

From: Official Information
Sent: Thursday, 13 April 2017 3:21 p.m.
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: LGOIMA Response - Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Trust (CEAT)

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email, received on 20 February 2017. You requested the following information, under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA):

I would like to request under the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, on behalf of [REDACTED],

A list of how all funds given to the Christchurch City Council and the Mayor's Welfare Fund Charitable Trust by the Auckland Council and the Christchurch Earthquake Appeals Trust since 22 February 2011 were spent, and the details of any moneys from those sources currently unspent and for what they are tagged to.

You later clarified your request as follows:

As I understand it, there was money donated by both the Auckland Council and the Christchurch Earthquake Appeals Trust (separately) to the 'Mayor's Welfare Fund' and the Council itself. Feel free to correct me if I am mistaken.

Whether the money donated to the Appeals Trust was given anonymously or not is immaterial to my inquiry. What I am interested in knowing is how that money that was disbursed to the Council/Fund has been spent or allocated.

Extension of timeframe

On 15 March 2017, we extended the timeframe on our response to you by an additional 15 working days.

Council Response

I wrote to you on 6 April informing you of the Council's decision to release the information you requested.

There was a donation of \$1.5 million from Auckland City Council. It was donated on the condition that the funds be used for parks and recreation projects. Possible projects were discussed by staff at both Councils and the following projects were chosen as they are ones that would benefit a wide range of Christchurch residents, were not funded by insurance, are in areas that are feasible for short term repair, and did not have other allocated funds for repair.

\$200,000	Rugby Cup Fan Zone in Hagley Park
\$200,000	Scarborough to Sumner Beach restoration - the restoration of the coastal strip of parks starting at Scarborough Beach and extending along the coast to Sumner Surf Club.
\$400,000	Playground Safety Surface renewals – replacing surfaces damaged with liquefaction
\$100,000	Mature Tree Replacements - replanting of trees at Hagley Park and South New Brighton Domain where a significant number of mature trees have been damaged by the earthquake and have had to be removed
\$400,000	Eastern Suburbs park repairs
\$200,000	Port Hills restoration including rock fencing and planting

There were no donations from the Christchurch Earthquake Appeals Trust to the Christchurch Earthquake Mayoral Relief Fund. The former made a number of contributions to Earthquake-related initiatives around the city but the Council does not hold information on these.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review our decision. Complaints can be sent by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz, by fax to (04) 471 2254, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Publication of responses to LGOIMA requests

Please note: our LGOIMA responses may be published on the Christchurch City Council website a month after they have been responded to, with requesters' personal details withheld. If you have any concerns about this please contact the Official Information team on officialinformation@ccc.govt.nz.

Kind regards,

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