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Dear [Redacted]

Follow-up Official Information Act request for names of organisations and individuals who received grants through the Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Fund

Thank you for your follow-up to your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 11 July 2025. We responded to you on 25 July 2025, and you have followed up with a request for:

“Thank you for your response, I did review the link before submitting the OIA request: <https://www.dPMC.govt.nz/our-programmes/national-security/counter-terrorism/preventing-and-countering-violent-extremism-fund>.

What I’m specifically requesting is a list of the organisations and individuals who received funding - not just the project titles.

For example:

FACT Aotearoa – John Doe and Jane Doe – \$50,000

If you could provide the names of the recipients and the amounts they received, it would be greatly appreciated and extremely helpful for my work.”

As requested, please find attached a document listing all recipients of the grants through the Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Fund that operated from 2022 to 2025.

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) is also planning to publish this information on our website soon.

For completeness, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet’s website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

Sean Bolton
Executive Director
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Round 3 Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Fund

Recipient	Project Description	Link to Project	Grant amount
Ara Taiohi	<p>MOSAIC workshop pilot</p> <p>This project will train youth workers to have conversations with young people showing signs of extremist ideologies using the MOSAIC cards.</p>	<p>Mosaic: Creating Cohesion Through Conversation</p>	\$55,700
Autism NZ	<p>Digital Literacy and Awareness of Extremism</p> <p>Three initiatives to support parents of people with autism and their support-staff to increase their own digital literacy and awareness of various platforms, extremism content, and radicalisation processes.</p>	<p>Counter-extremism resource pack - Autism NZ</p>	\$78,000
Explore Hāpainga Ora	<p>Increasing Awareness, Knowledge and Tools to Safeguard New Zealanders</p> <p>This project will produce five e-learning modules designed to provide information to users on radicalisation and violent extremism, prevention approaches, referral processes and practitioner self-care.</p>		\$192,456
Our Kids Online	<p>Educational Video Series</p> <p>To create short videos for parents, caregivers and</p>		\$67,100

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	educators in Aotearoa that facilitate prevention and interception of hate crimes, violent extremism and radicalisation.		
Moonshot	<p>New Zealand Online Violence Prevention Programme</p> <p>Online campaign to connect at risk audiences and concerned bystanders with safe confidential support.</p>	Online Violence Prevention - Moonshot	\$439,353
NetSafe	<p>HeadSpace Invaders</p> <p>An evidence-informed resource designed for 12 to 16-year-olds to empower critical thinking and early intervention when encountering hate, disinformation, and extremist content.</p>	Advice For Children & Young People Online Safety Netsafe Netsafe	\$190,000
NZ Islamic Cultural Trust	<p>The Young Muslim Refugee and Migrant Resilience Safer Community Engagement Project</p> <p>Participatory workshops to identify the areas of interest for Muslim youth, such as leadership, culture identity.</p>		\$61,600

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Violence Prevention Network / Explore Hāpainga Ora	<p>Strengthening New Zealand’s disengagement capability</p> <p>A collaboration between two organisations to train a cohort of expert practitioners in NZ as a community of practice trained to work with individuals down a pathway of radicalisation to violence. Sustainability and future capacity ensured by training them to train others.</p>		\$395,932
Holocaust Centre New Zealand	<p>Building capability to respond to antisemitism</p> <p>This project aims to upskill teachers and schools to prevent violent extremism through creation of lessons for understanding Judaism and the roots of antisemitism and develop tools to respond to incidents of antisemitism on campus.</p>	<p>Holocaust Lessons - Holocaust Centre of New Zealand</p>	\$50,000

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Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Fund: Special Round

A special round of funding was awarded in May 2024 for initiatives that prevent and counter violent extremism in response to current international conflicts.

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The Fatimah Foundation	<p>Understanding extremism to counter violent extremism</p> <p>Develop a responsive facilitation guide to assist practitioners and provider-community organisations to support those in the community that are experiencing psychological distress and effects brought about by international conflicts.</p>	<p>The Ripple Effect PDF to Flipbook</p>	\$52,940
Litmus	<p>Empowering critical thinking on the Gaza conflict</p> <p>Develop a media literacy tool (a prototype app) to provide critical thinking lens on current conflict in Gaza and enhance communities' skills to critically assess information.</p>		\$50,000
Asturlab Cultural Centre	<p>4 for 40: a platform for social action on crucial global issues</p> <p>This project aims to build community resilience against radicalisation by: a) creating a supportive community identity to reduce alienation and</p>		\$70,000

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	<p>isolation that can be exploited by extremist ideologies; and b) promoting nuance and depth on critical issues for well-rounded understanding and challenge to extreme perspectives.</p>		
<p>Waikato Refugee Forum Inc</p>	<p>Safer community and connector project for Waikato youth and families</p> <p>This project will demonstrate positive alternatives to violence by involving ethnic young people to use their creativity and expertise to be peer role models and work intergenerationally to build an understanding of radicalisation/extremism.</p>		<p>\$48,660</p>
<p>Life Vision Society Trust</p>	<p>The Peace Project</p> <p>The “peace project” deploys a compendium of strategies that frame a responsive and holistic approach to preventing extremism and extreme violence caused by psychological harm, emotional distress, trauma and other social disparities that are often attributed as key factors that underscore</p>		<p>\$50,000</p>

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	<p>the “pathology” that leads to radicalisation.</p>		
<p>Global Risk Consulting</p>	<p>Paeringa o te iwi – Protector of the people</p> <p>This project will provide regularly-updated resources with objective, holistic analysis of violent extremism throughout New Zealand.</p> <p>These resources aim to be a touch-point for general and educational information about violent extremism and also an intervention.</p>		<p>\$50,000</p>
<p>Focus on Iran Charitable Trust</p>	<p>Project Harmony</p> <p>’Project Harmony’ is a comprehensive initiative designed to empower the Iranian community in Aotearoa New Zealand, mitigating the impact of the ongoing international conflict and preventing violent extremism. The project encompasses a range of activities aimed at building resilience, providing tailored support, and fostering a sense of community cohesion.</p>		<p>\$50,000</p>

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Round 2 Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Fund

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Asturlab Cultural Centre	<p>Living Links: Global Roots, Local Branches</p> <p>Through regular gatherings, mentorship type programmes, and educational resources and events, this initiative counters growing marginalisation and unhealthy ideological shifts within the Muslim community.</p>		\$50,000
Explore Hāpainga Ora	<p>Awareness Upskilling for Disability Sector Workforce and Family Carers</p> <p>This project adapted the NZSIS Know the Signs resource to provide family carers and neurodiverse people with information and tools to be aware of the risks of radicalisation and keep their vulnerable people safe.</p>	<p>Preventing Violent Extremist - Explore Wellbeing</p>	\$105,608
Federation of Islamic Associations of NZ (FIANZ)	<p>Youth at Risk – Community Support and Intervention Project</p> <p>This project will establish youth peer groups for community engagement within a specific demographic, and develop youth mentors to be ‘thought leaders’ and ‘awareness- builders’ on the potential trajectory towards radicalisation.</p>		\$15,000
Federation of Islamic Associations of NZ (FIANZ)	<p>Empower Muslim Youth with Critical Skills to Resist Online Extremism and Radicalisation</p> <p>This project will provide Muslim youth (ages 13 to 18 years) workshops (provided by the Classification Office) which include content on the harm of extremism from a faith-culture perspective. It will also teach</p>		\$45,000

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	critical thinking skills and other competencies to empower them to resist radicalization and extremist ideologies.		
Groundswell Project	<p>Talking Masculinities</p> <p>This project will deliver to teachers, youth workers and local councils/governments research-based workshop and training on harmful narratives around gender that proliferate online within an extremism context.</p>	<p>Misogynistic attitudes tackled Otago Daily Times Online News</p>	\$68,110
Institute of Strategic Dialogue	<p>New Zealand Online Interventions Playbook</p> <p>This project will work on designing a playbook which will equip frontline practitioners with practical guidance for delivering positive online interventions to prevent extremist violence.</p>	<p>Positive Online Interventions Playbook: Innovating Responses to a Shifting Online Extremist Landscape in New Zealand - ISD</p>	\$50,000
Tauwi Tautoko	<p>Building Community Capacity to 'Call In' Harmful Views</p> <p>This project builds capacity to counter racism as a pathway to violent extremism. This course offers an 8-week free public training on how to decide when to 'call in' or 'call out' problematic views when they are expressed, and provides original resources, practice, and a community of support.</p>		\$84,000

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Online Safety Exchange Limited	<p>Podcast Documentary: Countering Violent Extremism Online</p>		\$19,500
Te Whakaora Tangata	<p>Te Whakaora - Mentoring for High-Risk Youth to Prevent Violent Extremism</p> <p>This project provides wrap-around holistic programmes and mentoring services to young men who have experienced multi-generational social and economic marginalisation and whose frustrations and internalised messages of hate have or may lead to violence and community harm.</p>		\$75,000
Richie Hardcore	<p>Level Up: Preventing Online Radicalisation by Promoting Positive Masculinity</p> <p>The project offers real-life alternatives to negative online influences and provides evidence-based education promoting positive masculinity, mental health, healthy relationships to disrupt unhealthy gender-based social norms</p>	<p>Richie Hardcore Advocate, Speaker & Educator for Change</p>	\$60,000
Moonshot	<p>New Zealand Online Violence Prevention Programme</p> <p>A New Zealand trial of an online referral mechanism to provide community-led off-ramps for individuals who are embarking on harmful and potentially violent pathways. The project will build the capacity of selected New Zealand service providers to safely intervene with people at-risk of violent extremism online</p>	<p>Online Violence Prevention - Moonshot</p>	\$300,000

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Round 1 Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Fund

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Ara Taiohi	<p>MOSAIC tool and online hub</p> <p>This project will utilise the MOSAIC resource to create an online interactive tool to support challenging conversations related to matters of identity, violence, hate and racism and establish a community of practice and collate accessible readings and visual resources to support the online tool.</p>	<p>Mosaic: Creating Cohesion Through Conversation</p>	<p>\$50,000</p>
AutismNZ	<p>Cyber safety resources for the autistic community</p> <p>Focus on developing resources for the prevention of violent extremism in autistic young people and support wider cyber safety for the autistic community.</p>	<p>Counter-extremism resource pack - Autism NZ</p>	<p>\$50,000</p>
Hard Target	<p>Proactive approach to understanding radicalisation to violence</p> <p>The project provides practical resources and training on the emotional and psychological stages of radicalisation to teachers, principals and</p>	<p>HardTarget Home</p>	<p>\$50,000</p>

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	students and other at-risk audiences.		
FIANZ	<p>Capability training for Imam and community leaders</p> <p>This project funds capability training to support key community leaders to provide faith-based counselling, education and mentoring</p>		\$50,000
FIANZ	<p>Building capability for Muslim leaders</p> <p>This project builds capability of key community leaders to understand of the root causes of violent extremism, recognise concerning behaviours, and develop narratives that counter extremist messaging.</p>		\$50,000
FACT Aotearoa	<p>Countering media content to increase resistance to mis/disinformation</p> <p>Partially Completed</p>		\$15,396 (\$34,603.41 returned to DIA)
Gender Minorities Aotearoa	<p>Challenging harmful ideas about transgender people</p>	<p>Anti-transgender Extremism - Gender Minorities Aotearoa</p>	\$49,950

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	<p>This project aims to enhance understanding of and challenge harmful ideas about trans-people in Aotearoa New Zealand</p>	<p> Transgender New Zealand</p>	
<p>Global Risk Consulting</p>	<p>Paeringa o te iwi - Protector of the People</p> <p>This project will provide regularly updated resources with objective, holistic analysis of violent extremism throughout New Zealand.</p> <p>These resources aim to be a touchpoint for general and educational information about violent extremism and also an intervention.</p>	<p>Quarterly SITREP - Secintel</p>	<p>\$50,000</p>
<p>Hate and Extremism Insights Aotearoa (HEIA)</p>	<p>Making online hate visible</p> <p>This project will provide publicly accessible, community-specific dashboards showing the levels, nature, and intensity of online posting of extremist ideas about at-risk communities (eg, Muslim, Jewish, LGBTQ and Māori communities). It will also provide a baseline of data for public discourse on hate and extremism.</p>	<p>Countering Hate and Extremism HEIA</p>	<p>\$50,000</p>

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Holocaust Centre New Zealand	<p>Building capability to respond to antisemitism</p> <p>This project aims to upskill teachers and schools to prevent violent extremism through creation of lessons for understanding Judaism and the roots of antisemitism and develop tools to respond to incidents of antisemitism on campus.</p>	<p>Holocaust Lessons - Holocaust Centre of New Zealand</p>	<p>\$49,950</p>
Islamic Women's Council of New Zealand	<p>CHILL Project</p> <p>The CHILL Project is an online social media campaign to challenge misconceptions about Muslim women and create a positive and inclusive space that celebrates the achievements and contributions of Muslim women.</p>	<p>www.justchill.org.nz</p>	<p>\$50,000</p>
Muslim Association of Canterbury	<p>Promoting correct interpretation of Islamic religious texts</p> <p><i>Project Discontinued</i></p>		<p>\$5,000</p>
Netsafe	<p>Building capability in the Redirect Method</p> <p>Partnering with Moonshot to train and upskill Netsafe staff to build capability in redirection to counter</p>		<p>\$50,000</p>

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	radicalisation to violence in New Zealand's online ecosystem.		
International Students Association	<p>Conference on issues facing international students</p> <p>A 1-day conference that aimed to identify and address the specific challenges faced by international students in relation to violent extremism.</p>		\$16,000
Voice of Aroha	<p>Empowering communities to take a proactive role in prevention of violent extremism</p> <p>This project will use a positive and safe space for refugee and migrant communities in NZ to promote awareness of the danger of online extremism and radicalisation to violence and promote digital and media literacy critical thinking.</p>	Voice of Aroha	\$50,000

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