

# *About Creative New Zealand and our partnership with local councils*

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Creative New Zealand, which is a Crown entity, works with local city and district councils to deliver the Creative Communities Scheme.

Creative New Zealand is New Zealand's national agency for developing the arts. We encourage, support and promote the arts in New Zealand for the benefit of all New Zealanders. Our programmes support participation in the arts, not just by professional artists, but by all New Zealanders.

The Creative Communities Scheme is one of the ways we fund a broad range of arts projects in local communities. The Arts Council of New Zealand Toi Aotearoa Act 2014 allows us to allocate funding to other organisations so that they can administer grants in support of arts projects - this includes local councils that have agreed to become community arts providers. We have a written agreement with your local council to administer CCS.

Some councils, in turn, contract a third party to distribute these funds to local arts projects. You can find out more about this on page 6 of this Guide.

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