

28 February 2024

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Official Information Act request

Thank you for your information request dated 8 February 2024. You asked for the following information:

Initial request

“I understand that TPK has grant funding available for infrastructure projects to build resilience on Whenua Māori.

Are you able to provide me with more details please?”

Follow up request (also 8 February 2024)

“Can you please direct me to the information on who received the funding that was expended this year? I assume it is public information.”

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

We have understood your request to refer to Te Ringa Hāpai Whenua Fund (Te Ringa Hāpai) funding. This fund supports infrastructure development on whenua Māori that enables landowners to undertake economic, cultural, social, and environmental projects.

Information about who has received funding from Te Ringa Hāpai (and other funding) is published on our website on an annual basis. The list for the 2022/2023 year can be found here:

<https://www.tpk.govt.nz/en/mo-te-puni-kokiri/corporate-documents/corporate-publications/investment-recipients/te-puni-kokiri-investments-recipients-list-202223>

The list for 2023/2024 will not be published for some months. In response to your request, we have therefore compiled a list of recipients contracted from 1 July 2023 to 8 February 2024. This list is released to you in full as Attachment 1.

Please note that funding decisions continue to be made in relation to applications currently in the pipeline for Te Ringa Hāpai funding. I understand that Whenua Māori Service staff advised you earlier that Te Ringa Hāpai funding is fully committed. To clarify this point, Te

Ringa Hāpai funding is not yet all contracted but it will be fully expended if all projects currently in the pipeline are approved and contracted.

If you have a specific project in mind, I would encourage you to discuss this project with Te Puni Kōkiri staff in the Ikaroa-Rāwhiti region to explore options. They can be contacted by phone on 0800 875 447 or by email: tpk.tairawhiti@tpk.govt.nz.

I trust my response satisfies your request.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that Te Puni Kōkiri publishes some of its OIA responses on its website, after the response is sent to the requester. The responses published are those that are considered to have a high level of public interest. We will not publish your name, address or contact details.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact us at uia@tpk.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi



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Hautū, Te Puni Rangapū ā-Rohe me Whakahaere | Deputy Secretary, Regional Partnerships & Operations

Te Ringa Hāpai – Investment recipients 1 July 2023 – 8 February 2024	
Organisation Name	Investment Value (\$ excluding GST)
Te Awahohonu Forest Trust	\$470,035.00
Rima Hamiora Trust	\$52,504.00
Te Ara Tipuna Charitable Trust	\$250,000.00
Muriwhenua Incorporation	\$102,900.00
Parengarenga Incorporation	\$118,581.00
Pouto Topu A Ahu Whenua Trust	\$446,939.00
Oromahoe Trust	\$157,714.00
	\$1,598,673.00

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