

ProCare Charitable Foundation welcomes applications for grants

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Tomorrow the ProCare Charitable Foundation opens the application period for grants from registered charities working to improve the health and wellbeing of communities in the Auckland region. This year marks the second round of the annual grant programme for the ProCare Charitable Foundation with \$200,000 available for distribution.

"Our ProCare general practices continue to demonstrate their care and commitment to the health and wellbeing of their communities," says Chairman of the Foundation, June McCabe. "The Foundation was made possible through their generosity and I am incredibly proud to be associated with skilled, passionate healthcare professionals that are committed to reducing health inequalities."

The Foundation adopts a broad scope in considering grants, last year six grants were made, including for: a community education programme targeting Maori and Pacific in lower socio-economic areas; a stroke prevention programme, health promotion resources to improve skin health and infections for children living in deprived areas; a mobile health clinic to deliver services to children at risk in Rodney and Waitakere; services for families of autistic children living in hardship and resources for men's health.

"It's about enabling people to be innovative and collaborative in their approach to tackling issues affecting people's health and wellbeing."

The application round will open at 8.00am on 19 August 2016, with a minimum amount of \$20,000 for applications that promote or deliver health-related activities, improve population health outcomes including education/other services that improve a community's wellbeing, or reduces health inequalities and alleviates deprivation in the Auckland region.

Applications close on 14 October 2016. For more information on the application process and the Foundation, [see here](#).

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About the ProCare Charitable Foundation:

The ProCare Charitable Foundation was created through the generosity of its shareholding members for the purpose of improving the health and wellbeing of Auckland communities. In 2013, the member shareholders gifted their non-voting shares (B Shares) so that the Foundation could receive dividends to build a capital base and an annual granting programme for promoting the health and wellbeing of disadvantaged communities across the Auckland region. The ProCare Charitable Foundation also welcomes donations from other sources. For more information see [here](#).

2015 Grants:

In 2015 grants were made to six charities, see [here](#).

Interviews with [last year's recipients](#) can be arranged. Please contact LauraM@procare.co.nz