

Opportunities we heard:

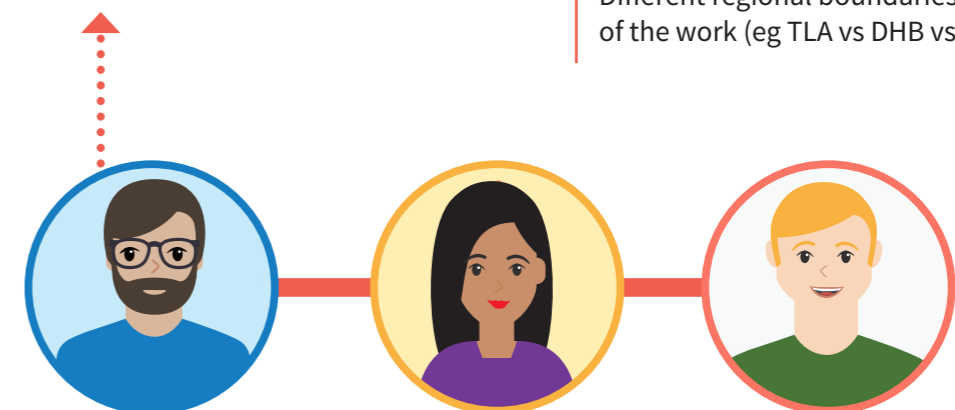
- The sector wants to be engaged and involved in developing solutions – and has ideas for recovery
- Government investment needs to be in social infrastructure as well as physical infrastructure
- Simplify funding environment, application processes and processing speeds
- This is a chance to be bold; we don't want to go back to the way things were
- Support innovation and impact
- New business models, such as social enterprises, are required by community organisations
- New ways of partnering and two-way conversations with government
- We are collaborating differently with Iwi and Hāpu, we need to continue this
- It would be great to lock in some of the environmental gains that we're experiencing
- Can we roll up opportunities for collaboration and impact?
- Generosity seems to be increasing – how can we channel that? Foundations – already have business/ corporate links and can help to link others
- Growing capacity and leadership in the sector – bringing in young leaders
- There is an opportunity to bring into effect the Living Standards Framework set by Treasury
- Encourage collaboration by creating hubs for NGOs and funders where they share back end services – could be part funded by govt and part by funders?
- Listen to the voice of communities and respond to their needs (not necessarily the same as organisations' needs)
- Work in partnership with other government agencies, councils, other funders - it can't all come from Crown
- Incentivise private donations
- Find new ways to demonstrate the value of volunteers and to reduce barriers to volunteering
- Use technology more to bring people together
- Shift government language to focus on social and community well-being, not just economic recovery



“How do we support communities to identify their own solutions”

The needs we are hearing:

Community	Community Organisations
Food security	Income shortfall due to Covid-19 impacts (A big underlying concern is non availability of revenue from Class 4 funding)
Digital divide	Technology and connectivity issues in the sector – not everyone is tech-savvy
Overcrowding	Resilience and sustainability of the sector
Employment issues, particularly in the regions	Volunteer availability and fatigue
Energy requirements (heating)	Fragmentation within the sector
Domestic violence	Lack of peak body leadership
Household water and drought conditions	Lack of flexibility in tagged funding. Large philanthropic organisations largely still funding towards their strategy
Mental Health challenges and concerns	No one funds overheads. That's what's needed
Societal inequities are being exacerbated	Lack sustainable business models
Issues exacerbated for refugees, migrants, Pacific, Māori and youth	Sector will look very different in a few months' time – more sustainable NFP sector will need to emerge
Elderly and socially isolated	There is duplication and not enough of an outcome focus
	Different regional boundaries hinders delivery of the work (eg TLA vs DHB vs Police regions)



Community Conversations by Zoom - with Minister Williams

Meeting 1:

Philanthropic Sector	22 April 2020
Sue McCabe	Philanthropy NZ
Peter Tynan	Foundation North
John McCarthy	Tindall Foundation
Amy Carter	Christchurch Foundation
Leighton Evan	Rata Foundation
Lani Evans	Vodafone Foundation
Dennis Turton	Community Waikato
Liz Gibbs	Perpetual Guardian
Seumas Fantham	Todd Foundation

Meeting 2:

Community Organisations	28 April 2020
Steven Moe	Seeds
Craig Fisher	Fred Hollows Foundation
Jane Zintl	Ara Taiohi
Toa Faneva	Te Kahu O Taonui
Sam Johnson	Student Volunteer Army
Elisapeci Samanunu Waqanivala	Wellington Pacific Leaders Forum
Ian Hutson	Salvation Army
Marion Blake	Platform Trust

Meeting 3:

Community Organisations	30 April 2020
Rochelle Stewart-Allan	Hui E!
David Hanna	Inspiring Communities
Daniel Tawaroa	Te Waipounamu
Ros Rice	Community Networks Aotearoa
Filemoni Timoteo	Tatupu Foundation
Michelle Kitney	Volunteering NZ
Ellie Wilkinson	Hamilton Multicultural Services
Stephanie Clare	Age Concern New Zealand

How can Minister Williams (Community and Voluntary sector) support the sector?

- Advocate for the sector with colleagues and into different portfolios, particularly the importance of social infrastructure in our response to Covid-19
- Regular engagement of sector to understand the needs and opportunities for innovation and change
- Work with the sector to identify how the relationship with government can be enhanced



“Government departments need to pivot towards community and iwi”

“How do we build a more sustainable sector – Government is not the only answer”

Ideas for further conversations



“How can we further support communities to organise, identify and implement their solutions?”

- What would government investment in social infrastructure look like?
- What are the opportunities for further collaboration between funders and government?
- What are ways that sector wide collaboration and innovation can be encouraged and improved post COVID-19?
- What are the opportunities to build flexibility into the funding landscape and responsiveness to local and regional specific needs?
- What does a less fragmented community and voluntary sector look like
- How can locally identified and implemented and identified solutions be supported within a national strategy/framework for the sector?