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EARTH MOVING: Otorohanga residents are being warned to avoid a major slip on Otewa Rd for safety reasons while the enormous pile of mud and rock (left) is safely shifted from the site. The slip was first noticed on Monday evening and by Tuesday morning 5000 cubic metres (500 truck loads) of earth was estimated to have fallen onto the road. Otorohanga District Council road maintenance engineer Lew Pulman says abut 13.5kms of Otewa Rd (from SH3) will be closed until at least Wednesday while contractor Inframax clears the unstable debris. A detour is in place along Rangiatea, Maihiihi and Paewhenua roads. PHOTOS SUPPLIED

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Groups receive grants

FOUR Waitomo district organisations, a primary school and three residents have been given a hand up in the latest funding rounds from the Creative Communities Scheme.

The scheme aims to encourage, promote and support the arts in local communities, and was established by Creative New Zealand in 1996.

The scheme is administered locally by the Waitomo District Council, with the local authority set to receive an additional \$2276 per year for the next two years.

Two funding rounds are held each year with about \$7000 available in the 2015-16 and 2016-17 period.

Recipents:

Funding rounds: November 2014 - Aria Primary School (whole school production) \$750, Project Piopio Trust (children's art work project) \$2846.02, Encore (support for singers' collective concerts) \$1000, Moepatu Borrell (research and create a compendium of tupuna speeches and petitions) \$2769.53.

May 2015 - Kayu Lodge Art Doc Gallery (to provide creative workshops) \$800, On-Stage Te Kuiti (host regional theatre festival) \$600, Rodney Bell (Kotai Manu interactive dance project) \$2335, Brigid Allen (Empty Spaces project) \$2335.

The closing date for the next Creative Communities applications is November 20.

For information and an application form visit the website – waitomo.govt.nz

