

The Lion Foundation Continues to Fund Throughout Covid 19

During Covid 19 The Lion Foundation invested nearly Four Million Dollars of funding into the community to date.

As the pandemic developed the Lion Foundation's goal was clear, to ensure the community funds available would make maximum impact, supporting charities to get through this unprecedented time.

Whilst we were closed to new applications, the existing applications we had received were reassessed and considered under the interim Covid 19 policy.

It was clear to the trustees and staff what was crucial during this period in NZ. We needed to keep people in employment and the organisation's lights on, so services across the country could continue to support the most vulnerable in society, educate young New Zealanders and be ready for when sport and the arts are delivering again.

The Lion Foundations Covid Criteria:

What	Description
Salaries	A contribution towards staff salaries and wages.
Opex	Keep the doors open – insurances, power, vehicle leases, office rentals.
Equipment	Necessary equipment to provide services to vulnerable communities.
Training	Training that is online and can demonstrate direct benefit to the community.
Animal Welfare	Protection of Animals
Environment	Protection of the New Zealand environment

Who did The Lion Foundation help:

Rebecca Erickson, Grants Manager at Ronald MacDonald House:

The Lion Foundation has helped Ronald McDonald House Charities New Zealand to support more than 4,600 families each year when their child is in a hospital away home.

Fiona Platt – Aviva Charitable Trust, Fundraising and Communications Team Leader

Unfortunately, family violence does not stop for a pandemic. During lockdown, Aviva saw a 34% increase in family violence referrals. Thanks to the Lion Foundation, tamariki and whanau across Canterbury can access support to overcome violence and its enduring effects. The battle against Covid-19 in Aotearoa is not yet over, nor are its effects, especially on the families we support. Aviva is hugely appreciative of this generous support now more than ever!

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