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FINALISTS  
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2025 marks Impact100 Whakatipu's sixth year. All applications were viewed with Impact100's new Vision and Mission in mind, which were established to help guide everything we do, from how and what we fund, to the way we communicate and work alongside our supporters, charitable partners, and local community.

As a reminder:

**Vision:** Women working together to secure a thriving Whakatipu Basin for all who choose to call it home

**Mission:** Impact100 is a catalyst for good; we help fuel organisations with high-impact solutions for our community's most critical needs

Having listened to charities in the community, we also evolved our grantmaking approach this year, to include both the large, transformational projects we have historically funded, and also for the first time, capacity building to help organisations sustainably achieve their mission, enabling them to scale-up their impact.

We are delighted to present five strong finalists to our supporters, all of whom are worthy of your careful consideration.

**The Grant Committee.**

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## Citizens Advice Bureau Queenstown

### Project: Immigration Advice Service

### Main Sector: Community Health and Well-being

The CAB informs, advises and advocates for those who use its service. More than two thirds of CAB's clients locally are migrants. 60% of its clients are under 39.

CAB is seeking funding from Impact100 to employ a Licensed Immigration Advisor 18 hours per week for 2 years to run an Immigration Advice Service, modelled on Community Law. The employment of a Licensed Immigration Advisor would meet a proven need for a free specialist advice service in an increasingly complex area of the law.

That person would work in three different ways to:

- a. triage complex immigration matters referred to the CAB and provide free advice to those clients;
- b. mentor and provide professional development in immigration for CAB's volunteer interviewers; and
- c. run workshops for small business owners regarding their responsibilities to their migrant workforces, helping them to get it right.



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## Salvation Army

### **Project: Under One Roof**

### **Main Sector: Community Health & Wellbeing**

The Salvation Army's Queenstown Ministries seek funding to assist in the completion of a larger project, but specifically for Impact100, the relocation of their foodbank in Gorge Road, which is Tāhuna's only foodbank.

The ground floor of the Army's current premises in Remarkables Park is to be retrofitted into a warm welcoming area for all those seeking their free counselling services or general support. A grant from Impact100 would fund that part of the retrofit being dubbed the Impact100 Social Supermarket.

For the first time the Army will be able to offer discreet access to and loading from its foodbank, install chillers and freezers to better store rescued food for redistribution, and generally provide dignified support for all those requesting assistance feeding themselves and their families.

The demand is clear and the need real, and while it is being met as best possible now, the 'Under One Roof' project would significantly build the Ministries' capacity to serve its community in a way which promotes mana and belonging.



Te Ope Whakaora



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## Sir John Kirwan Foundation

### **Project: Mitey Minds, Thriving Futures**

### **Main Sector: Community Health & Wellbeing**

New Zealand's mental health statistics are amongst the worst in the OECD. The Sir John Kirwan Foundation has adopted an early intervention approach, developing an evidence-based mental health education programme with the University of Auckland's Education Faculty.

Its Mitey programme now teaches Years 1 - 8 students about their own mental health, and that of others, in 190 New Zealand schools, at no cost to the schools.

An Impact100 grant would help the Foundation:

- a. introduce Mitey to ten Whakatipu Basin schools, over the next two years;
- b. reach over 2000 tamariki; and
- c. transform school and home lives, improving academic achievement outcomes along the way.

An analysis completed by Impact Lab showed every dollar invested in Mitey returns \$5.80 in social value.



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## Te Atamira

### **Project: Whakatipu Toi Hapore - Growing Community Creativity** **Main Sector: Arts and Culture**

Te Atamira, Tāhuna Queenstown's arts and cultural centre, is a platform for creativity to flourish for everyone, every day. It empowers potential, celebrates diversity, champions innovation, enriches wellbeing and fosters inclusion in its accessible, purpose-built spaces.

Its proposed programme Whakatipu Toi Hapori will expand its ability to reach and support under-served groups in the community via targeted, inclusive programming.

Funding is sought for

- a. an additional team member to grow curatorial and community offerings;
- b. deliver outreach and drop in programmes aimed at those not yet engaging regularly with Te Atamira, or separated from it by distance or means; and
- c. run capability workshops for creatives to grow and future-proof Tahuna's professional arts, culture and creativity sector.

Te Atamira is convinced of the demand for its services, having seen a 27% increase in visitors year on year. It has more than 2000 visitors a week. It wants Impact100's help to reach those demographics and sectors in the community denied access to it before now.





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## Wakatipu High School Foundation

### **Project: Building Belonging: A WHS Well-being Programme** **Main Sector: Lifewide Learning, Community Health & Wellbeing**

The Wakatipu High School has a culturally diverse student population and has identified a mismatch between the expectations of the students, cultural norms and the requirements of our education system.

The project is to employ bilingual migrant support staff to work directly with its Brazilian and Filipino students and their families. A successful pilot programme trialled with MoE seed funding has already shown very positive outcomes.

The concept is designed to build belonging, break down cultural and language barriers, and improve well-being, attendance, and achievement outcomes for all students.

The aim of the programme is to build trust, understand needs, and align school systems and communications to better meet their needs.

The insights gained and successes measured will then inform broader well-being strategies to be adopted across the entire student body.



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