2 June 2023

Tēnā koe

On 23 April 2023, you emailed the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *I am making an enquiry to obtain information about a substantial grant of approximately $30,000 made for a project in the Birkdale Beach Haven area over the covid period for community development administered by the Birkdale Beach Haven Community Project known locally as the Birkdale and Beach Haven Houses.*
- *I would like to know what this money was to be used for within the Birkdale Beach Haven community.*

Your request was transferred to the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) on 5 May 2023 as the information to which your request relates is believed to be more closely connected with the functions of the Ministry.

While the Ministry provides funding to the Birkdale Beach Haven Community Project, no single payment of approximately $30,000 has been made. Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act as the information you had requested is not held by the Ministry and I have no grounds to believe that the information is either held by or closely connected to the functions of another department, Minister of the Crown or organisation.

In **Appendix One** below, I have provided you with a table that shows funding made to this provider by the Ministry from 1 January 2020 to 30 June 2023.

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, 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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Appendix One: Funding to Birkdale and Beach Haven Community Project from 1 January 2020 to 30 June 2023

Funding	Start Date	End Date	Amount Paid	Funding Purpose
OSCAR Grant (2Y)	1/07/2018	30/06/2020	$21,400.00	Out of School Care and Recreation
OSCAR Grant 1500	1/05/2020	30/06/2020	$1,500.00	
OSCAR Grant (3Y)	1/07/2020	30/06/2023	$22,950.00	
Emergency Food Grant	1/10/2021	31/12/2021	$60,000.00	Emergency Food Grants during Auckland rolling lockdowns Oct-Dec 2021
COVID-19 Protection Framework - Food Support	31/01/2022	31/12/2022	$40,000.00	Care in the Community Food Support – supporting people in self-isolation due to Covid-19
COVID-19 Protection Framework - Food Support	7/03/2022	30/06/2023	$43,200.00	Care in the Community Food Support – supporting people in self-isolation due to Covid-19
F22 Auckland Lockdown One-off Grant	1/06/2022	30/06/2022	$4,200.00	F22 One-off grant supporting Aucklanders who remained in lockdown whilst the rest of New Zealand moved to level 2 or 3
Community Food Response Extension Funding	1/07/2022	30/06/2023	$5,000.00	Contributory funding to address the increasing demands on providers due to impacts of Covid-19
Community Funds	1/10/2021	31/12/2021	$83,750.00	Contributory funding to provide essential items including age specific supplies, hygiene packs and connectively items