

## Takutai Moana Funding Pānui - December 2024

This pānui contains information on Takutai Moana funding and Te Arawhiti's year-end closedown.

### Deadline for outstanding reimbursement requests

In our [pānui dated 5 July 2024](#), we shared the interim changes to the Takutai Moana Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS), which came into effect on 1 July 2024.

These changes included the requirement that requests for reimbursement be submitted within six months of the cost being incurred.

As such, eligible costs incurred before 1 July 2024 must be submitted to Te Arawhiti by **Tuesday 31 December 2024** to be eligible for reimbursement.

**Late submissions will not be eligible for reimbursement**, so please ensure timely submission. Please also ensure inclusion of all required documentation, to avoid delays in processing.

### Reminder for budgeted workplans

Changes to FAS also include the requirement for all applicant groups to have a budgeted workplan agreed by Te Arawhiti before any funding can be provided, for costs incurred from 1 July 2024. The workplan should be approved before costs are incurred, to confirm eligibility and approval.

To manage our 2024/25 financial year appropriation, we are prioritising work with applicant groups:

- involved in scheduled substantive hearings, follow-up High Court hearings, and appeals in 2024/25 and 2025/26; and
- nearing a Ministerial determination, with completed research and public consultation process, and an agreed approach to overlapping applicant groups.

Please contact us at [takutaimoana@tearawhiti.govt.nz](mailto:takutaimoana@tearawhiti.govt.nz) or 0800 866 222 (and choose Option 1) if you are one of the groups above and are looking to agree a budgeted workplan with us.

For more details on funding eligibility, capped rates, and other guidance, please refer to our [Funding Guidelines](#). This resource provides comprehensive information on eligible costs and the process for submitting reimbursement requests.

### FAS settings consultation

In the coming months, we will be announcing a consultation process with applicant groups on the proposed update to the FAS settings. The proposals to be consulted on aim to align funding support with long-term strategic objectives, ensure FAS' sustainability, and respond to applicant needs.

More information, including the dates and how to participate in the consultation process will be provided in a separate pānui. We encourage all applicant groups to engage and provide feedback to help shape the future of the FAS.

### Te Arawhiti year-end closedown

Te Arawhiti office will close for the end of the year from **Friday, 20 December 2024 and re-open on Monday, 6 January 2025**. Te Arawhiti staff will not be available via email or phone during this period, and the processing of reimbursement requests will pause.

We appreciate your understanding, and we look forward to recommencing processing of requests and supporting applicants when we re-open from Monday, 6 January.