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Subject: Māori Communities COVID-19 Fund (MCCF) Vaccine Acceleration Funding Approvals: Tranche 9

Date:	21/12/2021	Priority	High
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DPMC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Te Arawhiti				

Minister's office to complete:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Approved | <input type="checkbox"/> Declined |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noted | <input 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 Withdrawn |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	

Purpose

1. This paper outlines Tranche 9 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 \$0.903m.

Funds allocated to date and potential future spend

2. 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.
3. Following approval of Tranche 7, feedback was received from Ministers suggesting that no further transfers from Phase 2 to Phase 1 would be approved above \$13.583m.
4. On 13 December 2021, a letter was received from the Minister of Health indicating that further work was still needed to improve Māori vaccination rates, and that *"my view would be to put a small amount of the remaining MCCF funding aside for Phase 1 and this to be targeted at DHB regions with the lowest Māori vaccination rates – particularly at rangatahi and pakeke Māori aged under 35"*.
5. Tranche 9 proposals were prepared by Te Arawhiti and the Ministry of Health, who both indicated that no alternative sources of funding were available to fund the proposals.
6. It is recommended therefore that an additional small tranche of proposals is approved through Tranche 9. Funding for Tranche 9 proposals can be accommodated within the approved funding cap of \$72.082m, as one Tranche 8 proposal (Ngati Awa) was not approved by all Ministers. Approval of Tranche 9 and the removal of the Ngati Awa proposal from Tranche 8 would bring the total funding for Phase 1 activities to \$71.590m.
7. Approval of Tranche 9 and the adjustment to Tranche 8 would require a total \$13.090m from Phase 2 to be reallocated to support Phase 1 activities, leaving \$46.910m remaining to be allocated through Phase 2.
8. A breakdown of the amounts allocated to date is as follows:

Table 1 – Phase 1 funding allocated by tranche

Tranche	Date submitted	Status	Allocated amount (\$m)
Tranches 1 – 7		Approved by Ministers	70.148
Tranche 8	30 November	Partially approved	1.934
Total approved			72.082
Tranche 9	21 December	This briefing	0.903
Removal of Ngati Awa from Tranche 8	30 November	This briefing	-1.395
Total Tranches 1-9			71.590
<i>Plus Departmental Expense Provision</i>			<i>1.500</i>
Total Operating and Tranche 1-9 funding			73.090
Phase 2 Funding Required to support additional proposals			13.090

Remaining Phase 2 Funding	46.910
Total MCCF Funding	120.000

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Financial summary of proposals in Tranche 9

9. Two proposals have been identified in Tranche 9 with a total investment of \$0.903m. Agencies have also summarised proposals in Table 3 and Annex 1 to support each proposal, including changes made to proposals to capture Ministerial feedback
10. Ministry of Health, Ministry of Social Development, Te Arawhiti and Te Puni Kōkiri have all reviewed, provided feedback, and endorsed the proposals,

Table 2 – Financial summary of proposals in Tranche 9

ID	Contracting agency	Partner	Area	Requested (\$m)
Tranche 9				
1	Te Arawhiti	Te Whānau a Apanui	Eastern Bay of Plenty	0.586
2	Ministry of Health	Waiariki Whānau Mentoring	Lakes, Waikato, BoP	0.317
Total				0.903

Summary of proposals in Tranche 9

11. 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
Te Whānau a Apanui	The Senior Officials Group recommend Te Whānau a Apanui (TWaA) receive funding of \$0.586m.
Te Arawhiti	<p>This proposal aims to deliver communications and vaccination uptake activity to whānau in Te Taumata-o-Apanui (between Torere and Hawaii) to Potaka, Eastern Bay of Plenty.</p> <p>This proposal covers an isolated rural community with limited access to most services (e.g. supermarket, laboratory, hospital, public transport) with the closest hospital (Tauranga Hospital) being four hours away from the furthest part of TWaA's district. Māori vaccination rates in the Bay of Plenty are currently at 62% (fully vaccinated) - significantly lower than the whole population (81%).</p> <p>The vaccination uptake plan consists of upskilling community members to become vaccinators, mobile vaccinations, vaccination events, incentives and developing material to target those aged 10-34 years of age and vulnerable community members to access vaccinations. TWaA will focus on the remaining population that is unvaccinated in time for an expected arrival of visitors over the summer months, as well as the expected spread of Covid-19 following the introduction of the Covid Protection Framework. TWaW are also starting to prepare to roll out booster jabs.</p> <p>The communication plan consists of actions to encourage community members to access wifi and communication devices (e.g. phones, tablets), vaccination information, social media campaigns, TWaA website updates, promotional material and an 0800-support phone line.</p>

Proposal	Agency Summary
Waiariki Whānau Mentoring Ministry of Health	<p>The Senior Officials Group recommend Waiariki Whānau Mentoring receive funding of \$0.317m.</p> <p>Waiariki Whānau Mentoring is a Kaupapa Māori organisation that works with Ngāi Tokomatua (gangs) and their whānau in the Lakes, Waikato and Bay of Plenty regions.</p> <p>The aim of the proposal is to deliver 3,000 to 4,000 COVID vaccinations to Ngāi Tokomatua and their whānau, with a focus on Te Kaha, Opotiki, Whakatane, Taneatua, Ruatoki, Kawerau, Rotorua, Taupo, Turangi, Tauranga and Tokoroa, to November 2022.</p> <p>The proposal includes engaging, mentoring and providing COVID vaccination information to Ngāi Tokomatua and their whānau, and working with clinical DHB staff and Māori Health providers to deliver the vaccinations. Funding requested is primarily for two Whānau Navigators who will work with Ngāi Tokomatua leaders and their whānau to encourage and co-ordinate attendance at vaccination locations. Clinical staff from Waikato, Lakes and Bay of Plenty DHB's and Māori Health providers will deliver the vaccinations.</p> <p>Waiariki Whānau Mentoring has already run seven events (on a voluntary basis) in the target areas to provide vaccination information and education. This resulted in 500 Ngāi Tokomatua and their whānau getting vaccinations.</p> <p>Ngāi Tokomatua and their whānau are recognised as one of the most disengaged priority population groups with some of the lowest vaccination rates in the country. Waiariki Whānau Mentoring is well respected, trusted and works closely with 13 different gangs in the target area. Waiariki Whānau Mentoring is recognised as one of the few organisations in the country that have trusted access to multiple Ngāi Tokomatua and their whānau.</p>

Financial implications

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

Next steps

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

Consultation

- 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

16. It is recommended that you approve the following decisions for **Tranche 9 proposals**:

1. Agree to Te Arawhiti proceeding to contract Te Whānau a Apanui with total investment value of \$0.586m	Minister Henare	Yes / No
	Minister Davis	Yes / No
	Minister Jackson	Yes / No
	Minister Robertson	Yes / No
2. Agree to Ministry of Health proceeding to contract Waiariki Whānau Mentoring with total investment value of \$0.317m	Minister Henare	Yes / No
	Minister Davis	Yes / No
	Minister Jackson	Yes / No
	Minister Robertson	Yes / No

17. It is recommended that you note the following decision for **Tranche 8 proposals**:

3. Note that the Ministry of Health will not proceed to contracting with Ngati Awa with a total investment value of \$1.395m as this has not been approved by all Ministers	Minister Henare	Yes / No
	Minister Davis	Yes / No
	Minister Jackson	Yes / No
	Minister Robertson	Yes / No

18. It is recommended that you note the following decisions to **drawdown funding from the tagged contingency**:

4. Note that \$60 million has been set aside in the Māori Community COVID-19 Fund, Phase 2: Whānau and community resilience tagged operating contingency;	Minister Henare	Noted
	Minister Davis	Noted
	Minister Jackson	Noted
	Minister Robertson	Noted
5. Note that Ministers had previously agreed to funding within the Māori Community COVID-19 Fund Phase 2: Whānau and community resilience tagged operating contingency up to a maximum of \$13.582m to be repurposed to support Phase 1: Rapid vaccine acceleration;	Minister Henare	Noted
	Minister Davis	Noted
	Minister Jackson	Noted
	Minister Robertson	Noted
6. Note approval of the proposals in Tranche 9 and the removal of the Ngati Awa proposal from Tranche 8 means total approved funding for Phase 1 will remain within the previously agreed \$13.582m tagged operating contingency with \$13.090m now committed to proposals		

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26 & Outyears
Vote Māori Development Minister for Māori Development Multi-category appropriation: Māori Communities COVID-19 Fund					

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Non-Departmental Output Expense: Phase 1: Rapid vaccine acceleration provider support	13.582	-	-	-	-
Total Operating	13.582	-	-	-	-

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Date: ____ / ____ / 2021	Date: ____ / ____ / 2021

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