

15 January 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your email on 11 December 2023 requesting a list of grants made to Cherry Grove Motel in Havelock North in the past year.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). Please find my decision your request set out below.

1. "Could I please have a list of grants/payments made to Cherry Grove Motel in Havelock North in the past year."

Please refer to Table One in the **Appendix** below containing the number of hardship grants, distinct clients and the amount granted to Cherry Grove Motel during the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact <u>OIA Requests@msd.govt.nz.</u>

If you are not satisfied with my decision on your request, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u> or 0800 802 602.

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Appendix

Table One: The number of hardship grants, distinct clients, and the amount granted to Cherry Grove Motel during the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 by month.

| Month ending | Grants | Clients | Amount Granted |
|----------------|--------|---------|----------------|
| January 2023 | 21 | 9 | \$51,329.00 |
| February 2023 | 18 | 12 | \$39,445.00 |
| March 2023 | 21 | 12 | \$59,024.00 |
| April 2023 | 18 | 12 | \$44,477.00 |
| May 2023 | 21 | 12 | \$59,217.00 |
| June 2023 | 27 | 12 | \$61,248.00 |
| July 2023 | 21 | 9 | \$43,070.00 |
| August 2023 | 27 | 15 | \$58,140.00 |
| September 2023 | 24 | 15 | \$49,547.30 |
| October 2023 | 24 | 12 | \$45,171.00 |
| November 2023 | 27 | 15 | \$50,571.00 |
| December 2023 | 30 | 12 | \$64,577.00 |
| Total | 282 | 57 | \$625,816.30 |

Notes:

- The number of grants is not the number of clients. A client can have more than one grant in the month.
- Amount granted may not be the same as the amount spent.
- 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.
- The only type of grants paid to the supplier Cherry Grove Motel during the time period detailed above, were Special Needs Grants.