



Briefing Note: Sustainability Contestable Fund – Round Two Results

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Purpose

The purpose of this paper is for you to:

Note that the Sustainability Contestable Fund is a \$5 million capital fund which supports schools to improve their operational efficiency and reduce their environmental impact. Funding was made available over two funding rounds.

Note that the first round of the Fund closed in January 2020 and the Panel allocated \$2,447,892 to 53 schools.

Note that there were 413 applications for Round Two, of which 41 were successful with a total investment of \$2,534,239.

Note that we will notify both successful and unsuccessful schools of the results of the fund this month.

Agree that this Briefing is released after the results of the Sustainability Contestable Fund have been made public. Any information which may need to be withheld will be done so in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.

☒ **Agree** ☐ **Disagree**

Summary

- The second round of the Sustainability Contestable Fund (the Fund) is now complete. This round 41 schools will receive funding, for a total investment of \$2,534,239.
- Similar to the first round, the schools are distributed across the country and across school types. The projects are varied, all meeting at least one of the desired outcomes of the Fund.

- We will be contacting schools with the results of their applications this month. We have provided you with a full list of successful schools as an Annex to this briefing note.



Sharyn Pilbrow
Associate Deputy Secretary (EIS)

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Hon Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education

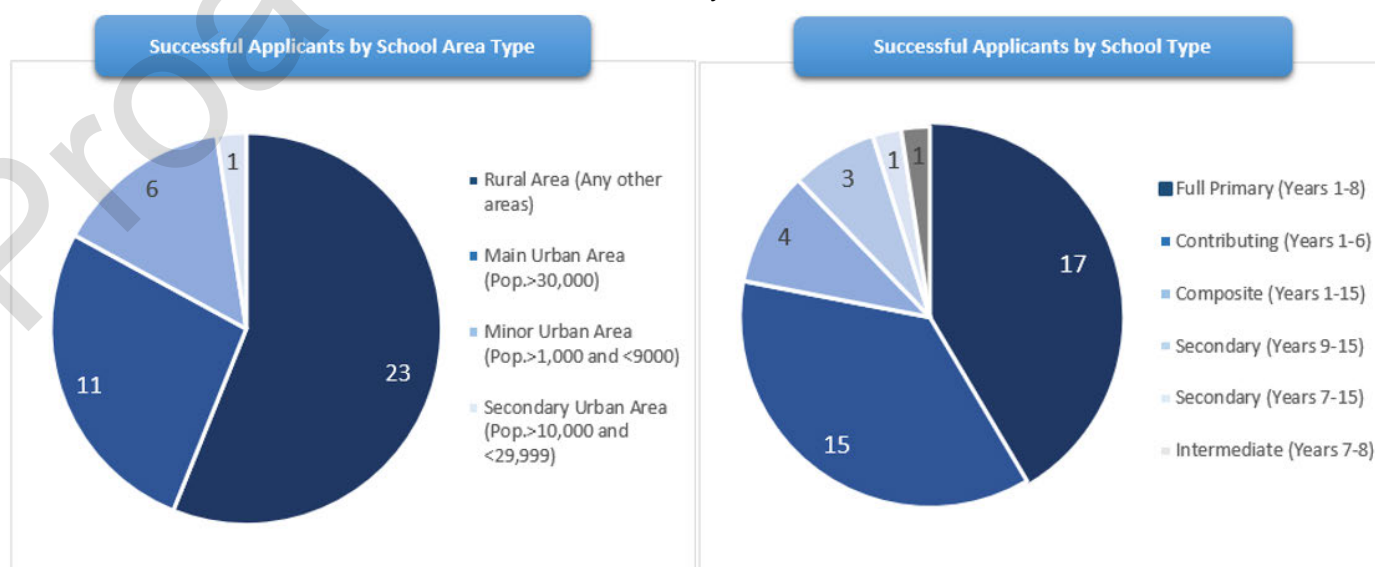
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Background

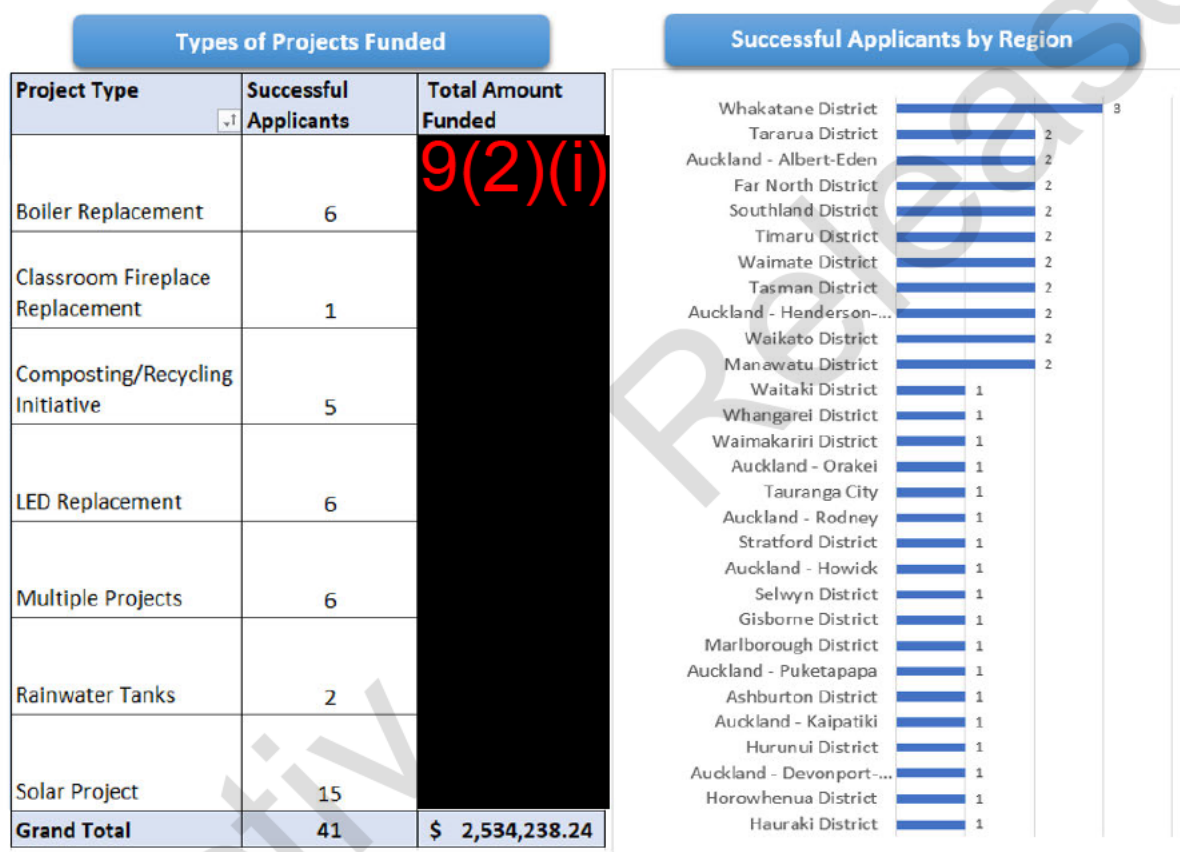
1. The Sustainability Contestable Fund (the Fund) is a \$5 million capital fund to support schools to reduce their environmental impact and improve their operational efficiency.
2. This funding was secured through Budget 2019. Funding was allocated to successful applicants through two application rounds, with all projects to be completed by 30 June 2021. The Ministry will monitor implementation and measure the impact of this investment from July 2021 to July 2023.
3. The fund considered applications from state schools to invest in assets with a minimum value of \$5,000. Each school can make one application per round, but each application can include multiple projects. The applications were assessed by a panel which has a representative from the Energy Efficiency Conservation Authority (EECA) and the New Zealand Schools Trustees Association (NZSTA).
4. The Panel looked to invest in projects which would:
 - increase energy resilience, especially for rural and remote schools;
 - replace non-renewable energy sources and/or reduction in energy usage;
 - reduce waste and/or increase recycling;
 - reduce carbon emissions through the use of new technology, amenities or energy sources.
5. The first round of the Fund closed in January 2020 and the Panel allocated \$2,447,892 to 53 schools. You have been previously briefed on the results.
6. The second round of the Fund is now complete and applications have been assessed. We will contact schools with the results this month.

Results of Round Two of the Fund

7. The second round of the Fund closed on 3 August 2020. A total of 413 schools applied for funding.
8. The Assessment Panel recommended 41 schools for funding, for a total investment of \$2,534,239. This will mean an overall fund allocation of \$4,982,131.
9. Successful applications met one or more of the Fund's outcomes listed in paragraph 4, and in most cases demonstrated additional benefits. Examples of other benefits include supporting the school's curriculum delivery and providing emergency resilience and other benefits for the wider community.



10. A variety of different projects were applied for. Solar systems once again featured highly, and make up about a third of successful applications. Other types of projects funded include LED lighting, rainwater collection, composting/recycling alternatives, and replacing boilers.
11. One notable project is the solar system with batteries being installed at Halfmoon Bay School on Stewart Island. This school is one of the most isolated in New Zealand. The funded solar system will provide increased energy resilience for the school, as well as reducing their dependence on diesel generation.
12. The overall quality of applications increased significantly between the first and second round. The information for schools on the Ministry's external webpages was updated between rounds to help applicants prepare a higher quality proposal.



13. The full list of successful schools is provided in Annex 1.

Interactions with the State Sector Decarbonisation Programme

14. None of the boilers being replaced through the Fund are part of the State Sector Decarbonisation Programme. The boiler replacements approved under the Fund are either not coal boilers or have more than five years of remaining of their useful life, and therefore are not covered under the State Sector Decarbonisation Programme criteria.

Next Steps

15. We will notify all applicants of the results of round two this month. Schools will be contacted via email with the results of their applications to the Fund, and we will

respond to any queries as to these results on a case by case basis. The full list of successful schools is provided in Annex 1.

16. All successful funded projects are expected to be completed by end of June 2021.

Proactive Release

17. We recommend that this Briefing is released after the results of the Sustainability Contestable Fund have been made public. Any information which may need to be withheld will be done so in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982

Annexes

- Annex 1: Full list of successful schools

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School Name	Project Funded	Amount Funded	School Area Type	Territorial Authority	School Type
Baverstock Oaks School	Multiple Projects	9(2)(i)	Main Urban Area	Auckland - Howick	Contributing
Bayswater School	Boiler Replacement		Main Urban Area	Auckland - Devonport-Takapuna	Contributing
Beach Haven School	Rainwater Tanks		Main Urban Area	Auckland - Kaipatiki	Contributing
Carew Peel Forest School	Solar Project		Rural Area	Ashburton District	Contributing
Duntroon School	Solar Project		Rural Area	Waitangi District	Full Primary
Edendale School (Auckland)	Boiler Replacement		Main Urban Area	Auckland - Albert-Eden	Contributing
Edgecumbe College	Boiler Replacement		Minor Urban Area	Whakatane District	Secondary (Year 9-15)
Foxton Beach School	Boiler Replacement		Minor Urban Area	Horowhenua District	Full Primary
Freyberg Community School	Boiler Replacement		Main Urban Area	Auckland - Henderson-Massey	Contributing
Geraldine High School	LED Replacement		Minor Urban Area	Timaru District	Secondary (Year 7-15)
Gisborne Boys' High School	LED Replacement		Main Urban Area	Gisborne District	Secondary (Year 9-15)
Halcombe Primary School	Solar Project		Rural Area	Manawatu District	Full Primary
Halfmoon Bay School	Solar Project		Rural Area	Southland District	Full Primary
Hillside Primary School	Solar Project		Rural Area	Southland District	Full Primary
Kimbilton School	Composting/Recycling Initiative		Rural Area	Manawatu District	Full Primary
Matipo Road School	Multiple Projects		Main Urban Area	Auckland - Henderson-Massey	Contributing
Meadowbank School	LED Replacement		Main Urban Area	Auckland - Orakei	Contributing
Mercer School	Classroom Fireplace Replacement		Rural Area	Waikato District	Full Primary
Motupipi School	Solar Project		Rural Area	Tasman District	Contributing

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Ngatimoti School	Solar Project	Rural Area	Tasman District	Full Primary
Onewhero Area School	LED Replacement	Rural Area	Waikato District	Composite
Oturu School	Composting/Recycling Initiative	Rural Area	Far North District	Full Primary
Owairaka District School	Multiple Projects	Main Urban Area	Auckland - Albert-Eden	Contributing
Peria School	Solar Project	Rural Area	Far North District	Full Primary
Rai Valley Area School	Solar Project	Rural Area	Marlborough District	Composite
Ruahine School	LED Replacement	Rural Area	Taranaki District	Full Primary
Sefton School	Solar Project	Rural Area	Waimakariri District	Full Primary
Stratford Primary School	Composting/Recycling Initiative	Minor Urban Area	Stratford District	Full Primary
Tauranga Girls' College	Composting/Recycling Initiative	Main Urban Area	Tauranga City	Secondary (Year 9-15)
TKK Motuhake o Tawhiuau	Boiler Replacement	Minor Urban Area	Whakatane District	Composite
TKKM o Tamaki Nui A Rua	Rainwater Tanks	Rural Area	Taranaki District	Composite
Tomarata School	Composting/Recycling Initiative	Rural Area	Auckland - Rodney	Full Primary
Waiau School	Solar Project	Rural Area	Hurunui District	Contributing
Waikino School	Multiple Projects	Rural Area	Hauraki District	Contributing
Waimate Main School	Solar Project	Minor Urban Area	Waimate District	Contributing
Waituna Creek School	Solar Project	Rural Area	Waimate District	Full Primary
Weedons School	Solar Project	Rural Area	Selwyn District	Full Primary
Wesley Primary School	Multiple Projects	Main Urban Area	Auckland - Puketapapa	Contributing
Whakatane Intermediate	Multiple Projects	Secondary Urban Area	Whakatane District	Intermediate
Whangaruru School	Solar Project	Rural Area	Whangarei District	Full Primary
Woodbury School	LED Replacement	Rural Area	Timaru District	Contributing