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Tēnā koe Naomi

Response to your Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 17 May 2024 to the Ministry for Ethnic Communities (the Ministry) requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*...regarding funding allocations to various entities. Specifically... a comprehensive** listing of all assistance and funding provided by the Ministry to the following parties:*

- *New Zealand Jewish Council*
- *New Zealand Friends of Israel Association*
- *Astor Foundation*
- *B'nai B'rith Limmud New Zealand*
- *New Zealand Jewish Community Assistance*
- *Zionist Federation of New Zealand*
- *Bnei Akiva*
- *Habonim Dror Aotearoa*
- *New Zealand Community Security Group*
- *Australasian Union of Jewish Students*
- *Hadassah International New Zealand*
- *Holocaust Centre of New Zealand*
- *Jewish Lives*


***'comprehensive listing' to include date of allocation, funding amount, funding purpose, any accompanying requests from each respective group outlining reasons for funding.*

Furthermore... any recommendations that the Ministry for Ethnic Communities may have for the Minister regarding the aforementioned groups...

In response to your request, the Ministry has provided two types of funding. The COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake Fund which has now ended, and the Ethnic Communities Development Fund (ECDF) which is active.

None of the above-mentioned groups were funded by the COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake Fund.

Please see the attached appendix which notes all ECDF funding provided to the above listed organisations. All successful grants for the ECDF are publicly available on the Ministry's website at ethniccommunities.govt.nz/funding/ethnic-communities-development-fund/projects-we-have-funded-in-the-past/.



The ECDF is operationally independent of the Minister. The Ministry makes no recommendations to the Minister in respect of grants made from the Fund. Therefore, this part of your request has been refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information does not exist.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my response relating to this request. The relevant details can be found on their website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

Please note, due to the public interest in our work, the Ministry may publish responses to requests for official information on our website, shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team:
Ministerial@ethniccommunities.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi



Edward Firth

Director of Ministerial Services

Appendix: Funding for the requested organisations

Organisation name	Fund	Amount Awarded	Date Awarded	Funding Purpose
New Zealand Jewish Council Incorporated	ECDF	\$20,000	December 2020	New Zealand Jewish Leadership Conference. A 1-to-2-day conference for representatives of 54 Jewish groups and organisations, as well for establishing a year-long mentorship programme
	ECDF	\$15,000	April 2021	A comprehensive survey of the level and incidence of antisemitism in New Zealand. The survey aimed to consolidate much of the work that has been done before and establish an ongoing measure of antisemitism in New Zealand. Also, to help direct targeted resources to combat racism.
New Zealand Friends of Israel Association	Nil.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Astor Foundation	Nil.	N/A	N/A	N/A
B'nai B'rith Limmud New Zealand	Nil.	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Zealand Jewish Community Assistance	Nil.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Zionist Federation of New Zealand	ECDF	\$40,000	August 2021	The Zionist Federation Youth Leadership and Education Empowerment Project. This project aimed to facilitate positive outcomes for teenagers and young adults to create connections, a sense of belonging, develop friendships, and foster leadership abilities within the Jewish community.
	ECDF	\$5,000	December 2022	Hanukkah Celebration (Jewish Festival of Light). The Hanukkah celebration brings communities together, enhances intercultural relationships and demonstrates the benefits of ethnic diversity, while improving social cohesion.
Bnei Akiva	Nil.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Habonim Dror Aotearoa	Nil.	N/A	N/A	N/A

Organisation name	Fund	Amount Awarded	Date Awarded	Funding Purpose
New Zealand Community Security Group (Also known as The NZ Jewish Community Security Group Charitable Trust)	ECDF	\$80,000	December 2023	To undertake a one-off, 12-month survey of antisemitism in New Zealand. The survey will identify trends over time and highlight key antisemitic incidents. This work will contribute to the work of key government agencies and be shared with the Jewish community to make them more aware of risks.
Australasian Union of Jewish Students	Nil.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hadassah International New Zealand	Nil.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Holocaust Centre of New Zealand	ECDF	\$10,000	November 2021	To hold the United Nations International Holocaust Remembrance Day 2022 in Auckland, Wellington, Hamilton, Nelson, and Christchurch.
	ECDF	\$20,000	October 2022	To hold the United Nations International Holocaust Remembrance Day 2023 in Auckland, Wellington, Hamilton, Nelson, Christchurch, and Dunedin.
Jewish Lives (Also known as The Jewish Museum of New Zealand Charitable Trust)	ECDF	\$80,000	July 2020	To refresh the Jewish Online Museum. This includes creating a new website, updating it with new content and working closely with the education sector to provide objective educational resources to schools via outreach programmes or on-line courses.
	ECDF	\$30,000	November 2023	To create Jewish cultural and historical content to educate Jewish people and the wider public in New Zealand, and to find out more about themselves and their community. It aimed to cultivate greater understanding and appreciation of the Jewish culture and minimise antisemitic behaviour.