



Improving community resilience, safety and wellbeing through collaborative efforts

Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand

SCFNZ Strategy (2020-2023)

OUR VISION

Communities in New Zealand are safe, vibrant, resilient and connected.
He haumarū, hihiri, manahau me hono hapori i roto i Aotearoa.

OUR VALUES

Approachable/Whanaungatanga and Connected/Kotahitanga

- Participation and strong effective relationships, collaboration is the heart of what we do
- Flexibility and choice underpins our community support, being nationally led, but community delivered

Respect/Manaakitanga and Integrity/Tikanga

- Demonstrate, honesty, respect and integrity
- Embrace diversity (understanding) and accepting the differences of each community

Responsible/Kaitiakitanga and Proactive/Tūhonohono

- Embrace innovation, in supporting strengthening community social impact
- Evidence-based approach - on local and international best practice

WHAT WE DO

- Sustain and grow the Safe Community movement
- Be an influencer to adopt wellbeing and safety practices
- Build community social impact
- Grow and diversify our sphere of influence
- Strengthen community capabilities

OUR STRUCTURE

Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand (SCFNZ) is a non-government organisation with charitable trust status, a Safe Community Support and Accrediting Centre of the Pan Pacific Safe Community Network. Established in 2004, SCFNZ adopts both public health and community development principles in its approach to build social capital and increase wellbeing through community safety promotion.

SCFNZ is an agent of change, working alongside communities to increase individual and community wellbeing, inclusiveness and resilience. This actively supports the Government wellbeing agenda, alongside the international Sustainable Development Goals. SCFNZ also aligns to the theory of Injury Prevention as Social Change (McClure RJ, et al. Inj Prev June 2016 Vol 22 No 3. [webinar](#)) reframing injury prevention at the population level through a systemic approach.

SCFNZ is currently funded by Ministry of Health and Te Hīringa Hauora/Health Promotion Agency, with funding previously coming from Accident Compensation Corporation and Ministry of Justice. SCFNZ has both the capacity and capability to provide ongoing services to the Safe Communities movement.

THE DIFFERENCE WE WANT TO MAKE

Increased community capability and self-determination Communities have the skills, leaders and capabilities needed to drive and sustain positive local change to achieve their aspirations.

Increased synergy through developing collaborative relationships that can build critical mass and credibility.

Increased impact and reach. One message many voices, resulting in the continuity of messages and interventions, and their sustainability.

Increased family and whānau resilience People have the skills, strategies and networks that they need to achieve and maintain wellbeing.

Increased inclusion and social cohesion Connections are built within and between communities, creating an environment in which people feel included and that they belong.

Increased social equity All people, families and communities can access safe housing, health, education, sporting and employment opportunities.

Enhanced community safety. Improvements in perceptions of safety, the creation of vibrant yet safe environments, adoption of safer behaviours, increased wellbeing with a long-term reduction in severity and incidence of injury/violence/crime and alcohol related harm.

Safety is: a fundamental human right; a shared responsibility; an attainable aspiration.

Since SCFNZ inception there has been exponential growth of Safe Communities within NZ, with 2 out of every 3 New Zealanders living in an accredited Safe Community.

PAN PACIFIC SAFE COMMUNITY MODEL

Safe Communities is not another project or a programme, it is an integrated way of doing business. The Safe Community model is widespread internationally and is recognised by the World Health Organization (WHO) as an effective and acceptable intervention to address community and individual safety, resilience, and wellbeing. The Safe Communities concepts embody the values and philosophies of whanaungatanga (relationships) manaakitanga (respect, care, and support) and tino rangatiratanga (self-determination and autonomy).

The model promotes public health and community development principles with a strong focus on building capacity to implement collective actions through building inclusive, resilient, and connected communities. This actively supports the Government wellbeing agenda and the overarching Sustainable Development Goals.



Supporting Documents: SCFNZ Strategic Outcomes Framework , SCFNZ Operating Framework Manual