra-help/special-need-s-grant/emergency-housing.html)

The following table which shows the dollar value amount and number of Emergency Housing SNGs approved in the North Shore for the December 2016 quarter. This data represents a count of grants not individuals as the same person may have been granted a SNG more than once.

Service Centre	Amount granted	Number of grants
Albany	\$5,440.00	9
Birkenhead	\$14,083.00	12
Browns Bay	\$14,719.00	22
Glenfield	\$87,630.22	103
Takapuna	\$90,373.00	81
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$212,245.22</b>	<b>227</b>

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 available to the wider public shortly. 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 regarding Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants approved for the North Shore region with us, please feel free to contact [OIA\\_Requests@msd.govt.nz](mailto: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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Gallacher', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Scott Gallacher,  
**Deputy Chief Executive, Housing  
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