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Thank you for your email of 9 November 2018 to the Minister for Climate Change Hon James Shaw, transferred to the Ministry for the Environment on 6 December 2018, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*What funds has NZ given in aid, donations, grants, goods in lieu or any other type of assistance to mitigate or assist with climate change issues over the past 5 years by year please?*

*Also where was the money spent, by region by year?*

*What is budgeted to be spent over the next two years?*

As indicated in your email, this request is about the Government's financial support for climate-change issues within New Zealand, and is separate from your other request to the Minister for information about New Zealand's financial support for climate-change issues internationally.

The Ministry for the Environment has identified a number of project documents in scope: these have been collated in the attached document schedule. As requested, we have provided this information by New Zealand region and I am releasing the in-scope information to you in full.

The Venture Southland Community Environment Fund project is the only project confirmed as budgeted for the next two years. Ministers are yet to confirm what funds there might be from Vote Environment or any of the Government's grant funding schemes for 2019/20.

For further context, please note that the two specific Community Environment Fund projects noted in the document were granted funding through a contestable process. The process for the Community Environment Fund generally requires projects to compete against a number of other projects in a competitive application process, after which an independent panel makes recommendations for funding to the Associate Minister for the Environment who holds the delegation for the fund.

It is also worth noting that these figures represent only a proportion of the Ministry's expenditure in response to climate change. Our climate-change work programme is extensive, and is a top priority for the Government.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my decision to withhold information relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact our Executive Relations team.

Nāku noa, nā,



Shaun Lewis  
Director – Mana Honohono, Investments and Partnership

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the Official Information Act 1982

**Community Projects with Climate change impacts funded in the 5 years to 2018**

Years	Region	Organisation	Amount	Project Title	Project Description	Publicly available at this link
2014 - 2016	Canterbury Auckland	Environment Canterbury	\$123,000	Wood-burner behaviour change tool-kit and intervention	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Understand household wood burning behaviour and identify behavioural-change interventions required for people to reduce smoke emissions (PM10) from domestic wood burning</li> <li>2. Test the suggested behavioural change programme interventions</li> <li>3. Pilot the programme in at least three regions</li> <li>4. Develop a plan for delivery of the programme to as many household as possible living in airsheds across New Zealand.</li> </ol>	<p>Publicly available at this link  <a href="http://www.mfe.govt.nz/more/funding/community-environment-fund/projects-funded-date/september-2013">http://www.mfe.govt.nz/more/funding/community-environment-fund/projects-funded-date/september-2013</a></p>
Total			\$123,000			

**Funding provided to climate change mitigation projects and activities in the 5 years to 2018**

Year	Region	Organisation	Amount	Description
2017	Nationwide	Environmental Defence Society	\$20,000	Contribution to Australia/New Zealand Climate Change Conference
2017	Manawatu	Manaaki Whenua	\$5,000	Sponsorship of Environmental Summit Day
2015	Nationwide	Sustainable Business Council	\$10,000	Contribution towards Sustainable Business Council and Major Companies Group Business Climate Leadership Initiative

2015	Wellington	Victoria University of Wellington	\$10,000	IGPS Climate Change Roundtable Support
2015	Wellington	Motu	\$10,000	Contribution to the Low Emissions Future Project
2014	Wellington	Motu	\$10,000	Contribution to the Low Emissions Future Project
Total			\$65,000	

**Funding budgeted for the next two years**

Years	Region	Organisation	Amount	Project Title	Project Description	Publicly available at this link
2018-2021	Southland	Venture Southland	\$190,000	Carbon Neutral Advantage	Over the next three years Venture Southland aims to measure, assess, and take steps to reduce the region's emissions. The project will establish a regional carbon neutral framework, create a local carbon measurement tool, identify and set carbon reduction targets, and conduct a feasibility study for a regional carbon financial tool.	<a href="https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/working-together-make-southland-carbon-neutral">https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/working-together-make-southland-carbon-neutral</a>
Total pending budget 2019/20			\$190,000			

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