

Minister of Youth Affairs

2005/2006
Non-Departmental
Output Expense Report

*On selected services purchased through
Vote Youth Development*

Minister's Introduction

This report records financial and non-financial performance results for outputs purchased by the Minister of Youth Affairs, through selected non-departmental output expenses in Vote Youth Development, for the period 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006.

The Ministry of Youth Development administers two non-departmental output expenses; *Services for Young People*, and the *Youth Development Partnership Fund*.

The programmes funded through *Services for Young People* contribute to providing young people with valuable work skills, self-confidence and teach the importance of working in a team. They also provide an important stepping stone to further work, education and training. The New Zealand Conservation Corps gives young people the opportunity to work in our natural environment, while Specialist Youth Service Corps programmes are contributing to reducing re-offending amongst young people.

Young people get tremendous satisfaction from these programmes, with 83.7% of young people reported being 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied' with the programme or service provided. Furthermore, 96.5% of participants reported improved self esteem, enhanced personal development, stronger connection to family or community, and/or improved health.

The development of an Outcomes Framework for Young People will lead to further enhancements, with services being purchased on the basis of outcomes for young people rather than only attendance levels, while at the same time, development of assessment tools will assist in measuring the reporting actual achievements.

The *Youth Development Partnership Fund* is enabling local authorities to create new education, training and work opportunities for young people. While the majority of first-round projects are still to be completed, the reports that have been received so far are extremely positive.

The establishment of Regional Teams for the Ministry of Youth Development this year, supported by the Ministry of Social Development's regional infrastructure, provides a base for initiating and supporting collaborative activities at a local level, including the development of new initiatives within the *Youth Development Partnership Fund*.

All of this activity contributes to achieving the vision of the *Youth Development Strategy Aotearoa*; where all young people are vibrant and optimistic through being supported and encouraged to take up challenges.



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Minister of Youth Affairs
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Vote Youth Development

Output Expense – Services for Young People

Description

Through this non-departmental output expense, the Minister of Youth Affairs purchases subsidised programmes and services that enable the implementation of the *Youth Development Strategy Aotearoa* (YDSA), promote effective cross-sectoral responses for young people and facilitate the recognition, development and implementation of youth development at a regional and local level.

Significant Providers

The main providers are community organisations, and social development and education institutions.

Background

The Ministry of Youth Development (MYD) funds youth development services targeted at those aged 12 – 24 years of age. The non-departmental output expense, *Services for Young People*, aims to increase the confidence of young people, help them set goals for the future, increase their personal and relationship skills, improve health and wellbeing and reduce offending and other risks that are barriers to further education, training and employment. These services include the New Zealand Conservation Corps (NZCC), the Youth Services Corps (YSC), and the Specialist Youth Services Corps (SYSC).

Guidelines for funding services in this non-departmental output expense were revised and updated during 2005/2006 to reflect the changes earlier endorsed by Cabinet. The revised guidelines offer greater accessibility to a broader range of youth development service providers, reflecting the diverse and changing needs of young people.

Results Achieved

The Ministry of Youth Development has continued to fund innovative programmes such as the NZCC and the YSC, which promote personal development, linking young people with the community through projects or community work, planning for a job and identifying opportunities for further education, training and employment. A review of these programmes was completed during the 2005/2006 year, based on information gathered from 62 programmes and 1,660 participants.

The review found education, training and employment outcomes for young people were positive. Of the 1,660 participants who attended either NZCC or YSC programmes in 2004, 630 young people went straight into employment, 266 entered higher education or training, and 120 continued with their development on either the NZCC or YSC programme. A total of 1,126 participants reported that their self-esteem had improved as a result of participating in the programme.

An evaluation of the Specialist Youth Service Corps was also completed. The key finding of the evaluation was that the programmes are effective in reducing re-offending amongst young people. The evaluation also found that the programmes specifically address young people's attitudes, behaviour and individual needs, have a strong local support, and are valued by the youth justice sector. MYD is giving initial consideration to requirements for an expansion in the number of programmes.

The following table provides a breakdown by gender, ethnicity and age of the 1,660 participants in MYD-funded services in 2005/2006.

	Breakdown	Number	Percentage
Gender	Female	563	33.9%
	Male	1097	66.1%
Ethnicity	European	502	30.2%
	NZ Māori	756	45.5%
	NZ Māori/European	177	10.7%
	Pacific Islander	68	4.1%
	Māori/Pacific Islander	79	4.8%
	Other/Unknown	78	4.7%
	Age	Under 16	239
	16-17	690	41.6%
	18-19	411	24.8%
	20+ years	320	19.2%

Future Development

An Outcomes Framework for Young People, which identifies the outcomes sought from programmes, has been completed and is applicable across all youth development projects and programmes funded by MYD. It was developed with input from representatives of 27 of our provider organisations. The Framework is being trialled and assessed with our provider organisations over the 2006/2007 year.

Five short-term outcomes (on exit from a service/programme) and four intermediate outcomes (six to 24 months after service/programme conclusion) have been established.

Short-Term Outcomes	Intermediate Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people have learned healthy, safe living practices. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people sustain practices that contribute to their personal well-being and future.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people are more motivated, able to self-manage, have an increased sense of self-identity and can make positive choices. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people follow a path to education, training, employment or other positive options.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people are more skilled, equipped and personally supported to make transitions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people connect more to families, communities and their environment.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people have increased relationship, communication and teamwork skills. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people value and are valued for contributing to something bigger than them.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people value making a contribution to the community and environment. 	

Pre- and post-programme assessment tools are being developed, to capture young people's developmental needs prior to commencing a programme and the subsequent learning and development outcomes as a result of participating on the programme. This will assist MYD to measure achievement in programmes and services. MYD will now be purchasing services on the basis of these outcomes, rather than only attendance levels.

The 2005/2006 appropriation for *Services for Young People* was reduced by \$620,000 in the 2005/2006 Supplementary Estimates through an expense transfer to 2006/2007. Under-expenditure in 2005/2006 was due to guidelines restricting funding to a limited range of services, and contracts having been offered and declined due to difficulties in recruiting sufficient participants. MYD expects that all funding for 2006/2007 will be utilised.

The Ministry of Youth Development is also using multi-year contracts with providers, which will give much greater certainty, and allow the development of new services with providers for future funding rounds.

Financial Performance

Vote Youth Development Non-Departmental Output Expense	Actual Expenditure \$m	Appropriation Vote \$m
Services for Young People	6.708	6.783

Performance

Performance Measures	Results
Quantity	
The number of programmes or services purchased.	132 programmes or services were purchased.
The number of young people participating in programmes or services purchased.	1660 young people participated in programmes or services.
Quality	
80% of young people participating in programmes or services report being 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied' with the programme or service.	83.7% of young people reported being 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied' with the programme or service.
80% of young people participating in programmes or services report having improved self esteem, improved personal development, improved connection to family or community, and/or improved health.	96.5% of young people reported having improved self esteem, improved personal development, improved connection to family or community, and/or improved health.
70% of young people move into employment, further training or tertiary education or to other youth development opportunities.	78% of young people moved into employment, further training or tertiary education or to other youth development opportunities.
The number of opportunities facilitated that recognise, develop and implement youth development at a regional and local level.	All programmes or services purchased contribute to the recognition, development and implementation of youth development.
The number of 'good practice' case studies that are identified and captured.	Six 'good practice' case studies were identified and captured.

Output Expense – Youth Development Partnership Fund

Description

Through this non-departmental output expense, the Minister of Youth Affairs provides partial funding to enable territorial authorities to respond to emerging needs and opportunities for young people.

Significant Providers

The main providers are community organisations operating in partnership with territorial authorities.

Background

The *Youth Development Partnership Fund* was launched in October 2005. The *Youth Development Partnership Fund* enables MYD to respond to emerging youth needs and create new opportunities by partnering with territorial authorities to support projects that benefit young people in their communities. Projects must demonstrate clear and measurable outcomes for young people, and be supported by the community.

Projects Funded

Applications for projects in 2005/2006 were considered by a selection panel made up of representatives from MYD, Local Government New Zealand, MSD's Family and Community Services, MSD's Youth Transitions Service, the Mayors' Taskforce for Jobs, the Department of Internal Affairs and young people.

Twelve *Youth Development Partnership Fund* projects were funded and these are running through the 2006 calendar year. Details of these are shown in the table below.

Territorial Authority	Summary of Project	Funding
Dunedin City Council	The <i>Audacious 2006 Student Business Challenge</i> seeks to develop young people's skills in business design, planning and execution. Young people will be connected with mentors, peers and business partnerships. It is anticipated that this project will both contribute to successful employment opportunities and generate recognition of young people's abilities.	\$44,444
Far North District Council	<i>Be what you are born to be</i> seeks to expand the employment expectations of young people and motivate them towards achieving their goals. A youth-led presentation touring the Far North district will provide career information and showcase positive role models of youth achievement.	\$57,333
Gisborne District Council	<i>Kōkiri Taiohi (Young people moving forward together)</i> is a Māori-based initiative that will target local young people and encourage them to take up formal learning opportunities that lead to higher education and sustainable employment. The project will deliver leadership wānanga, a work expo and marae/community events.	\$104,889

Territorial Authority	Summary of Project	Funding
Hamilton City Council	The <i>Māori Secondary School Case Competition</i> aims to encourage Māori students towards educational excellence and focus on the development of business skills. Using case studies, mentoring, and peer learning through a tuakana/teina model, the project seeks to introduce young Māori to academic environments and opportunities to participate in business activities.	\$32,000
Palmerston North City Council	<i>Akohia te rangahau (Teaching Research)</i> aims to provide training that enables young people to conduct their own youth development research projects and contribute to knowledge about youth health wellbeing.	\$66,044
Papakura District Council	The <i>Papakura Open Mike Youth Cafe</i> is a youth-focused project that aims to motivate and develop young people through creative expression and participation in local activities. In a youth-led process, young people will gain an awareness of what it takes to run an event, and ultimately an entire performance venue.	\$54,044
Rangitikei District Council	<i>Rangitikei U-go</i> is a project in which young people are mentored and encouraged to take up wider roles in their communities and develop their abilities with computers. The project aims to assist young people on the CareerStart programme to build their work readiness.	\$44,444
Rotorua District Council	<i>Reprezent Youth Forum 2006</i> is a two-day forum that provides young people with the opportunity to gain skills, training and experience useful to volunteering roles and working in the community. The forum will be run in conjunction with the New Zealand Association for Adolescent Health and Development during Youth Week 2006.	\$31,111
South Taranaki District Council	The <i>Human Powered Vehicle Challenge</i> aims to enthuse and involve young people in a project which will develop their problem solving, time management and creative engineering skills. Local businesses, police and training providers are supporting the challenge, which will involve up to 100 young people working in teams. The project is aimed at addressing identified regional skill shortages and high youth demand for training opportunities.	\$27,911
Upper Hutt City Council	The <i>Upper Hutt Cadetship Scheme</i> will target 18-24-year-olds who need additional support and assistance through their first year of employment. The project aims to do this by providing training, skill development and work experience in a supportive environment.	\$80,000
Wanganui District Council	<i>Make it Take it</i> seeks to place the development of a Youth Centre in Wanganui in the hands of young people. Training opportunities and experience will be available to young people in a range of areas including construction, event management, business management, hospitality, and sound and lighting.	\$100,000

Territorial Authority	Summary of Project	Funding
Wellington City Council	A <i>Youth Computer Facility at the Zeal global Cafe</i> will assist Wellington City Council to provide an environment where young people can access computers, gain experience, share knowledge and improve their education and employment prospects. Structured use of the computers would enable young people to produce promotional material, research topics of interest, and be used by homework clubs to provide additional education and learning opportunities.	\$39,200
TOTAL		\$681,420

Results Achieved

Progress and final reports are provided to MYD as components of the projects are completed.

Future Development

The number of applications in 2005/2006 substantially exceeded the amount of money available in 2005/2006; however, a number of these applications required additional work. The result was unallocated expenditure of \$207,000, which has been carried-forward and is available for distribution in 2006/2007. Those territorial authorities that were unsuccessful with their applications received specific feedback on areas for improvement, and have been encouraged to make further applications.

The establishment of MYD's regional teams also provides a base for promoting of the *Youth Development Partnership Fund* amongst territorial authorities as a means of supporting youth development in local communities.

Financial Performance

Vote Youth Development Non-Departmental Output Expense	Actual Expenditure \$m	Appropriation Vote \$m
Youth Development Partnership Fund	0.681	0.682

Performance

Performance Measures	Results
Quantity	
The number of territorial authorities applying for partial funding.	44 territorial authorities submitted 65 applications for partial funding.
The number of territorial authorities receiving partial funding.	12 territorial authorities received partial funding.

<p>Quality</p> <p>80% of young people participating in the territorial authorities initiatives report having improved self esteem; improved personal development; improved connection to family or community; and/or improved health.</p>	<p>This is the first year of operation of the <i>Youth Development Partnership Fund</i>, with projects continuing through 2006. At the end of June 2006, only two of the twelve projects had been completed and final reports provided.</p> <p>95% of participants in the territorial authorities initiatives reported having improved self esteem; improved personal development; improved connection to family or community; and/or improved health.</p>
<p>70% of young people participating in the territorial authorities initiatives report being able to move into employment, further training or tertiary education or to other youth development opportunities.</p>	<p>92% of participants reported that they remained in secondary education or have moved into employment, further training or tertiary education or to other youth development opportunities.</p>
<p>The number of 'good practice' case studies that are identified and captured.</p>	<p>As projects are completed, good practice case studies are being identified and recorded with the intention of distributing these within the youth development sector.</p>
<p>Four 'local government' youth development innovation clusters will be created.</p>	<p>This performance measure was identified before the final scope of the <i>Youth Development Partnership Fund</i> was developed. MYD has since developed specific relationships with the 12 territorial authorities that are contracted to provide projects in 2005/2006. These relationships will expand as further territorial authorities are successful in their applications to the Fund.</p> <p>MYD's regional teams are also establishing relationships with territorial authorities, which includes promoting the opportunities available through the <i>Youth Development Partnership Fund</i>.</p>
<p>Four 'local and central government' networks will be created.</p>	<p>This performance measure was identified before the final scope of the <i>Youth Development Partnership Fund</i> was developed. MYD has since developed specific relationships with the 12 territorial authorities that are contracted to provide projects in 2005/2006. These relationships will expand as further territorial authorities are successful in their applications to the Fund.</p> <p>MYD's regional teams are also establishing relationships with territorial authorities, which includes promoting the opportunities available through the <i>Youth Development Partnership Fund</i>.</p>

Non-Departmental Commitments as at 30 June 2006

There were no non-departmental commitments in Vote Youth Development at 30 June 2006.

