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Kia ora

I am writing in response to your official information request dated 30 April 2026 regarding the amount of funding provided by Council to public museums and galleries for each of the last 10 financial years.

For context, the museums and galleries within the Tararua District are volunteer run. The funding provided by the Council is by way of grant funding, with the purpose and amount noted in table below.

#### **Eketāhuna and District Early Settlers Museum**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Purpose of funding</b>	<b>Amount</b>
11/09/2025	Grant from Community Board towards the cost of conservation supplies for preserving museum treasures	\$432.50
03/07/2023	Grant from Community Board towards the cost of establishing a Community Forest Garden	\$989.00
06/06/2023	Grant from Community Board for costs of installing a memorial to the Eketāhuna Mounted Rifles, unveiled on Armistice Day 2022	\$216.80
31/10/2021	Digital Collection catalogue grant	\$1,450

#### **Pahiatua and District Museum**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Purpose of funding</b>	<b>Amount</b>
30/11/2025	Catering for Polish Embassy Guests	\$45.00
30/09/2025	Grant from Contestable Fund towards costs of the museum alarm system.	\$970.00
30/11/2024	Funding for Welcome to Pahiatua Signs	\$820.47

#### **Dannevirke Gallery of History**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Purpose of funding</b>	<b>Amount</b>
09/04/2026	Grant from Contestable fund towards new computer	\$1,000.00
31/05/2026	Grant from Contestable fund for partial funding of Past Perfect Software	\$2,115.00
30/04/2024	Grant from Community Board for operational costs	\$1,000.00
30/04/2022	Operational grant	\$2,500.00

31/03/2021	Operational grant	\$1,500.00
31/05/2020	Operational grant	\$1,500.00
31/03/2019	Operational grant	\$2,000.00
31/03/2018	Operational grant	\$3,500.00
30/03/2017	Operational grant	\$2,000.00
30/03/2015	Operational grant	\$2,000.00

For information on the total Council spending for each financial year for the last ten years, this information is published in Council's Annual Report, which is publicly available through our website.

Here is a link to the relevant page:

<https://www.tararua.govt.nz/publications/plans-and-reports/annual-report>

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Ngā mihi



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**From:** Allie Dunn

**Sent:** Thursday, 30 April 2026 10:52 am

**To:** [REDACTED]@helenclark.foundation>

**Subject:** Acknowledgement - LGOIMA request - museum and gallery funding

Kia ora

This email is to acknowledge receipt of your request for information, regarding funding provided for public museums and galleries.

We will endeavour to respond to your request as soon as possible and in any event no later than 28 May 2026, being 20 working days after the day your request was received. If we are unable to respond to your request by then, we will notify you of an extension of that timeframe.

As part of our commitment to openness and accountability, we are now proactively publishing copies of requests for information and the responses provided to these requests, on our website. In doing so, we will ensure we comply with the provisions of the Privacy Act 2020 and redact any personal / identifying information from any response published.

If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me.  
Ngā mihi



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**From:** [REDACTED]@helenclark.foundation>

**Sent:** Thursday, 30 April 2026 10:33 am

**To:** [info@adc.govt.nz](mailto:info@adc.govt.nz)

**Subject:** LGOIMA request - museum and gallery funding

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Kia ora,

[The Helen Clark Foundation](#) is undertaking a policy research project on central government tax incentives for private philanthropy for museums and galleries. In that context, we are looking at current funding arrangements for public museums and galleries in New Zealand. We request the following information to inform our research:

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- The amount of funding your Council has provided to public museums and galleries for each
- of the last 10 financial years
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- The amount (if any) allocated specifically for acquisitions of art and other items for
- museums and galleries for each of the last 10 financial years
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- The two amounts above as a percentage of total Council spending for each financial year.
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This request is not intended to create a significant amount of work for the Council. If the information is not easily collatable in this form, we would be happy to discuss an alternative formulation.

Our Project Lead, [REDACTED], would be happy to meet with Council staff or elected Councillors to discuss the project if you have further comments or questions. Please let us know if you would be interested in a meeting.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]