



GRANT RECIPIENT SURVEY 2022

RESULTS SUMMARY



INTRODUCTION

Gaming Machine Association of New Zealand (GMANZ) is in full support of the Government's aims to reduce gambling harm.

However, it needs to be considered that any reduction in funding from Class 4 gaming will severely and negatively impact 11,000 community groups, from disability support orgs to surf lifesaving clubs.

Class 4 gaming machines provide around \$300 million worth of funding to community organisations every year.

Our Grant Recipients Survey gave these organisations the opportunity to illustrate what Class 4 funding means to them, and how likely or unlikely it would be to find replacement funding.

From the survey responses, it's clear that the community benefit provided by these groups - and in some cases, their very existence - would be at risk if funding was reduced.

GMANZ would like to thank all those who took the time to submit a response to the Grant Recipient Survey.

Ngā mihi nui.

Peter Dengate Thrush
Independent Chair
GMANZ

RESPONSES

Between April 14 and May 6 (just over three weeks), GMANZ's Safer Gaming NZ's Grant Recipient Survey received **796** responses.

These responses were submitted by representatives of diverse groups around Aotearoa, including women's refuges, surf lifesaving trusts, disability support orgs, sports clubs, theatre/arts trusts, community festivals, and many, many more.

KEY FINDINGS

Analysis of the survey responses shows that:

- Over 92 per cent of responders feel it is either **impossible** or **very unlikely** that Class 4 funding could be replaced by Government funding, i.e. subsidies or grants.
- Over 86 per cent of responders feel it is either **impossible** or **very unlikely** that Class 4 funding could be replaced by funding from other Charitable Trusts.
- Over 89 per cent of responders feel it is either **impossible** or **very unlikely** that Class 4 funding could be replaced by funding directly from community members.

WHAT IS FUNDING USED FOR?

Grant recipients use Class 4 funding to pay for the delivery of services to their community. Survey responders were asked to identify how Class 4 funding was used in their organisation.

- **69.7** percent use funding to buy/hire necessary equipment
- **50.6** per cent use funding to cover operating expenditure
- **39.7** per cent use funding to cover salaries/wages
- **31.9** per cent use funding to pay for events
- **20.6** per cent use funding to manage organisational capital
- **20** per cent use funding to cover service delivery (other)

A broad range of other funding uses were supplied, which include the following responses:

- "Grant is used for storage rental of Dedicated Rescue Vehicle",
- "Transporting Stroke survivor clients to and from activities".
- "Counselling services for children".
- "NZSL interpreter fees; audio description for blind children and adults; free tickets to theatre shows for children in low decile schools; Ko Taku Reo Deaf Education and BLENNZ (Blind and Low Vision Education Network of New Zealand).
- "Indoor training facility and uniforms."
- "Desexing of our rescue cats and kittens".

IMPACT OF FUNDING REDUCTION

Understanding the impact of reduced funding on community grant recipients was an important part of this survey. We asked responders to identify what would happen to their service if funding were to be reduced.

- **74.9** per cent said it would mean a reduced programme delivery, due to less resources being available
- **61.9** per cent said it would mean reduced services (not as many offerings available to the community)
- **59.7** per cent said it would mean increased costs for members (increased entry fees or subscription fees)
- **21.9** per cent said a reduction in funding would risk the closure of the charity.

The survey also recorded a diverse range of other impacts of a reduction in Class 4 funding, including:

- "Jeopardises emergency response readiness."
- "We live in a lower socioeconomic area, and the youngsters who come along to enjoy our sport could not afford to."
- "Increased pressure on the community for funding in a very competitive environment."
- "Risk not being able to hold community events."
- "Our membership fees would increase from \$70 per player, per season, to around \$200."
- "Families won't be able to afford cost (of) camp for their child. Not all children could go."



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