



## How is Council funded?

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The Chatham Islands Council is responsible for both District and Regional Council activities.

### Funding sources

To pay for these the Council has five funding sources:

Rates	\$577k
Crown appropriation	\$4.35m
Waka Kotahi (NZTA)	\$4.4m
Council Dues	\$265k
Fees & Charges and various Government funding schemes	\$1.378m
Total	<b>\$10.97m</b>

### Rating System

Rates are a charge against property (rating unit) and set by the Council. Rates are a blend of 'tax' and service charges.

Councils levy rates to fund services and facilities that the community has asked for and to fund services that Government requires councils to provide (Eg. roading and emergency management). Service charges are costs that can be measured and charged directly to those who benefit from them (Eg. water and wastewater). Most other rates, either targeted or general, are essentially a 'tax'.

We use a capital value rating system. The valuation of the island is done every three years - the next due date is 2021.

Chatham Islands Council rates are calculated using the property value and the use of the property, such as residential, business and rural. Council's Annual Plan or Long Term Plan decides the work to be done, how much it will cost and the total amount of rates that are needed to pay for it.

# More information

[Find out more about how to pay your rates and the rates resolution.](#)

More information on how your rates are apportioned to these areas is available in our [Annual Plan](#), [Long-Term Plan](#).

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