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Hospitality New Zealand welcomes a \$1.3m grant from the Hospitality Training Trust.

A Covid-19 rescue package from the Hospitality Training Trust for key industry associations will help to sustain and reinvigorate the industry's recovery efforts, Hospitality New Zealand says.

The Hospitality Training Trust has announced a \$1.37 million package to be shared by five industry associations, including Hospitality New Zealand.

Chief Executive Julie White said the grant would be a tremendous boost for Hospitality New Zealand and its members.

"Covid-19 has delivered the worst hit in living memory to hospitality – bars, cafes restaurants, casinos and accommodation businesses that bring vitality to our towns and cities, employ 170,000 people across New Zealand, and put billions of dollars into the economy.

"We have been doing all we can to support them through that with our advocacy, tools, resources and advice. This has been essential work that has all put unprecedented pressure on our organisation and resources.

"With this funding we now know that we can sustain and continue to advocate on their behalf and provide services and support that will help hospitality businesses to operate successfully."

She said hospitality businesses had been frustrated by the lack of targeted Government support to help them survive and recover from months of lost income.

"We need to pull together to get through this, and this is a wonderful example of the industry helping the industry out."

"There is still a lot of uncertainty ahead for the sector and this funding will go a long way to helping the industry to navigate that."

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About Hospitality New Zealand.

Hospitality New Zealand is Aotearoa's leading nationwide hospitality industry association covering commercial accommodation and food and beverage businesses. It is a not for profit organisation, which currently supports over 3,000 members across the country. The association was first formed in 1902 as the United Licensed Victuallers Association, and has consequently been helping New Zealand's small businesses and communities for over a century. Visit our [website](#), speak to someone at the Hospitality New Zealand National Call Centre 0800 500 503 or connect with us on our social media channels; [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [LinkedIn](#).