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**CENTRE FOR HOUSING RESEARCH, AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND  
HOUSING RESEARCH ACTIVITIES**

I am writing to provide you with an update on CHRANZ's housing research activities.

**CHRANZ COMMUNITY BASED HOUSING RESEARCH POOL**

CHRANZ is receiving research proposals for funding from the newly established Community Based Research Pool of \$30,000. CHRANZ is offering six research grants of \$5000 (GST inclusive) to support organisations and individuals involved in community based housing to develop their research skills and interests in housing. The research pool is based on CHRANZ's strategic objective to develop and increase the capacity and capability of researchers to make a sustained contribution to quality housing research in the future.

**CHRANZ NEW RESEARCHER REPORTS**

Two new research reports have been added to the CHRANZ website. Both are from recipients of CHRANZ's New Researcher Development Grants.

- *Buying a First Home: Generation X in the Auckland Housing Market*  
Amanda Findsen (2005) A thesis submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree of Master of Arts in Geography, The University of Auckland.
- *The Home of Exile: Housing the Auckland Ethiopian Refugee Population*  
Zoe Meager (2005) A thesis submitted in fulfilment of the requirements for the degree of Master of Arts in Sociology, The University of Auckland.

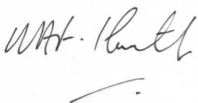
**HOUSING ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

CHRANZ has released an invitation to tender seeking researchers or research organisations to undertake research into the impact of market prices, incentives and regulatory requirements on the uptake of energy efficiency features when building new houses or upgrading older houses in New Zealand. \$75,000 (GST inclusive) is available for this project. CHRANZ has allocated \$37,500 (GST inclusive) from its 2005/06 research budget and Building Research has contributed \$37,500 (GST inclusive) from the Building Research Levy.

Details of CHRANZ's housing research investments and free copies of published research reports can be located at [www.chranz.co.nz](http://www.chranz.co.nz). For further information please contact Terrence Aschoff on 04 439 3326 or [terrence.aschoff@chranz.co.nz](mailto:terrence.aschoff@chranz.co.nz).

I wish you a restful Christmas and a happy new year.

Yours sincerely



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