

Media Release

CERA to harness philanthropic offers

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An experienced philanthropic consultancy is being sought by the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (CERA) to link the region with opportunities offered by the variety of philanthropic and corporate organisations wanting to aid the recovery.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) has been released through the Government's tendering service today to invite relevant consultants or groups to apply for the role.

The aim is to develop CERA's strategy and framework for managing philanthropic support from local, national and international organisations. CERA will also work closely with the Christchurch City Council to ensure all philanthropic opportunities are fully explored.

CERA chief executive Roger Sutton says it is important for Canterbury's recovery that the generous offers and opportunities available through the philanthropic and corporate community are not missed.

"There are a number of trusts, corporations and individuals who have offered financial support. But these opportunities need to be co-ordinated. The role requires in-depth knowledge of and experience with this sector of the community in order to tap into what is on offer."

Mr Sutton says the aim is to have a philanthropic strategy in place by the end of November. Prospective candidates will need to be available to start work from October 15.

Details are available on the Government tendering service website <http://gets.govt.nz>