



## HEI WHAKATAU | BRIEFING

### Subject: Māori Communities COVID-19 Fund (MCCF) Vaccine Acceleration Funding Approvals: Tranche 8

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Classification	IN CONFIDENCE	Tracking Number	44313

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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 8 investment proposals for the Māori Communities COVID-19 Fund (MCCF) to support Māori Vaccination Acceleration and seeks your approval to proceed to contracting to 2 proposals, with total contract value of \$1.934m.
2. Both proposals presented in Tranche 8 are resubmissions from Tranche 6 following feedback from Ministers.
3. Agencies intend to proceed with contracting immediately following your approval.

## 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 provide for 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. On the assumption that all of Tranche 7 (provided to Ministers on November 26) is approved, the total funding for all Tranches, including Tranche 8 is \$72.082m.
6. Approval of both proposals from Tranche 8 will bring the total funding allocated for Phase 1 to \$73.582m, meaning that \$13.582m from Phase 2 will need to be reallocated to support Phase 1 activities. Note that this figure is the same as indicated in the Tranche 7 briefing, as the Tranche 8 proposals are resubmissions from the previous Tranche 6.
7. 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 - 6		Approved by Ministers	52.588
Tranche 7	26 November 2021	Pending ministerial approval	17.560
Tranche 8	30 November	This briefing	1.934
<b>Total Tranches 1-8</b>			<b>72.082</b>
<i>Plus Departmental Expense Provision</i>			<i>1.500</i>
<b>Total Operating and Tranche 1-8 funding</b>			<b>73.582</b>
<b>Phase 2 Funding Required to support additional proposals</b>			<b>13.582</b>
<b>Remaining Phase 2 Funding</b>			<b>46.418</b>
<b>Total MCCF Funding - Phase 1 \$60m and Phase 2 \$60m</b>			<b>120.000</b>

## Financial summary of proposals in Tranche 8

8. Two proposals have been identified in Tranche 8 with a total investment of \$1.934. Agencies have also summarised proposals in Table 3 and Annex 1 to support each proposal, including changes made to proposals to capture Ministerial feedback
9. 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 9

ID	Contracting agency	Partner	Area	Requested (\$m)
<b>Tranche 8</b>				
1	Ministry of Health	Turuki Health Care Charitable Trust		0.539
2	Ministry of Health	Ngāti Awa Social and Health Services		1.395
<b>Total</b>				<b>1.934</b>

## Summary of proposals in Tranche 8

10. Agencies have prepared a short summary of proposals following the Senior Officials Group approval meeting, and include references to feedback provided by Ministers. More detailed descriptions of each proposal are included in Annex 1.

Table 3 - Proposal Summaries

Proposal	Agency Summary
<b>Turuki Health Care Charitable Trust</b>  Ministry of Health	<p>The Senior Officials Group recommend Turuki Health Care Charitable Trust receive funding of \$539,000.</p> <p>This proposal aims to deliver vaccinations to whānau in South Auckland by offering whānau free oral health services for the duration of the service. The proposed service will increase vaccination rates, while allowing whānau to have their immediate oral health needs met. Turuki Health Care will work in partnership with WINZ consultants to assist whānau to access support for their ongoing oral health needs.</p> <p>The proposal is supported by Counties Manukau DHB and local iwi, Te Akitai Waiohū and Ngāti Tamaoho. The target population has many isolated whānau with low vaccination rates and unmet health issues.</p> <p>Recent engagement Turuki Health Care has had at local marae has shown that access to oral care is a drawcard for unvaccinated whānau. The service enables an integrated, whole of whānau wrap around approach to increase vaccination rates for a community at the hard edge of deprivation. This funding does not duplicate other services but uses oral health as a “whatever it takes” approach to reach the most vaccine hesitant.</p> <p>Following Ministerial feedback the Ministry of Health have worked with the provider who has confirmed that vaccines would be delivered as the first priority, with other services following that.</p> <p>The funding will allow Turuki Health Care to deliver 100 vaccinations to hard-to-reach whānau each week 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>

Proposal	Agency Summary
<p><b>Ngāti Awa Social and Health Services</b></p> <p>Ministry of Health</p>	<p>The Senior Officials Group recommend Ngāti Awa Social and Health Services (NASH) receive funding of \$1,394,559.</p> <p>This proposal is to fund a Kaupapa Māori mobile vaccination service in the Eastern Bay of Plenty communities of Whakatane, Murupara, Galatea, Te Whaiti and Minginui, as well as Waikaremoana, Ruatāhuna, Rūātoki, Waimana. The Bay of Plenty region, and particularly the Eastern Bay of Plenty, has one of the lowest Māori vaccination rates in the country. There is a strong need for a mobile vaccination clinic as the only vaccination services currently available in this particular area are standard clinic or GP based services. Many whānau are in remote and isolated locations, and are resistant or wary of being vaccinated and are not engaged with a GP service. The Ministry of Health will work with Ngāti Awa and the DBH to confirm funding responsibilities for standing up the vaccination services are funded appropriately.</p> <p>Ministers requested that the capital costs be removed from this proposal. We have worked with NASH who have advised that because they do not have infrastructure to deliver a vaccination service (which is over and above what they currently offer), NASH needs to invest around \$200,000 in capital and set up costs including mobile or drive-through vaccine units and equipment to deliver vaccines. This is approximately 14% of budget requested for this proposal.</p> <p>Without the investment in set-up costs, Ngāti Awa will not be able to deliver the proposed service, which will leave a gap for a high number of vulnerable whānau who are not currently accessing vaccinations.</p>

### Financial implications

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

### Next steps

12. Following Ministerial approval of these proposals, agencies will establish contracts with delivery partners.
13. In parallel with this approval process, additional tranches of investments are being prepared for your decision.

### Consultation

14. 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.

## Recommended actions

15. It is recommended that you approve the following decisions to **drawdown funding from the tagged contingency**: It is recommended that you approve the following decisions for **Tranche 8**:

1. <b>Agree</b> to Ministry of Health proceeding to contract Turuki Health Care Charitable Trust with total investment value of \$0.539m	Minister Henare	Yes / No
	Minister Davis	Yes / No
	Minister Jackson	Yes / No
	Minister Robertson	Yes / No
2. <b>Agree</b> to Ministry of Health proceeding to contract Ngāti Awa Health and Social Services with total investment value of \$1.395m	Minister Henare	Yes / No
	Minister Davis	Yes / No
	Minister Jackson	Yes / No
	Minister Robertson	Yes / No
3. <b>Note</b> that recommendation 24 in the Tranche 7 briefing (provided to Ministers November 26) provides sufficient draw-down from the Māori Community COVID-19 Fund, Phase 2: Whānau and community resilience tagged operating contingency for proposals in Tranche 8.	Minister Henare	Yes / No
	Minister Davis	Yes / No
	Minister Jackson	Yes / No
	Minister Robertson	Yes / No

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

Hon Kelvin Davis Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti	Hon Grant Robertson Minister of Finance
Date: ____ / ____ / 2021	Date: ____ / ____ / 2021

**Annex 1 – MCCF proposals**