

Incorporated community resident groups that manage significant assets or budgets

Aims and objectives

- To promote community ownership and stewardship of land and assets
- Provide grants, funding, and resources to support projects that address community needs and priorities.

Structure

- Board of directors responsible for strategic planning, policy development, and oversight of operations
- Committees or working groups focused on specific areas such as finance, housing development, asset management, and community engagement
- Paid staff members tasked with day-to-day operations, including property management, tenant relations, and administrative tasks.

Governance

- Generally governed by a board of directors elected by members or appointed based on specific criteria
- Adherence to a clear governance structure outlined in the organisation's constitution or bylaws
- Regular meetings to review financial performance, strategic direction, and community engagement initiatives.

These are typically organisations that have established to manage assets, distribute grants or generate income from community run businesses. These could include community development corporations or not-for-profit groups that manage community assets and programs.

Funding

- Generate income from community assets
- Seek donations from individuals, corporations, and philanthropic trusts, alongside government grants for environmental or community development projects
- Tiered memberships with varying benefits and fees might contribute to financial sustainability
- Compulsory levy fees for all residents and property owners.

Membership

- Membership in the group might be open to the public with tiered options offering increasing levels of involvement and benefits.

Examples of this type of group include Southern Highlands Foundation, Hobsonville Point Residents Society (NZ) and Perth City Farm.

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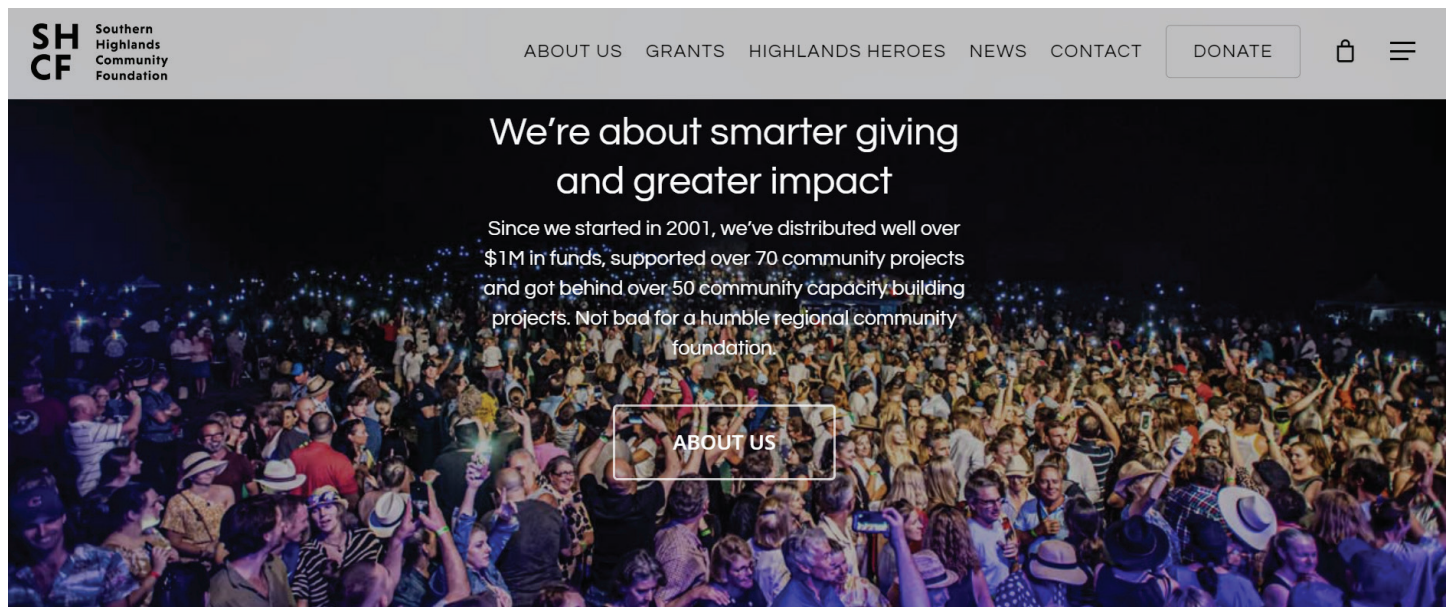
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What they do (events, projects, assets)

- Manage a portfolio of community assets, ensuring their upkeep and functionality.
- Generate income through activities like providing services, hosting events, renting out spaces, selling products, seeking grants, and forming partnerships
- Offer and support grant programs to support local community groups or resident-driven initiatives
- Organise or sponsor community events like neighbourhood clean-ups, art exhibitions, or cultural festivals.

Who they connect to/provide advice or reporting

- Engage with local and state government officials, and regulatory bodies to advocate for policies and programs that support community-led development initiatives
- Foster partnerships with local businesses, financial institutions, and philanthropic organisations to secure funding, technical assistance, and in-kind contributions for community projects and programs
- Provide advice and support to other community groups, neighbourhood associations, or grassroots organisations seeking to establish similar models of community ownership and empowerment.



The screenshot shows the top portion of a website. On the left is the logo for SHCF (Southern Highlands Community Foundation). To the right is a navigation menu with links for ABOUT US, GRANTS, HIGHLANDS HEROES, NEWS, CONTACT, and a DONATE button. Below the navigation is a hero section with a background image of a large crowd at night. The text in the hero section reads: "We're about smarter giving and greater impact". Below this is a paragraph: "Since we started in 2001, we've distributed well over \$1M in funds, supported over 70 community projects and got behind over 50 community capacity building projects. Not bad for a humble regional community foundation." At the bottom of the hero section is a white button with the text "ABOUT US".

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