

COVER SHEET

2.24 Developing Projects ANT express Application		For: Approve	
Tier:	1 - Regional	Sector:	Skills
Background & context:		Recommendation(s):	
<p>Applicant Organisation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANT Trust, a charitable Trust representing 3 Iwi in the Far North <p>Location:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kaitaia, Far North <p>Proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Management to develop and scope the feasibility of three key projects in the Far North <p>Funding Sought:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total project value: \$Commercial Information PGF Funding: \$Commercial Information <p>Background:</p> <p>The ANT Trust is a well-established provider in the Muriwhenua region with a proven track record of working with Maori communities experiencing hardship and deprivation, and getting things done. ANT has access to local, regional and Maori networks to facilitate action, and a history of advocacy to promote social justice and equity. ANT has seen an opportunity that they feel the PGF can provide their small team and therefore made this application to realise the potential of these three key projects for the Far North:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Manuka Oil Project– This project is based on developing a new industry in the far north to harvest and process manuka oil. 2. BioTech Laboratory – supporting industry (processing and testing) health, horticulture, agriculture, aquaculture and epiculture 3. NEETS – a three phased programme getting youth to work (Limited Service Volunteering, 		<p>a) Discuss the potential of the three projects that are to be developed with this investment.</p> <p>b) Note MPI is fully supportive of this application and completed the majority of this assessment.</p> <p>c) Note the support of the NEETS element of the project by He Poutama Rangatahi.</p> <p>d) Note the alignment with the PGF criteria as this supports an area in significant need of investment requiring support to better utilise a Māori asset, potentially accelerate growth and create employment.</p> <p>e) Consider the Commercial Information% monetary contribution required against the financial need and the matching in kind contributions provided by ANT Trust.</p> <p>f) Note ANT Trust is a well-established provider in the Muriwhenua region.</p> <p>g) Approve \$Commercial Information from the PGF fund towards lifting the capability of ANT Trust to develop and scope the feasibility of the three projects subject to the availability of a skilled project manager. Release \$Commercial Information initially and the additional \$Commercial Information in the event that they progress past stage 4 (securing investment successful) of the list of deliverables received.</p>	

<p>Foundation Courses and 12 month career pathways).</p> <p>ANT Trust has already engaged the services of <small>Commercial Information</small> (donated time) to scope the feasibility of one of the projects which has identified industry, drafted support documentation for the other two projects and will provide governance, cultural support and advice and office space to the project manager if this investment is made. They are estimated to contribute at least \$<small>Commercial Information</small> towards this project.</p>		
<p>PGF criteria that this proposal supports:</p>		
PGF Criteria	Assessment Commentary	Rating (1✓ to 5✓)
<p>Link with fund and government outcomes</p>		
Creates permanent jobs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited to one initially, but this project will provide capability to develop 3 projects which have the potential to create business and career pathways for tai tamariki along with landowners and extended whanau / hapu and community. All three projects will investigate the opportunities for job training and job creation. 	✓
Delivers benefit to the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Trust is already delivering benefits to the community – this project will increase their capacity to do more. If the Crown can assist with building the capacity of the organisation to develop projects that have the potential to address some of the larger economic and social issues the north faces, it can lead to even greater community support. 	✓✓✓✓
Increased utilisation and returns of Maori asset base	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To some extent, even though this project is about investigating how Maori assets (land, people, and knowledge) can be better utilised. The information gained from this project will provide a clear pathway for project development. 	✓✓
Enhanced sustainability of natural assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a large amount of underutilised Maori land in the far north. This project will investigate how that land can be utilised in a sustainable manner (eg. Manuka oil). 	✓✓✓✓
Mitigation of climate change effects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not initially as this is the investigation phase, but should the tree planting go ahead this will have a positive effect on climate change. 	n/a
<p>Additionality</p>		

Adding value by building on what is already there	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigating both the Manuka oil and Bio-tech lab project will provide information that will enable decisions about which projects to pursue, timing and how to undertake the project development. These projects both provide additionality for an area that is abundant with the natural resources to support this. 	✓✓✓✓
Acts as a catalyst for productivity potential in the region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All three of the areas that will be investigated through this project have the potential to increase productivity in the region. Subject to feasibility results and project commencement 	✓✓✓
Connected to regional stakeholders and frameworks		
Alignment with regional priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This project aligns with regional priorities (and the TTNEAP). Skills and training, forestry and extractives are all included 	✓✓✓
Support from local governance groups (inc. Councils, Iwi/Hapu)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The applicant is a community trust which has long-standing links into the local community, agencies, iwi, hapu and marae. 	✓✓✓✓
Governance, risk management and project execution		
Robust project management and governance systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good governance, however, this project will ensure robust project management through increased capability. 	✓✓✓✓
Risk management approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial risks have been identified and risk management will form part of the project approach, should this application be successful. There is also a stop gate at \$^{Commercial Information} in the milestone schedule. 	✓✓✓
Future ownership / operational management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Trust (community) will own the projects and drive them forward should this piece of work determine feasibility through the project development work. 	✓✓✓✓
The purpose of this briefing is to consider recommending/ declining PGF funds to the:		

Risks Issues:**Eligibility points of note:**

- *Due diligence*:- Full due diligence is to be completed. It is a condition of approval that due diligence is to be to the satisfaction of the Head of PDU Investment team.
- *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*:- Aligns with priorities in the TTNEAP.
- *Commercial funding availability*:- Given the nature of the project which is to realise the project potential through this tier one application, access to commercial funding is not considered a feasible option.

Consultation undertaken or implications:

Legal	N/A	HR	N/A	Finance	N/A	MBIE policy	N/A	Other	MPI, HPR
Supporting proposal:		Yes							
Appendices:		Yes - Applications and supporting letters are as annexes							
Sponsor(s):		N/A							
Manager/Author of paper:		Paul Swallow / Jason Hall Investment Team							

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