

# **COVER SHEET – PGF SKILLS & EMPLOYMENT (TE ARA MAHI)**

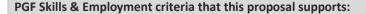
2.6	Whanganui Work Ready Passport Initiative Te Ara Mahi (TAM) Application	For: Approve			
Tier:	1 - Regional	Sector:	Skills		
Backgr	Background & context:		Recommendation(s):		
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Education, Employment or Training, a solution for connecting school leavers with tertiary and employment opportunities).

This application was originally declined at the application phase as more information was required on how this initiative links in with other initiatives in the wider region. Commercial Information and Commercial Information have met with WDETT and been assured they will work to complement Talent Central and accordingly Talent Central will continue as a steward of the Work Ready Passport for the region and support WDETT. The Manawatu Chamber of Commerce completed a

The Manawatu Chamber of Commerce completed a report (appendix 1) on the WRP and identified having both WDETT and Talent Central as key delivers of this initiative.

	Response	PDU (TAM)		
		Statement regarding		
		achievability of		
		target		
Number of	400-500	Achievable as		
people	young	WDETT has		
expected to be	people to	confirmed that it		
targeted by the	be put	will be getting		
project/activity	through	assistance from		
annually:	the Work	Talent Central to		
	Ready	make sure they		
	Passport	reach this target.		
Number of	Con me dial In	Aspirational goal,		
people	young	although they have		
expected to	people to	indicated the		
attain	gain	demand exists, with		
employment as	employm	this resourcing the		
a result of the	ent from	placements can be		
project/activity:	this	made		
High level	To have over 50 businesses			
outcomes	signed up and supporting the			
sought by the	initiative to make it sustainable.			
project/activity:	Offering the Work Ready			
	Passport to Commercial Inform young			
	people and over comm businesses a			
	year.			
Detail of who	Commercial Information - \$ commercial			
else is involved	Commercial Information - \$ commercial Info			
in funding the	Commercial I - \$Comm  Commercial Inform - &Commercial Info			
project/activity:	Commercial Inform ACC	ommercial Info		



Te Ara Mahi Criteria	Assessment Commentary	Met (Y /N/Partial)				
Link with fund and government outcomes – delivers benefit to communities						
Acts as a catalyst for improving productivity potential in the region (s)	By linking school students with job opportunities with local employers	Y				
Aligns with relevant regional economic and employment plans and priorities, including any Māori development plans	Links with Manawatu Whanganui Accelerate 25     economic development plans to promote linkages     between local demand and local supply					
Demonstrates potential to meet the current or future labour market skill needs of the region, including those resulting from PGF Tier 2 and 3 investments	WDETT is working with growth industries in the Whanganui area.	У				
Reduces the rates of people not in employment, education and training, with an emphasis on Māori	Through the WRP, WDETT will be providing a prevention strategy for NEETS	У				
Increases local employment and earning potential, by supporting local people into local jobs, with an emphasis on sustainable employment outcomes	WDETT is working directly with local people and iocal supply to develop employment outcomes	У				
Additionality - adds value by building on what is already there						
Addresses a gap in current service provision e.g. does not cover activities that are already funded for (unless funding is to up-scale or re-start, existing projects)	<ul> <li>The WRP has been identified as a gap in the market.</li> <li>Schools do not have the capacity to deliver the programme.</li> </ul>	Υ				
Demonstrates why third party funding, including other government agencies, cannot be used to address the current gap in service provision	<ul> <li>The WRP requires extra resource and capability which is not available to schools or employers.</li> <li>Other regions have relied heavily on economic development agencies and contributions from a range of sources to deliver this as no one govt agency has the scope to deliver this.</li> </ul>	Υ				
Demonstrates awareness of and ability to connect to other services/initiatives that are complementary to the project	The WRP will partner with Talent Central which is the leading provider and steward of this product in the Manawatu – Whanganui region.	Υ				
Connected to regional stakeholders and frameworks						

 Commercial Information Has support and input, where applicable, from: • Local; industry, employers, community groups and employment bodies/governance mechanisms central and local government agencies • iwi and other Māori governance mechanisms Governance, risk management and project execution Has robust project management The WDETT Trust Board will act as the steering and governance systems planned group for the project, with 100% SWEET staff or in place managing the project on a day-to-day basis • 100% SWEET staff directly report to the WDETT Demonstrates the capacity and technical capabilities to effectively Trust Board and have set KPIs to achieve. Staff will implement the initiative e.g. has be responsible for liaising with schools and industry, experience in building local with support from the Trust Board to engage capacity, lifting work readiness businesses where needed. Other partners – such as and knowledge of the local labour, the Whanganui Chamber of Commerce – will assist market with aspects of the WRP (such as final interviews). Risk management approach Engagement has taken place with WDETT to outline outlined risks associated with receipt of govt funds Future ownership / operational Plan is to make this initiative fully sustainable in a

### The purpose of this briefing is to consider recommending/ declining PGF funds for.....project

#### Regional Governance Group View:

### **Risks and Issues:**

management identified

• This initiative has a dependency on Talent Central which is delivering the WRP across the region. Agreements have been made that Talent Central will support WDETT.

years time via employer support

## **Eligibility points of note:**

• Due diligence:- Full due diligence completed – no issues

### Commercial Information

- Conflict(s) of interest:- Based on the information provided no conflict of interest is evident noting that full due diligence will inform this item further.
- *Illegal Activity:* Based on the application information provided and feedback from other agencies there is no indication that the applicant or project has been involved in, or associated with illegal activity.
- Alignment with Regional development plans:-
- Commercial funding availability:- Given the nature of the project which is to implement the Work Ready

Passport, access to commercial funding is not considered a feasible option. Consultation undertaken or implications: HR N/A N/A **MBIE** policy N/A Other Legal N/A **Finance** Cross agency feedback (national offices): MSD Region and TPK Advice from regional and any other PDU teams: PDU regional Lead, SWEP **Supporting proposal:** Yes Yes - Applications and supporting letters are as annexes **Appendices:** Sponsor(s): N/A AM SWEP Team Manager/Author of paper: