

11 June 2024

File Ref: OIA 48657



Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your information request dated 13 May 2024. You asked for the following information:

“I am writing to request a list of all grants and/or funding provided to the Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust (PNBST) from January 1, 2014, to December 31, 2021.

I kindly request that the compiled list include the following information:

- Name of the grant/fund*
- Type of grant/fund*
- Amount of grant/fund*
- Date/s of approval and disbursement of the grant/fund*
- Name of the individual or organisation that applied for the grant/fund on behalf of PNBST* Additionally, I request copies of the signed agreements for each grant/fund provided to PNBST.”

Regarding the formatting of the response, I would appreciate it if the compiled list could be provided in a landscape-oriented table in PDF format, separate from other documents. For the agreements, please combine them into one PDF, if possible, with each agreement numbered.

In the response letter, I would also like a document schedule outlining the details of each agreement (name, date, and type). This will provide clarity and guidance in understanding the agreements.”

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

In response to your request, there were two funding agreements between Te Puni Kōkiri to Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust (the Trust) from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2021. My decision with regard to the release of this information is set out in the table attached as Appendix A.

Some information has been withheld in accordance with the Act on the following grounds:

- Section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons
- Section 9(2)(ba)(i) – as release of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied
- Section 9(2)(k) - prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.

In making the decision to withhold information, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act.

A summary in the format you have requested has been provided in Appendix B, and I have also provided an overall summary below:

- In 2016, Māori Housing Network funding of \$2,660,732 was awarded to deliver infrastructure for 23 house sites and construction of eight two-bedroom rentals. This agreement received time extensions and was completed in July 2021 with 23 infrastructure sites and 11 rental houses completed with the Trust delivering more rental houses than what was originally contracted.
- In 2019, Te Ara Mauwhare funding of \$1,695,000 was awarded to deliver:
 - Part One: four Sorted Kainga Ora programmes. All four Sorted Kāinga Ora programmes were delivered by August 2020; and
 - Part Two: 15 house and land packages in support of medium income whānau Māori on their pathway to home ownership, this is ongoing with the end date extended to June 2025.

Copies of these signed agreements along with contract variations have been provided (Appendix A refers).

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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Appendix A – documents OIA request from [REDACTED] dated 13 May 2024

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1.	16 March 2016	MHN26 - Māori Housing Network Funding Agreement	Released with certain information withheld under sections 9(2)(a), 9(2)(ba)(i) and 9(2)(k)
2.	20 June 2019	TAM43852 and TAM54341 – Te Ara Mauwhare Agreement	Released with certain information withheld under sections 9(2)(a), 9(2)(ba)(i) and 9(2)(k)

Appendix B – Funding Summary

Fund	Type of grant/fund	Amount awarded	Date of approval	Contract Start Date	Date closed	Funding signatory for the Trust
Māori Housing Network	Conditional Grant	\$1,130,074.00	March 2016	March 2016	July 2021	Neville Barker (Chair) - Port Nicholson Settlement Block Trust
Te Ara Mauwhare	Conditional Grant	\$2,660,732.00	June 2019	June 2019	Ongoing	Wayne Mulligan (Chair) - Port Nicholson Settlement Block Trust