

Introduction



This document provides the guidelines for the administration and management of 2021 Te Arawhiti COVID-19 funding support package for iwi Māori.

Overview



On 1 September 2021, the Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti, announced a \$1 million targeted funding pool, to support iwi-led response planning, communications outreach and support for vaccine uptake.

Funding is by application, submitted through Te Arawhiti, using the application template available from the [Te Arawhiti Funding Support](#) site.

Once received, all applications will be assessed by Te Arawhiti against the funding criteria, with a recommendation on funding made to the Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti, who makes the final decision on all funding applications.

Criteria



Funding is available to support Iwi to undertake the following type of activities within three broad areas:

- **Communications outreach** – developing bespoke communications material, website updates, staffing for wellbeing calls around their community, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, and establishing 0800 phone numbers;
- **Supporting vaccine uptake** – developing bespoke communications material including community spokespersons, particularly for rangatahi, outreach to encourage and facilitate vaccinations, and organising vaccination logistics; and
- **Response planning** – producing or updating iwi COVID-19 response plans particularly to cater to updated guidance on the Delta variant, including procuring specialist advice if required.

The primary assessment criteria is whether Iwi can demonstrate a clear plan for use of the funding towards the activities listed above.

Requests for funding are expected to be between \$10,000 to \$30,000, depending primarily on the size and need of an Iwi. Requests for funding over \$30,000 may be considered, in exceptional cases, for example, where a cluster of Iwi submit a collective proposal.



Iwi are encouraged to collaborate and coordinate their requests for funding, including through Iwi collectives.

This funding is limited to supporting recognised and representative iwi groups, including:

- Post-Settlement Government Entities
- Mandated Iwi Organisations
- Settlement Negotiations Mandated Entities, and
- Other representative groups who have not yet entered into Treaty negotiations.

Assessment of funding



Te Arawhiti will assess funding proposals received based on:

- The suitability of each request to be funded from the Te Arawhiti appropriation;
- Whether there are opportunities to refer iwi or groups of Iwi to national delivery agencies with reprioritised Māori funding; and
- The size and number of future requests and remaining funds available.

Accessing funding



To access funding, you will need to submit a funding proposal to Te Arawhiti using the template available from the [Te Arawhiti Funding Support](#) site.

Te Arawhiti will collate, assess, and provide advice to the Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti, who makes the final decision on all funding applications.

Timeframes for funding approval and release:

- Decisions on a funding proposal will be made within four days of receiving a complete proposal.
- Funding will be released within seven working days upon approval.
- 100% of the approved fund amount will then be entered into the Ministry of Justice's transactions workflow system for expedited payment directly to iwi bank accounts.



Reporting following funding

All successful funding decisions will be publicised on the Te Arawhiti website, and in the Annual Report.

In addition, to support the design of future funding programmes, Te Arawhiti will be in contact with funding groups to evaluate the output(s) and outcome(s) from any approved funding.

Contact within three months of the receipt of funding, with a final report back on funding due within six months. In the event that funding is approved to develop a COVID-19 response plan, submission of these plans will be requested, and permission sought to publish on the Te Arawhiti website in order to support the development of other Iwi Response Plans.

