



# Funding guidelines

## Introduction

This document provides the guidelines for the administration and management of **Iwi Response Funding for Adverse Weather Events** fund support package for iwi Māori.

## Overview

On 28 February 2023, Ministers announced Te Arawhiti would administer a \$3 million targeted funding pool to support iwi to respond to recent adverse weather events through communications outreach, response work and engagement.

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

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 – support for Māori relationship activities, strategic leadership and coordination (ie communications engagement with wider Māori communities, including developing bespoke communications material, website updates and staffing for wellbeing calls).
- Response work – support for iwi to fund programmes of work outside of other funding initiatives that are required to recover from recent adverse weather events in their region.
- Engagement – support for iwi in particularly impacted areas to engage in wider Crown recovery initiatives.

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 \$25,000 to \$100,000, depending primarily on the size and need of an iwi. Requests for funding over \$100,000 may be considered, in exceptional cases, for example, where iwi have clustered together and submit a collective proposal, where iwi are servicing communities in remote locations, or where iwi are in areas that have been most severely impacted by recent adverse weather events.

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 that 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 [application template](#) available from the Te Arawhiti website.

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.

## Reporting following funding

All successful funding decisions will be publicised on the Te Arawhiti website, and in our 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 will be made within three months of the receipt of funding, with a final report back on funding due within six months.

