

Kia ora,

I know that participating in sports and recreational activities can sometimes be financially challenging for families. There are a number of grants and support options available to help cover costs such as equipment, fees, uniforms, and lessons. Below is a summary of some options available to families in Christchurch East:

[Active Me – Kia Tū Hardship Fund – Variety Sport](#)

<https://www.variety.org.nz/get-support/variety-sport>

This fund is delivered by Variety – The Children’s Charity, in partnership with Sport NZ. The recipient will receive \$350 which can be used to fund gear, equipment, sport clothing, and/or fees. Applications can be made at any time.

To be eligible for this funding the child needs to already be receiving a Kiwi Kid Sponsorship. To be eligible for a Kiwi Kid Sponsorship the following criteria must be met:

- Child is ages 4 to 17 years old
- Child is an NZ resident or citizen
- The parent/caregiver must have a valid Community Services Card.

[Youth Development Fund – Christchurch City Council](#)

<https://ccc.govt.nz/culture-and-community/community-funding/youth-development-fund>

Applications to the Youth Development Fund are made through their local Community Board. Eligibility criteria vary between Community Boards. Applications are open from 1 July each year. Once the annual allocation of funds is exhausted the fund is closed. On average successful applicants receive around \$300.

[The Halberg Activity Fund - Halberg Foundation](#)

<https://halberg.co.nz/club/activity-fund-grants/>



The Halberg Activity Fund is a grant that helps young people (aged 5 to 21) with physical disabilities participate in sport and recreation by reducing financial barriers. Funding can be used for costs such as equipment, lessons, coaching or assistance at school camps.

Applications close on the third Monday of each month (excluding December) and are reviewed monthly by the Halberg Grants Committee. The funding amount is discretionary, and a 15% personal contribution is required.

[J R McKenzie Youth Education Fund](https://www.youtheducationfund.org.nz/)

<https://www.youtheducationfund.org.nz/>

This fund is to assist in the betterment, education, advancement and physical welfare of the youth in the community, particularly in cases where bereavement, sickness or family disturbances leave the children in need of assistance.

[Generosity NZ](https://generosity.org.nz/)

<https://generosity.org.nz/>

Generosity NZ is the largest digital search facility for funding information in New Zealand. You can search for scholarships and grants for individuals, communities, and businesses. **Contact your nearest public library for access.**

We encourage families, schools, and sports clubs to explore these options to help ensure that all young people in Christchurch East can participate fully in sports and recreational activities.

Any questions or queries please contact my office on 03 382 0288 or chcheast@parliament.govt.nz

Ngā mihi nui,



Reuben Davidson

MP for Christchurch East

Spokesperson for Economic Development; Science, Technology and Innovation

Broadcasting; Media and Creative Economy.