



30 August 2021

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 13 July 2021 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

*I am requesting information pertaining to funding applications by Ngāti Rāhiri Tumutumu and/or Ngāti Tumutumu.*

1. *Date of funding application*
2. *Purpose of funding*
3. *Copy of the application form and proposal*
4. *Evidence that the Ministry of Education has verified the role of the people requesting funding*
5. *Evidence of any mandate provided by the applicants that they are endorsed to do so on behalf of Ngāti Rāhiri Tumutumu and/or Ngāti Tumutumu*
6. *How much funding has been awarded*
7. *Bank account number that the funding has been paid into*
8. *Evidence of how funding has been spent (for past applications)*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Regarding question six of *how much funding has been awarded*, we can confirm the following amounts:

- Toikuranui Investment funding was \$4,750.00 in 2019.
- Whanau Engagement funding was \$138,170.12 in 2021.

The Toikuranui Investment funding is to fund initiatives that contribute to strengthening educationally powerful connections for Māori learners and enabling Māori learners to participate, engage and achieve as Māori in and through the education system.

The Whanau Engagement funding is to support Māori learners and whanau post COVID-19.

All funding for these projects has been approved by the Hamilton Region after consideration by an external panel of representatives from Iwi and Hāpu within our rohe.

Regarding the remaining questions in this request, I am providing you with seven documents with scope of these questions. The details of the documents and the decision to release are provided as **Appendix A**.

This documentation provides the Mana Whenua Engagement Form, needs based funding application and supporting correspondence. As part of the need's assessment, we are also

providing the Ngāti Tumutumu funding report presentation, the account the funding was paid into and the full application details. Some of the documents have had information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

As required under section 9(1) of the Act, I have had regard to the public interest considerations favouring the release of the information withheld. I do not consider the public interest considerations favouring the release of this information are sufficient to outweigh the need to withhold it at this time.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'M' followed by a horizontal line and a small dot.

Marcus Freke  
**Director of Education, Waikato**  
**Sector Enablement and Support**

## Appendix A Document List

| Doc # | Date          | Description  | Release on Decision   |
|-------|---------------|--|---|
| 1     | April 2019    | Mana Whenua Engagement Form                                      | <b>Release in Part</b><br>Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. |
| 2     | 11 June 2019  | Toikuranui Investment funding Expression of interest application | <b>Release in Full</b>  |
| 3     | 1 March 2021  | Email correspondence – Ngati Rahiri Tumutumu                     | <b>Release in Part</b><br>Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. |
| 4     | 16 March 2021 | Ngati Tumutumu Funding report MOE00796_m                         | <b>Release in Full</b>  |
| 5     | 2 June 2021   | New Supplier set up  | <b>Release in Part</b><br>Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act  |
| 6     | 2 June 2021   | Bank account confirmation  | <b>Release in Part</b><br>Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. |
| 7     | 23 March 2021 | Whānau engagement Fund application                               | <b>Release in Part</b><br>Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. |