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26 June 2026

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

Request for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) (the LGOIMA)

Thank you for your email of **29 May 2026** requesting the following information:

The Helen Clark Foundation is undertaking a policy research project on central government tax incentives for private philanthropy for museums and galleries. In that context, we are looking at current funding arrangements for public museums and galleries in New Zealand. We request the following information to inform our research:

- ***The amount of funding your Council has provided to public museums and galleries for each of the last 10 financial years***

Please find below the allocation over the last ten financial years (2015/16- 2025/26) for public museums and galleries in our district. (We contribute this with medium confidence, aware there may be minor differences.) This includes regular annual grants to museums and galleries we have agreements with, and contestable and discretionary funding we have provided for museums and heritage organisations. It also includes a major contribution to our local performing arts centre, and our ongoing grant to the centre. We have included that information as a separate line item below, if it is of interest also.

We have not included building maintenance or upgrades to buildings we own.

Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.

Table 1: Council funding allocations for galleries and museums

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26 (from budget not year end)
KPAC contribution and ongoing grant	0	0	0	1,600,000	0	0	38,700	39,513	41,410	42,527	42,527
Totals	232,096.13	235,024.76	255,312.68	1,858,991.99	265,173.26	268,938.00	422,346.00	841,761.00	908,425.00	1,007,652.58	987,343.40
Total Council exp	73,050,000	73,970,000	78,000,000	79,200,000	88,800,000	91,200,000	97,900,000	108,300,000	119,400,000	134,300,000	163,811,351
%age of total Council spending	0.32%	0.32%	0.33%	2.35%	0.30%	0.29%	0.43%	0.78%	0.76%	0.75%	0.6%

- The amount (if any) allocated specifically for acquisitions of art and other items for museums and galleries for each of the last 10 financial years***

Council has allocated the annual amounts in the table below for Public Art purchases from the Public Art Acquisitions budget. In addition, Council met design and installation costs of public artwork incorporated into the development of the Maclean Park Skate Park in 2023-25, from its Project/Parks and Open Spaces budget.

Table 2: Council art acquisitions – allocation

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Totals	-	-	-	23,979.56	128,658.31	47,707.00	51,600.00	79,026.00	64,080.00	62,011.80	45,479.00
Total Council Capital Expenditure	19,600,000	21,700,000	23,800,000	22,200,000	23,500,000	32,900,000	45,500,000	61,100,000	81,700,000	63,200,000	85,364,961
Percentage of total Council spending	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.11%	0.55%	0.15%	0.11%	0.13%	0.08%	0.10%	0.05%

- The two amounts above as a percentage of total Council spending for each financial year.***

The table below shows the percentages of Council spending for each allocation for each year.

Table 3: Percentage of combined totals as percentage of all Council spending

2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
0.003	0.002	0.003	0.019	0.004	0.003	0.003	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.004

Should you wish to contact someone for further information on this, please contact our Advisor Arts and Heritage, Rosie Salas (available Monday to Wednesday) on (04) 296 4700.

Ngā mihi,



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