

**Mid-year report template for Community Projects and Internet Research - to be sent to gertrud@internetnz.net.nz on the date specified in your contract**

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| Grant reference number:   | #PR201500028   |
| Name of recipient and contact details   | <i>Please include mobile and email</i>   |
| Name of organisation (if applicable)  | Venture Southland  |
| Title of project/research   | Broadband access support   |
| Amount of funding received  | \$15000  |
| Budget details  | <p><i>\$2500 – Digital Enablement Coordinator</i><br/> <i>\$3000 – Digital Advocacy</i><br/> <i>\$3000 – Digital Training</i></p> <p><i>To date \$8500 has been spent of the budget, this is in-line with the projected budget</i></p>   |
| Timeline update   | <i>There has been some delay in establishing the position, due to timelines accessing the additional funding required. However work has proceeded with pace and there is no anticipated long-term impact of this</i>   |
| Achievements to date  | <i>The initial stages of the project involves an update of the ‘current’ digital position that Southland is in. This builds on the work undertaken as part of a region wide survey assessing both users ability to get the required communication and internet services. This updated research will indicate shifts in behaviour and access over the past 12 months, and will examine the impact of UFB roll-out. This research is currently underway. An initial workshop on digital ability, focusing on the tourism industry, was also undertaken. This attracted over 25 businesses.</i> |
| Difficulties to date  | <i>N/A</i>   |
| Findings/learnings to date  | <i>We will have further information once the core research is updated.</i>   |
| Do you anticipate there being anything media-worthy in your project/research* | <i>We will have further information once the core research is updated. (This will result in a future press release.</i>  |