



Introduction to the Māori Housing Network

He Kupu Whakataki: Māori Housing Network



Summary

This information is an introduction to the Māori Housing Network.

The Māori Housing Network supports whānau, hapū and iwi with information, advice, and practical support to improve and develop whānau housing.

Whakatauki

**Ehara taku toa i te toa takitini,
engari he toa takitini.**

My strength is not mine alone
but that of many.

*The collective effort is
necessary for the success
of an endeavour.*

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What is the Māori Housing Network?

Whānau solutions for whānau housing.

The Māori Housing Network has been established in Te Puni Kōkiri to support whānau, hapū and iwi Māori to achieve their housing aspirations. The Māori Housing Network:

- Shares information, and provides practical support and advice to whānau and rōpū;
- Manages funds for Māori housing projects;
- Works with other agencies to co-ordinate and improve whānau housing.

What does the Māori Housing Network do?

The Māori Housing Network can help you with information, advice, practical support and funding.

| What we do | How we do it | Individuals & whānau groups | Rōpū |
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| Practical housing support | Information, advice and assistance with finding other organisations which might be able to help you with your housing needs. | ✓ | ✓ |
| Community co-ordinated housing repairs | Advice and grants to support community co-ordinated housing repair programmes. We will also help you identify other potential sources of advice and funding, such as the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) home insulation programme. | | ✓ |
| Emergency housing pilots | Grants to support emergency housing pilots managed by existing Māori providers of emergency housing and other housing sector organisations. | | ✓ |
| Housing facilitation support | Advice and grants to support practical housing initiatives and provide access to housing expertise to assist with housing projects. This can include 'on the ground' capability support from community-based housing support workers. | ✓ | ✓ |



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| Housing-related workshops | Advice and grants for housing-related workshops that help whānau and rōpū address their housing issues or realise their housing aspirations. | ✓ | ✓ |
| Capability building support | Advice and grants to support rōpū to build their knowledge and ability to undertake and manage a specified community-focused housing project. | | ✓ |
| Infrastructure support | Grants for infrastructure (e.g. electricity or roading) for housing on Māori land. Priority will be given to supporting new housing on Māori land and enabling access to Kāinga Whenua loans. | ✓ | ✓ |
| Housing developments | Capital grants to rōpū to support the increased supply of social and affordable (rental or assisted ownership) housing on Māori land. Grant funding will be a contribution to the total costs of the housing development. | | ✓ |



How can the Māori Housing Network help you?

| I have an immediate housing need | How we can help |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I need to find a house to rent We're being evicted I can't pay my rent We need emergency housing | <p>We will assist you to get help through the Ministry of Social Development, Housing New Zealand, the Tenancy Tribunal, or other agencies in your area.</p> |
| We are thinking about improving whānau housing | How we can help |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our community has housing in serious disrepair but we don't know where to start We have a papakāinga on which we would like to build housing for the whānau | <p>Give us a call and arrange to come in and meet with one of our advisors. We can help you consider what you want to do and work out how you can get started with your plans.</p> |

Talk to one of our people

0800 758 956



| We are planning a whānau housing project | How we can help |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We've identified some repairs we want to make to houses in our community We plan to build a house for whānau We want to develop housing on our papakāinga We have an infrastructure plan (e.g. electricity, sewerage system, roading) for our papakāinga | <p>We will provide you with information and advice and identify potential sources of funding.</p> <p>If your project is eligible for Te Puni Kōkiri funding, your Regional Advisor will help you prepare a proposal. The Advisor will give you checklists and prompts for what to include.</p> <p><i>(Note. It is important that you don't make any financial commitments for housing activity that you want Te Puni Kōkiri to fund until you have met with us and an application has been approved. The Network does not retrospectively fund projects.)</i></p> <p>Once you submit your proposal, the Māori Housing Network will consider it alongside other proposals in the region and nationally.</p> |



Developing your project with the Māori Housing Network

We work alongside whānau, hapū and iwi to help you consider your housing goals, plan your project, develop funding proposals, and provide agreed funding as your project is implemented.

Stage 1. How can we help?

When you connect with the Māori Housing Network we will listen to you to find out what your housing needs and aspirations are – and discuss how we can help.

If you are looking to develop infrastructure for homes, or want to create affordable housing for whānau, or put together a community housing repair project for homes in serious disrepair, we will help you develop your plans and identify the potential for your project to receive funding.

If you need other housing services, such as help with a tenancy or emergency housing, we will assist you to get help through the right agency.

Stage 2. Project development

The Network will provide funding for projects in these three areas:

Projects to improve housing quality – ‘safe, warm and healthy homes’

- focus on home improvements in communities with high levels of housing disrepair

- help develop infrastructure (such as electricity, roading) for existing housing on Māori land
- build the capability of whānau, hapū and iwi in the housing sector

Projects that help Māori organisations increase their ability to provide housing for whānau

- support for papakāinga workshops and workshops on home ownership
- develop information and advice about housing issues for whānau, hapū and iwi Māori

Projects to increase the number of affordable homes for Māori

- support for a limited number of projects that provide new social housing units
- support for infrastructure for new homes on Māori land

Once you have a project ready to develop, we will work with you to prepare your funding proposal, including working through options for funding support. In some cases this may include considering other potential sources of funding if these are available.

Stage 3. Proposal management

All funding proposals are assessed nationally from time to time throughout the year. Once your proposal has been assessed, you will be advised whether or not your project qualifies for funding support through the Māori Housing Network. If you are not funded, we may be able to help you with information, advice and referrals to other agencies and potential sources of funding.

If you are granted financial assistance, we will work with you on the next steps. These include completion of a Funding Agreement. This sets out the outcomes you want to achieve, success indicators, timelines and payment schedules.

Stage 4. Monitoring and reporting

As your project gets underway, you provide regular progress reports, as set out in your Funding Agreement. As each agreed milestone is achieved and invoices presented, funding for the next steps is released.

The Network will keep in touch with you to ensure that the practical and financial support provided is meeting your needs. We want your project to be a success.

For further information visit www.tpk/govt.nz/housing or phone 0800 758 956.

Māori Housing Network Fund

Here are some examples of assistance that can be provided through the Māori Housing Network fund.

- Supporting community housing repair programmes
- Supporting the set-up costs for emergency housing initiatives for whānau with housing crisis
- Purchasing of special practical and technical advice to advance whānau and Māori organisations' housing aspirations
- Support Māori organisations and communities to build capability to deliver affordable housing solutions
- Support Māori organisations to determine feasibility of their housing aspirations
- Funding for infrastructure (power, water, sewerage systems, roading, gas, telecoms) for housing on Māori land
- Assistance to individual households and land trusts developing affordable rental housing papakāinga on Māori land





Left: Rangatahi get to enjoy the play area as part of the Kohuhu papakāinga. Right: Minister for Māori Development, Hon Te Ururoa Flavell (far right) pictured with one of the nine whānau who have moved into the homes at Kohuhu papakāinga. (L-R): Joanne Thomas, Eddie Naicovi, Lucius Chase and Julius Moore.

He Korowai Trust

An affordable papakāinga home ownership model and emergency/transitional housing.

Whare Ora Papakāinga

- 9 recycled homes have been fully redecorated and are now ready to provide affordable home ownership to 17 adults and 43 tamariki.
- These were state-owned homes in Glen Innes in Auckland that were tagged for demolition.
- The 9 homes have been relocated from Auckland to Kaitaia with a plan to have up to 18 homes on the papakāinga.
- He Korowai Trust has purchased the land in Kaitaia which was transferred from European title to Māori freehold land.
- An affordable home ownership model. Families will own their homes in 17 years.



- 200 fruit trees have been planted and a safe play area created for the tamariki.
- Homes are no deposit and a fixed rate set for rent per week which includes meat, milk, eggs, fruit and veges.
- The site is drug, alcohol and violence free.
- Whānau also receive early childhood and social services support, budgeting assistance, medical care, counselling, parenting and mentoring.

Puna Reo

- A 147 square metre early childhood centre located near the Whare Ora papakāinga homes.

Emergency Accommodation

- The Trust bought a closed down hotel in Kaitaia and have converted it into a 35 bed emergency accommodation complex.
- Provide both essential care and vital wraparound support for up to 90 days.
- Occupants can access a full range of services from counselling to addiction rehabilitation and budget help. Every three months the Trust will review the occupants to assess their readiness for moving on.

'Turning of the Soil' Men's Clinic

- A 3 bedroom safe home for men who are in crisis and in need of emergency housing due to risks of imprisonment.

Ricky Houghton

He Korowai Trust is providing ordinary services in an extraordinary way

"Māori housing is at its lowest levels of all time. All of the housing organisations in the Far North are in crisis. There is nowhere to sleep. There is nowhere to go. There is nowhere to turn to", says Ricky. "This community is in crisis and needs support".

"So the Trust has responded with an emergency accommodation complex. Each room has been freshly painted and under that paint is hope created for the families."

"Specifically set up to reach out to the families in these types of situations to offer them hope, a place where they can come in gather their thoughts, be loved, have the essential care services and work with them to improve the quality of life for them and their children."





Liz Love, Te Aro Pā descendant and tenant (left) with her sister Maryner and a picture of their tipuna Te Atiawa Chief, Wi Tako Ngātata.

Te Aro Pā Trust

Urban papakāinga development to provide social and affordable housing.

As the country comes to grips with the ongoing housing crisis, Māori landowners are finding their own solutions. The owners and trustees of Te Aro Pā are amongst those leading the way with a build of 14 papakāinga homes at Greta Point in Wellington.

The history of Te Aro Pā

- In the 1870s displaced by a growing British settlement, Ngāti Ruanui and Taranaki iwi were given inhospitable land near a landfill.
- However, as the land was chemically contaminated, it proved to be too expensive to develop. After lengthy negotiations, Wellington City Council agreed to swap it for the currently smaller, but more desirable site at Greta Point.



Te Aro Pā Trust

- Te Aro Pā Trust is the kaitiaki to the remnant from the original Te Aro Pā in Whanganui a Tara.
- Te Aro Pā Trust represents over 1000 owners and descendants who can trace their whakapapa to the original pā inhabitants.
- The Trust set out to build 14 social and affordable rental homes for whānau.
- Partnership with a registered community housing provider for tenancy management.

Accessed project development funding

- Capital and infrastructure
- Feasibility study

Liz Love

For Liz Love (Te Atiawa), and her two sons, moving into the Te Aro Pā papakāinga, their brand new rental property in Wellington's Evans Bay, is like coming full circle.

The idea of raising her two sons on whenua connected to her tipuna and surrounded by whānau is the icing on the cake.

"It's a blessing not only for our iwi and our people. I feel very honoured when I think of all the people that have been on this journey with us and are no longer here with us," says Liz.

For her part, Liz is delighted with her new home and says "being in a papakāinga in a nice neighbourhood will definitely benefit us".

"I like the fact that my landlords and pretty much all of my neighbours will somehow be whānau," she said. "It's definitely a positive move and you know your environment sets the mindset for your whānau, and this, being a papakāinga in a nice neighbourhood, will benefit us."





Alex Sanderson (home owner) and Chief Executive for Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa, Toa Faneva.

Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa

Home repairs programme and He Whare Āwhina transitional/emergency housing

Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa is alleviating housing deprivation in Te Tai Tokerau by way of essential home repairs and offering short-term emergency housing for up to six whānau at any one time.

Transitional/emergency housing

- Provide short-term (approximately twelve weeks) housing for up to six whānau at one time.
- Three detached self-contained units located He Whare Awhina.
- Support to move into long-term housing in private rental or Housing New Zealand properties or to other options provided by wider whānau.
- Provide wrap around support services through Whānau Ora Navigator, financial literacy and budgeting support, employment support, education and health assessments through a partnership with the Whaingaroa Health Services Trust.



Home repairs programme

- Essential home repairs of up 20 homes to make them warm, safe and dry.

Accessed project development funding

- Capability building (housing workshops aimed at equipping whānau with basic DIY skills to maintain their home).
- Emergency housing and home repairs.

Alex Sanderson

The Sanderson whānau are a part of a community housing project led by Te Rūnanga of Whaingaroa which will see them get long overdue repairs to their home.

The Sanderson whānau are among the first to receive assistance.

“There’s a lot of dampness across the house. The ceiling has waterproofing issues dating back to when the roof was constructed. There’s no bracing on the floor. All this has contributed to the house being in the state that it’s in now.”

“The transformation and impact has been massive. Our tamariki are really excited. The windows in their rooms and the holes in the floor will be fixed. There’s real excitement,” says Alex Sanderson, Ngāpuhi.



Toa and Alex talk about the ‘next steps’ for the driveway and other overdue repairs to their home.





Left: Natasha Tukaokao's son mowing the vast lawn next to the petrol generator and two solar panels that used to power their entire home. Right: A close up of the newly installed solar panels.

Tukaokao whānau

Urgent home repair to achieve a healthy and affordable home.

Solar panel installation

- The whānau sought help through an infrastructure grant.
- 24 250 watt solar panels with a new battery storage system were installed into the home.

Natasha Tukaokao

Natasha Tukaokao is completely blown away with the outcome of having the new solar panels.

“It’s a totally different home. As a direct result of accessing power the kids health has improved due to being able to have our air filtering system running and access to fresh kai. Before we could only keep kai for 24 hours,” says Natasha.

“From not having to buy food everyday or purchase petrol for the generator we’ve been able to afford to restore our vege garden, pay our bills and support our tamariki more effectively. It’s only been a few months and we’ve achieved so much.”



Māori Housing Network contacts

Whatever your housing need, we want to help. When you are ready to discuss what you want to do, get in touch with your local Te Puni Kōkiri office to arrange a meeting with the Māori Housing Network Regional Advisor.

Phone 0800 758 956

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Website www.tpk.govt.nz

or visit any Te Puni Kōkiri office (see full list of regional offices on page 12 of the reverse booklet).

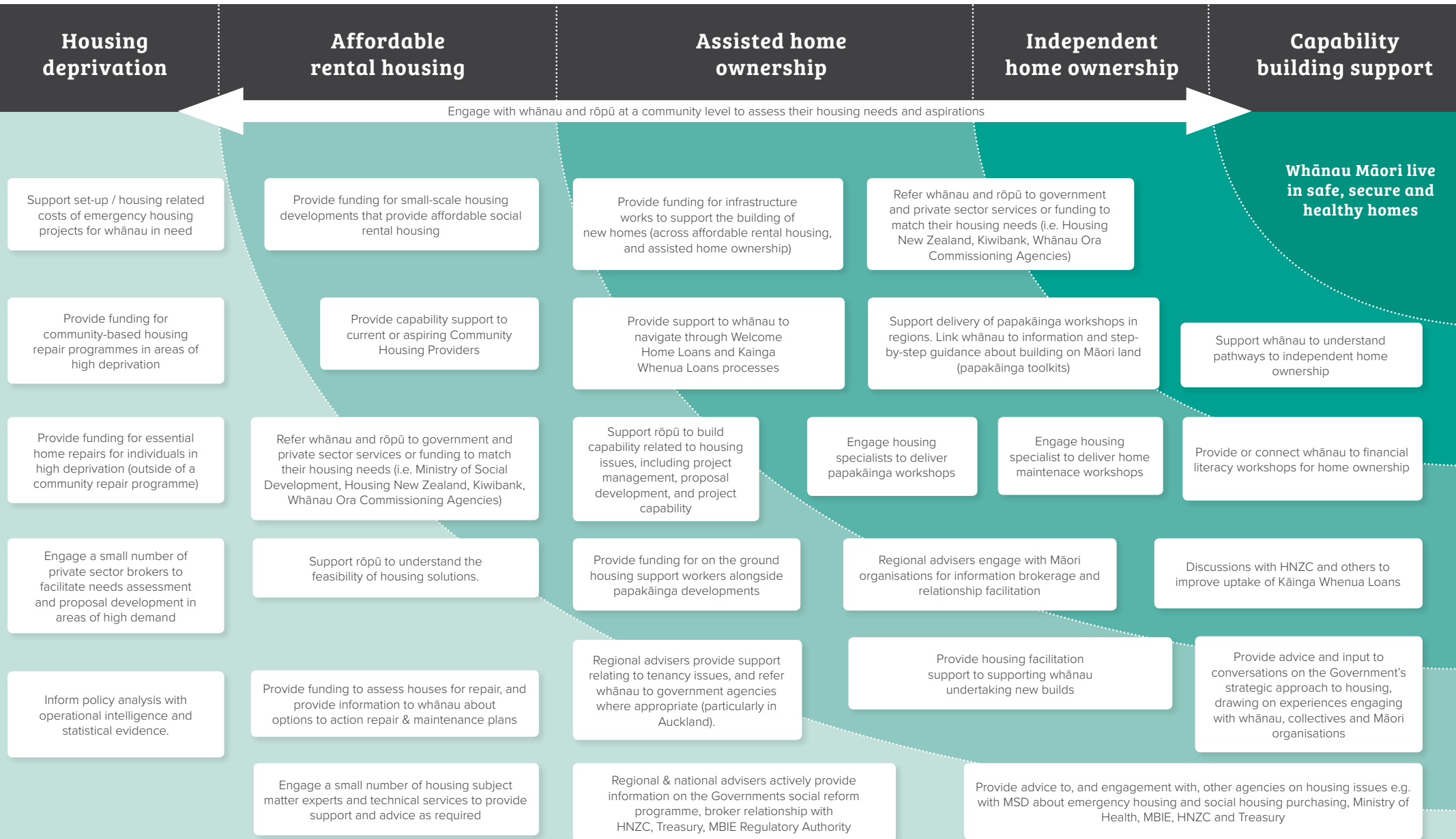
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