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Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your request for information about Family Violence and Sexual Violence (FVSV) prevention funding received by Pacific-led organisations in Rotorua and the Bay of Plenty transferred to the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) from the Office of Hon Louise Upston on 7 April 2025.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision on each part of your request set out separately below.

- *Of the current Family Violence and Sexual Violence (FVSV) prevention funding administered by the Ministry, how many Pacific-led organisations in Rotorua currently receive this funding?*
- *What proportion of the total FVSV prevention funding is allocated specifically to Pacific-led or Pacific-serving organisations in the Bay of Plenty region?*

Please find attached **Appendix One** outlining the Ministry's FVSV prevention and response funding administered and delivered by service providers in Rotorua and the wider Bay of Plenty in the current financial year.

The Ministry does not explicitly categorise FVSV funding based on whether a funded provider is Pacific led, rather they are expected to deliver equitable services to all population groups affected by FVSV. This includes ensuring that services are culturally appropriate and accessible for Pacific peoples and other marginalised groups.

The exception to this is Pasefika Proud funding which is focused on supporting community led activities to prevent and address family violence (and other social issues) within Pacific communities.

Funding for Pasefika Proud is limited however and the only organisation currently receiving funding from the Bay of Plenty region is the Tokoroa-based, South

Waikato Pacific Island Community Trust. This activity is not identified in Appendix One as the organisation is not Bay of Plenty based and limitations on the data our contracting system holds means we can only generate reports based on service delivery location where this information is recorded.

- *What strategies are in place to ensure that Pacific communities in smaller centres like Rotorua are not left behind in access to culturally grounded, trauma-informed prevention and support services?*

Te Puna Aonui is a collective of nine agencies, including the Ministry, established in 2018 as a joint venture for reducing and preventing family and sexual violence. Te Puna Aonui is mandated to deliver on Te Aorerekura, the National Strategy to Eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence, which reaffirms our collective responsibility to deliver an integrated, whole-of-government approach to FVSV in partnership with iwi and communities (including Pacific communities and service providers). Te Puna Aonui agencies are working in collaboration to ensure everyone impacted by violence, including Pacific communities, has access to the relevant and culturally appropriate services to meet their needs.

In 2023 through Pasefika Proud, the Ministry in partnership with other Te Puna Aonui agencies established the Pacific Practitioners Forum. They also continue to mobilise regional Pacific Practitioners networks. The intention is for Pacific and non-Pacific practitioners to continue mobilising communities and support FVSV needs collectively. Bay of Plenty hosted their first Pacific Practitioners Forum in 2024 to help all FVSV practitioners to better support their communities' needs.

Also, through Pasefika Proud, the Ministry is working in partnership with eight ethnic specific Pacific communities to develop and implement community strategies and action plans. These strategies and action plans are community owned and developed, highlighting priorities and needs of each ethnic specific community. They facilitate information and visibility for awareness and activation of support.

- *Is there a mechanism for reassessing previously declined applications from Pacific organisations, where financial or governance concerns have since been resolved?*

No, there is not a process to reassess declined applications where the circumstances leading to the original decision to decline has changed for an organisation outside of the application period. The organisation would be able to submit a new funding request if applications are reopened, or another fund becomes available. Any new application would be assessed against the eligibility criteria for that specific fund.

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with my decision on your request regarding FVSV funding, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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