

HEI WHAKATAU | BRIEFING

Subject: Māori Covid Communities Fund (MCCF) Vaccine Acceleration Funding Approvals

Date:	27/10/21	Priority	High
Classification	IN CONFIDENCE	Tracking Number	44199

Action sought	Date action required by
It is recommended that you approve the following funding requests:	Thursday 28 October 2021
1. Agree to Te Puni Kōkiri proceeding to contract Karawhina Te Tai Tokerau proposal for with a total investment value of \$4.337m	Yes / No
2. Agree to Te Arawhiti proceeding to contract Taranaki Māori Trust Board for with a total investment value of \$1.332m	Yes / No
3. Agree to Te Puni Kōkiri proceeding to contract Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu for with a total investment value of \$0.250m	Yes/ No
4. Agree to Te Puni Kōkiri proceeding to contract Whanau Ora Commissioning Agency for with a total investment value of \$5.000m	Yes/No
5. Note that Te Puni Kōkiri, Te Arawhiti, and DPMC support all four proposals for MCCF funding, and that Ministry of Health support Proposals 1, 2 and 3.	Noted
6. Note that we expect contracts to be sent to partners by Friday, with initial payments made immediately following receipt of signed contracts.	Noted

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)			
Name	Position	Mobile	1 st contact
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Grace Smit	Deputy Secretary – Organisational Support, Te Puni Kōkiri		✓
Hamiora Bowkett	Deputy Secretary Strategy, Governance and Public Sector Performance, Te Puni Kōkiri		
Kelly Dunn	Deputy Chief Executive Partnerships, Te Arawhiti		
Tamati Sheppard-Wipiiti	Group Manager of Equity for the COVID-19 Vaccine and Immunisation Programme, Ministry of Health		
Peter Douglas	PAG Advisor, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet		



Other Agencies Consulted					
<input type="checkbox"/> MBIE	<input type="checkbox"/> MoJ	<input type="checkbox"/> NZTE	<input type="checkbox"/> MSD	<input type="checkbox"/> TEC	<input type="checkbox"/> MoE
<input type="checkbox"/> MFAT	<input type="checkbox"/> MPI	<input type="checkbox"/> MfE	<input type="checkbox"/> DIA	<input type="checkbox"/> Treasury	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MoH
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DPMC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Te Arawhiti				

Attachments	Attachment 1 – MCCF Tranche 1 Investment Proposals
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Minister's office to complete:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Approved | <input type="checkbox"/> Declined |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noted | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Needs change |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seen | <input type="checkbox"/> Overtaken by Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> See Minister's Notes | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn |

Comments:

Forward to:	✓ or ✗
• Minister for Whānau Ora	
• Minister for Māori Development	
• Minister for Māori Crown Relations – Te Arawhiti	
• Minister of Finance	

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Purpose

1. This paper outlines the first tranche of investment proposals for the Māori Covid Communities Fund (MCCF) to support Māori Vaccination Acceleration and seeks your approval to proceed to contracting to deliver four proposals, with total contract value of \$10.919m
2. Agencies intend to proceed with contracting immediately following your approval.

Background

3. On Friday 24 October the Māori Covid Communities Fund (MCCF) was established to support additional Māori vaccination uptake, and to promote community resilience ahead of the introduction of the new COVID-19 Protection Framework.
4. The MCCF funding will be delivered in two phases:
 - a. Phase 1 of the Fund will see \$60 million directly distributed to Māori, iwi and community providers to support rapid vaccination uptake.
 - b. Phase 2 funding will focus on increasing resilience, ensuring access to information and resources, and supporting locally led and co-designed approaches to managing and minimising the impacts of COVID-19.
5. This briefing is focused on approval of funding proposals for Phase 1.

Proposals for approval

6. In the lead up to the announcement on Friday 24 October, agencies have worked with existing providers, and new potential providers to identify a long list of concepts and proposals that could support vaccination uptake.
7. Agencies have refined this list down to a first tranche of investments for approval, using the following criteria:
 - a. capacity for the partner to deliver Māori vaccination uptake activity
 - b. track record of delivery of outcomes for Māori
 - c. ability to deliver targeted vaccination acceleration in priority areas with low Māori vaccination rates
8. Four proposals (outlined below) have been identified in Tranche 1, with a total investment of \$10.919m. Agencies have also prepared short summaries (**Attachment 1**) to support each proposal, using information provided by applicants to ensure clarity and consistency of information to inform decision making.

ID	Contracting agency	Partner	Area	\$ Requested	Supported by			
					TA	TPK	MOH	DPMC
1	Te Puni Kōkiri	Karawhiua Te Tai Tokerau	Te Tai Tokerau	\$4.337m	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Te Arawhiti	Ngā Iwi o Taranaki Collective	Taranaki	\$1.332m	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Te Puni Kōkiri	Te Pūtahitanga - Manaaki20	Te Waipounamu	\$0.250m	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	Te Puni Kōkiri	Whanau Ora Commissioning Agency	North Island	\$5.000m	✓	✓	X ¹	✓
Total				\$10.919m				

¹ Recommendation from Ministry of Health was to divert to Phase 2 as proposal is not clearly linked to vaccine uptake.

Financial implications

9. Subject to your approval the funding will be distributed by the identified agency responsible for managing the contract with the provider.

Next steps

10. Following Ministerial approval of these proposals, agencies will establish contracts with delivery partners.
11. In parallel with this approval process, additional tranches of investments are being prepared for your decision. We anticipate a second investment tranche for approval will be provided to you in the next few days.

Consultation

12. This briefing and proposals included in Annex 1 have been developed in collaboration with Te Puni Kōkiri, Te Arawhiti, and the Ministry of Health.
13. Note the table above indicates the proposals supported by each agency. Except for Proposal #4, which the Ministry of Health does not support, all four proposals are supported by Te Puni Kōkiri, Te Arawhiti, DPMC and the Ministry of Health.

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Recommended Action

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<p>Hon Willie Jackson Te Minita Whanaketanga Māori</p> <p>Date: ____ / ____ / 2021</p>	<p>Hon Peeni Henare Minister for Whānau Ora / Associate Minister of Health (Māori Health)</p> <p>Date: ____ / ____ / 2021</p>
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<p>Hon Kelvin Davis Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti</p> <p>Date: ____ / ____ / 2021</p>	<p>Hon Grant Robertson Minister of Finance</p> <p>Date: ____ / ____ / 2021</p>
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