

Kia ora koutou katoa,

Over the next 14 months the Christchurch Methodist Mission has Red Cross funding grants available to build relationships in the community through local neighbourhood and community events in the Christchurch, Selwyn, Waimakariri, Hurunui and Kaikoura Districts.

There are three levels of grants that can be applied for:

1. \$300 for a small local event e.g. street barbecue/ community dinner
2. \$500 for a community wide event where all of the community / neighbourhood is invited
3. \$1000 for a larger event or a activity which will have on-going 'community-building' activities

Therefore, we are inviting proposals from individuals, community organisations, parishes or neighbourhood groups in the community to run local community events. The main criteria are the event needs to:

- Promote community connectedness, getting to know your neighbour
- Be inclusive of everyone who would like to be involved (this applies to the level 2 & 3 grants)
- Be free for those who come

We have limited funding grants available and this will be allocated depending on the number of applications received. If you are interested in organising such an initiative in your neighbourhood/community, please send me an email outlining:

1. What you are proposing to do
2. Who you intend to invite
3. What you hope will be the outcome of this initiative / event
4. Preferred date (if you could give two options, as that would help us putting the calendar together)
5. Who you will collaborate with in your local neighbourhood
6. How your event will build social connectedness
7. Your budget

Please email your proposal in by the following dates depending on when you would like to run your event:

<b>Event Month:</b>	<b>Proposal due date:</b>
April & May 2017	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017
June – Sept 2017	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2017
Oct 2017 – Jan 2018	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2017
Feb – May 2018	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2018

We are aware that for some groups, these timeframes are tight. Therefore, if you think you are interested in doing something in the next few months - but haven't got all the information together, please still let us know so that we are able to ring-fence some funding for you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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