



# Southland Impact Fund



Join us in making a lasting impact in our community by donating to the Southland Impact Fund. Every contribution, big or small, becomes a vital building block for creating positive change and shaping a brighter future for all.

## What is the guiding principle of the Southland Impact Fund?

At the core of our Southland Impact Fund lies a timeless philosophy: "Teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime." This guiding principle reflects our belief in the impact of empowerment and self-sufficiency. Rather than providing temporary solutions, we focus on supporting communities with the tools, knowledge, and resources they need to thrive independently.

Together, we can empower communities to become architects of their own success, creating ripple effects of positive change throughout our Southland communities.

## What are the key focus areas of the Southland Impact Fund?

The key focus areas of the Fund are youth, education, health & well-being, community & economic development, conservation and the environment.

- 1. Education & Youth:** Investing in programmes geared towards youth development and access to opportunities, we empower the next generation to reach their full potential. Education is the cornerstone of progress.
- 2. Health & Well-being:** A healthy community is a thriving community. Building resilience and support across our diverse communities creates a strong scaffolding for a healthy future.
- 3. Community & Economic Development:** Collaboration, inclusivity, and support are the foundation of strong communities. Your contribution helps develop infrastructure, promotes social cohesion, sustainability, and resilience.
- 4. Conservation & Environment:** Vital for health, cultural heritage, biodiversity, and climate resilience, along with protecting the economic sustainability of the drivers of prosperity in Southland.

*"A society grows when old men plant trees in whose shade they shall never sit."*

– Greek Proverb



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## Why donate to the Southland Impact Fund?

- ✓ **Local impact:** By giving to our Southland Impact Fund, you're directly contributing to projects that benefit our community, ensuring that resources are allocated where they're needed most, forever.
- ✓ **Legacy:** Your support helps lay the foundation for a resilient and thriving region, fostering growth and prosperity for generations to come, forever.
- ✓ **Collective power:** Together, we can achieve far more than any one individual or organisation. By pooling our resources, we amplify our impact and create meaningful change on a larger scale.
- ✓ **Versatility:** Your donation will support a wide range of initiatives, from education and healthcare to environmental conservation and social services.
- ✓ **Responsive:** One of the unique strengths is the flexibility of the Impact Fund to adapt and respond to the ever-changing needs of our community. Your donation provides crucial resources that can be swiftly allocated to areas where they're needed most, ensuring that our impact remains relevant and effective.
- ✓ **Empowering:** Your support is a hand up, empowering our community to reach new heights of resilience and prosperity, together.

## How does it work?

- ✓ **Donate:** When you donate to the Southland Impact Fund, your contribution joins a collective force. Whether you can give a little or a lot, every contribution counts. You can donate today or leave a gift in your will.

- ✓ **Investment & growth:** All donations are pooled and invested, generating returns year after year. This ensures your generosity multiplies over time, creating a self-sustaining fund.
- ✓ **Distributions:** The Southland Foundation distribution committee carefully reviews funding applications from local charitable organisations and identifies other areas of need. They select those with the greatest need and potential for impact in line with the Fund's focus areas, ensuring that your donation goes where it's needed most.
- ✓ **Perpetual giving:** A portion of the income can be reinvested to grow the fund's capital. This cycle continues indefinitely, meaning your gift will keep giving back to the community forever.

## What is a Community Foundation?

Community Foundations are local, independent, and not-for-profit. They run a well-proven model of giving which has been growing across the world for over 100 years, and they are now established in 18 regions in New Zealand. Community Foundations build long-term, reliable funding streams for their local communities by investing and growing the donations they receive.

## Southland Foundation

The Southland Foundation is Southland's Community Foundation. Governed by a group of experienced volunteer trustees, we provide a trustworthy vehicle for you to contribute to the local causes that really matter to you. We believe in a better Southland for all, and see this being achieved through the power of giving. Through our smarter giving model any gift to the community is everlasting.

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– Chinese Proverb



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