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Subject: Māori Communities COVID-19 Fund (MCCF) Vaccine Acceleration Funding Approvals: Tranche 6

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Minister's office to complete:

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Comments:

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

Purpose

1. This paper outlines Tranche 6 investment proposals for the Māori Communities COVID-19 Fund (MCCF) to support Māori Vaccination Acceleration and seeks your approval to proceed to contracting to eight proposals, with total contract value of \$8.101m. This includes an adjustment to a Tranche 4 proposal from Whiti Mai Tairawhiti which has been increased by \$1.150m to \$6.150m and an adjustment to a Tranche 1 proposal from Aupouri, Ngāti Kahu Te Rarawa Trust which has been increased by \$0.200m to \$0.500m.
2. Agencies intend to proceed with contracting immediately following your approval.
3. The paper also highlights that after approving the first five tranches of proposals, and depending on Ministerial approvals for the proposals outlined in this briefing, potentially \$54.853m of the \$60m funding made available for Phase 1 has been committed to proposals.

Funds allocated to date and potential future spend

4. The MCCF was designed [TPK 2021 10 21 refers] to be a flexible funding pool that is adaptable to changing circumstances, for example, to prioritise vaccination uptake activity in the first few months. The fund is designed to allow Ministers to regularly review and iterate the settings and phasing of the fund to ensure that resources are being applied to the most critical issues at the right time.
5. When establishing the fund, it was noted that Ministers would review the settings and allocation of the funding across the two phases of the MCCF.
6. Based on Tranches of funding approved and proposals in this briefing, \$54.853m of the original \$60m allocated to Phase 1 to support Māori vaccination uptake between October and December 2021 will have been committed.
7. Following feedback from Ministers and acknowledging that \$46.752m from the \$60m allocated to Phase 1 of the MCCF has been committed to date (not including the proposals outlined in this briefing), officials from across Te Puni Kōkiri, Te Arawhiti, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Social Development have met.
8. Officials acknowledge the requirement to be deliberate and targeted with the funding approach. While our focus has been priority areas, we are aware that many more proposals are likely to be received from communities for the funding that the MCCF is designed for. Some areas are still working on initiatives and proposal development. Accordingly, decisions will need to be made on the scope and scale of Phase 1 of the MCCF in order to prioritise investment.
9. Officials are seeking your direction on whether to cap the spending on vaccination efforts at the initial \$60 million identified, or draw funding from Phase 2 into Phase 1 spending. Vaccination remains the most effective response to COVID-19 and therefore is fundamental to effective community resilience. Accordingly, we recommend that Phase 2 funding is made available to continue targeted vaccination efforts in high priority areas.
10. Officials are also developing a plan to transition from Phase 1 of the MCCF into Phase 2 and will provide you with more detail in due course.

11. A breakdown of the amounts allocated to date is as follows:

Table 1 – Phase 1 (\$60m) funding allocated by tranche

Tranche	Date submitted	Status	Allocated amount (\$m)
Tranches 1 - 5		Approved by Ministers	46.752
Tranche 1 and 4 adjustments	16 November 2021	This briefing	1.350
Tranche 6	16 November 2021	This briefing	6.751
TOTAL committed			54.853
Departmental Expense provision			1.500
Total MCCF Funding - Phase 1 \$60m and Phase 2 \$60m			120.000
Residual MCCF funding not committed			63.647

Tranche 1 adjustment

12. In Tranche 1 Ministers agreed to fund the Aupouri Ngati Kahu Te Rarawa Trust within Te Tai Tokerau for \$0.300m. We are now seeking your agreement to increase this by \$0.200m, for a total funding of \$0.500m. This funding will be used for initiatives in the vaccination drive in Kaitaia.

Tranche 4 adjustment

13. In Tranche 4 Ministers agreed to fund the Whiti Mai Tairawhiti proposal for \$5.0m. We are now seeking your agreement to increase this by \$1.150m in order to fully fund some aspects of the proposed request that were cut back financially. The new funding amounts are as follows, for a total funding of \$6.150m:

- Ngati Porou Hauora: \$1.000m
- Turanga Health: \$1.000m
- Kahungunu Exec and Wairoa Taiwhenua: \$1.000m
- Super Grans: \$0.250m
- Te Tairawhiti Māori performing Arts: \$1.500m
- Turanga FM: \$0.200m
- Pango Productions: \$1.000m
- Gisborne District Council: \$0.200m

Financial summary of proposals in Tranche 6

14. Six proposals have been identified in Tranche 6 with a total investment of \$6.751m. Agencies have also summarised proposals in Table 3 and Annex 2 to support each proposal, using information provided by applicants to ensure clarity and consistency of information to inform decision making.

15. Ministry of Health, Ministry of Social Development, Te Arawhiti and Te Puni Kōkiri (including Whānau Ora where required) have all reviewed the proposals, provided feedback, and endorsed.

Table 2 – Financial summary of proposals in Tranche 6

ID	Contracting agency	Partner	Area	Requested (\$m)
Tranche 6				
1	Te Arawhiti	Ngāti Kahu	Kaitaia	0.441
2	Te Arawhiti	Wharekawa Marae	Counties Manukau / Waikato	0.028
3	Ministry of Health	Turuki Health Care Charitable Trust	South Auckland / Counties Manukau	0.540
4	Ministry of Health	Ngati Awa Social and Health Services	Eastern Bay of Plenty	1.395
5	Te Arawhiti	Ngā iwi o Taranaki Collective	Taranaki	1.352
6	Te Arawhiti	Te Tari o Te Ariki o Tūwharetoa	Turangi, including Rotoaira, Kakahi, Taumarunui, and Tokorangi (Fielding)	2.995
Total				6.751

Summary of proposals in Tranche 6

16. Agencies have prepared a short summary of proposals following the Senior Officials Group approval meeting. More detailed descriptions of each proposal are included in Annex 1.

Table 3 - Proposal Summaries

Proposal	Agency Summary
#1 Ngāti Kahu Te Arawhiti	The Senior Officials Group recommends that Te Rūnanga-ā-Iwi o Ngāti Kahu Trust COVID-19 Vaccination Programme receive funding of up to \$440,740. This initiative will provide access to vaccination services (including information and engagement as well as actual vaccinations) to communities in remote parts of the Ngāti Kahu rohe. Funding sought will be used to cover expenses including project team costs (kaimahi pay) and mobile unit team costs, volunteer medics travel and accommodation expenses, communications (iwi database update), campervan purchase, petrol, incentives, hui costs, data/statistics costs, resources for the mobile clinics, and whānau care packs. Ngāti Kahu aim to provide 1,500 vaccinations through this initiative.
#2 Wharekawa Marae Te Arawhiti	The Senior Officials Group recommends that Wharekauri Marae Reservation Trust receive funding of \$27,500 This initiative will increase vaccinations by engaging targeted (hard to reach) groups with information about the vaccine, providing a forum for Q & A as well as incentives (food vouchers) for those who get vaccinated. Wharekawa Marae are working in partnership with Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki to ensure that the information and incentives lead to actual vaccinations (over 300). The initiative will focus on Whakatiwai, Wharekawa coastline communities, South Auckland in Franklin, Papakura, Manurewa, Otara Papatoetoe, Mangere, Otahuhu.

Proposal	Agency Summary
<p>#3</p> <p>Turuki Health Care Charitable Trust</p> <p>Ministry of Health</p>	<p>The Senior Officials Group recommends Turuki Health Care Charitable Trust receive funding of \$539,999.</p> <p>This proposal aims to increase vaccinations in the South Auckland area by engaging whānau through adding free oral health services into their integrated mobile primary care service. This service will be a medium to enable conversations, education, and build trust to increase the uptake of COVID-19 vaccinations. The proposal is supported by the DHB, communities and local iwi Te Akitai Waiohua and Ngāti Tamaoho. The target area have many isolated whānau with unmet health issues and low vaccination rates. Turuki also plan to work in partnership with WINZ to offer employment services and assist whānau to access assistance for future dental treatment.</p> <p>The COVID-19 vaccination targets are 100 vaccinations per week from “hard to reach” whānau for the duration of the service. Pending Ministry of Health and Government decisions a further 500 vaccinations each week when vaccinations for 5-11 year olds and booster shots are required.</p>
<p>#5</p> <p>Ngati Awa</p> <p>Ministry of Health</p>	<p>The Senior Officials Group recommends Ngāti Awa Social and Health Services receive funding of \$1,394,559.</p> <p>This proposal aims to develop workforce and deliver services led by iwi to provide education and information to lift COVID-19 vaccination rates (alongside vaccinations for other transmissible diseases).</p> <p>The funding will primarily be used for establishing mobile and drive-thru clinics, and resourcing for administrative and clinical support.</p> <p>This initiative has a target of approximately 14,000 total doses, at a rate of approximately 500 per fortnight.</p>
<p>#6</p> <p>Ngā iwi o Taranaki Collective</p> <p>Te Arawhiti</p>	<p>The Senior Officials Group recommends Ngā iwi o Taranaki Collective receive funding of additional funding of \$1,351,860, noting that Ministers have already approved \$1,300,000 in Tranche 1, for a total of \$2,651,860.</p> <p>Ngā Iwi o Taranaki Collective have extended their initial proposal (that was previously approved by Ministers) as they have found that additional outputs and resources are required to meet their target of a 95% vaccination rate. The additional \$1,351,860 of funding being sought covers an expansion to all initiatives proposed including partnerships – more engagement and more people in more places giving vaccinations and supporting testing stations near vaccinations as a way to keep unvaccinated whanau safe and target door-to-door kōrero through Iwi Kaiarahi teams. The increase in budget relates to increased communications and engagement, data management, more community clinics and an extra 7 outreach teams. The proposal has a target to achieve a 95% vaccination rate – this requires 1,521 dose 1 and 2,941 dose 2 = 1,462 vaccinations per week.</p>
<p>#7</p> <p>Te Tari o Te Ariki o Tūwharetoa</p> <p>Te Arawhiti</p>	<p>The Senior Officials Group recommends Te Tari o Te Ariki o Tūwharetoa receive funding of \$2,994,500.</p> <p>This proposal forms part of a wider Ngāti Tūwharetoa initiative for preparing for and managing COVID-19 in their rohe, called Tū-Whare-Ora. Funding sought in this proposal relates to increasing vaccination uptake through vaccination units (mobile and fixed) and community outreach and support. Other aspects Tū-Whare-Ora relate to Phase 2 type activities and are not included in this proposal. Ngāti Tuwharetoa are partnering with Lakes DHB to reach rural populations through mobile vaccination units and through services delivered at marae across their rohe. A centralized hub is being</p>

Proposal	Agency Summary
	established to coordinate and manage the roll-out which aims to reach a 90% vaccination rate for their people (an estimated 13,000 people).

Financial implications

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

Next steps

18. Following Ministerial approval of these proposals, agencies will establish contracts with delivery partners.

Consultation

19. This briefing and the proposals included in Annex 1 have been developed in collaboration with Te Puni Kōkiri, Te Arawhiti, and the Ministry of Health.

Recommendations

20. It is recommended that you approve the following amendment to a **Tranche 1 proposal**:

1. Agree to increase the Tranche 1 Aupouri Ngati Kahu Te Rarawa Trust proposal from \$0.300m to \$0.500m	Minister Henare	Yes / No
	Minister Davis	Yes / No
	Minister Jackson	Yes / No
	Minister Robertson	Yes / No

21. It is recommended that you approve the following amendment to a **Tranche 4 proposal**:

2. Agree to increase the Tranche 4 Whiti Mai Tairawhiti proposal from \$5.000m to \$6.150m, in order to fully fund the elements outlined in paragraph 13	Minister Henare	Yes / No
	Minister Davis	Yes / No
	Minister Jackson	Yes / No
	Minister Robertson	Yes / No

22. It is recommended that you approve the following decisions for **Tranche 6 proposals**:

3. Agree to Te Arawhiti proceeding to contract Ngāti Kahu with total investment value of \$0.441m	Minister Henare	Yes / No
	Minister Davis	Yes / No
	Minister Jackson	Yes / No
	Minister Robertson	Yes / No
4. Agree to Te Arawhiti proceeding to contract Wharekawa Marae with total investment value of \$0.028m	Minister Henare	Yes / No
	Minister Davis	Yes / No
	Minister Jackson	Yes / No
	Minister Robertson	Yes / No
	Minister Henare	Yes / No
	Minister Davis	Yes / No

5. Agree to the Ministry of Health proceeding to contract Turuki Health Care Charitable Trust with a total investment value of \$0.540m	Minister Jackson	Yes / No
	Minister Robertson	Yes / No
6. Agree to Ministry of Health proceeding to contract Ngati Awa Social and Health Services with a total investment value of \$ 1.395m	Minister Henare	Yes / No
	Minister Davis	Yes / No
	Minister Jackson	Yes / No
	Minister Robertson	Yes / No
7. Agree to Te Arawhiti proceeding to contract Ngā iwi o Taranaki Collective with an additional investment value of \$1.352m taking the total investment to \$2.652m	Minister Henare	Yes / No
	Minister Davis	Yes / No
	Minister Jackson	Yes / No
	Minister Robertson	Yes / No
8. Agree to Te Arawhiti proceeding to contract Te Tari o Te Ariki o Tūwharetoa with a total investment value of \$2.995m	Minister Henare	Yes / No
	Minister Davis	Yes / No
	Minister Jackson	Yes / No
	Minister Robertson	Yes / No
9. Note that Te Puni Kōkiri, Te Arawhiti, Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Social Development have reviewed and inputted, and endorsed all proposals	Minister Henare	Noted
	Minister Davis	Noted
	Minister Jackson	Noted
	Minister Robertson	Noted
10. Note that following your approval, we will proceed to contracting with relevant counterparties.	Minister Henare	Noted
	Minister Davis	Noted
	Minister Jackson	Noted
	Minister Robertson	Noted

23. It is recommended that you direct officials on the allocation of the Phase 1 and 2 funds:

<p>11. Agree to either</p> <p>a. Limit investment into Phase 1 (vaccination uptake) at the initial \$60 million identified</p> <p>OR</p>	Minister Henare	Yes / No
	Minister Davis	Yes / No
	Minister Jackson	Yes / No
	Minister Robertson	Yes / No
<p><i>(recommended option)</i></p> <p>b. draw funding from Phase 2 (community resilience) into Phase 1 spending.</p>	Minister Henare	Yes / No
	Minister Davis	Yes / No
	Minister Jackson	Yes / No
	Minister Robertson	Yes / No

<p>Hon Willie Jackson Te Minita Whanaketanga Māori</p>	<p>Hon Peeni Henare Minister for Whānau Ora / Associate Minister of Health (Māori Health)</p>
Date: ____ / ____ / 2021	Date: ____ / ____ / 2021

<p>Hon Kelvin Davis Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti</p>	<p>Hon Grant Robertson Minister of Finance</p>
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