

## 2.04 ASET POUTAMA RANGATAHI PROGRAMME HE POUTAMA RANGATAHI APPLICATION

Cover sheet – PGF skills & Employment (He Poutama Rangatahi)		<b>For: Approve</b>	
<b>Tier:</b>	1 - Regional	<b>Sector:</b>	Skills
<b>Background &amp; context:</b>		<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	
<p><b>Applicant Organisation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aotearoa Social Enterprise Trust</li> </ul> <p><b>Location:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tairāwhiti</li> </ul> <p><b>Proposal:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional funding for an existing He Poutama Rangatahi project in order to meet the cost of higher demand for the programme and the very intensive pastoral care requirements of participants.</li> </ul> <p><b>Funding Sought: \$63,000</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Original HPR Funding: \$447,628</li> </ul> <p><b>Background:</b></p> <p>This application is for an additional \$63,000 for an existing He Poutama Rangatahi contract.</p> <p>The application is coming to SROs, rather than following the standard variation of contract process, because the original contract was funded from Vote Labour, before He Poutama Rangatahi became funded by the Provincial Growth Fund. The PDU Legal, Finance and Contract teams have advised this application for new funding for the project needs to follow standard PGF processes and be approved by SROs.</p> <p>The ASET Poutama Rangatahi programme includes life skills, work skills, work experience and employment placement, primarily in the horticulture sector. The programme is for 15-24 year old rangatahi who are farthest from employment. Barriers faced by rangatahi on the programme include anger management, drug and alcohol addiction, gang affiliation, mental illness and domestic violence.</p> <p><b>Commercial Information</b></p>		<p><b>We recommend that the SRO(s)</b></p> <p>a) Approve \$63,000 from the He Poutama Rangatahi portion of the Provincial Growth Fund towards the Generation Programme project.</p> <p>b) <b>Note</b> this is additional funding for an existing He Poutama Rangatahi programme in order to fund an additional Pastoral Care worker.</p> <p>c) <b>Note</b> additional pastoral care is required because of the higher than anticipated demand for the programme and the very intensive support required for some participants.</p> <p>d) Note the ASET Poutama Rangatahi programme has successfully placed <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">Comm</span> rangatahi into employment and 6 into education or training.</p>	

ASET's original HPR contract anticipated that 20 rangatahi would participate in the programme in its first year. Demand has far exceeded supply; in year one of the contract ASET is currently working with 24 additional rangatahi. Turning participants away is not an option for ASET as rejection can mean that rangatahi will not attempt to engage in any employment programme again.

ASET has placed <sup>Comm</sup> rangatahi in employment and 6 have either gone back to school or enrolled in training. **Commercial Information**  
 ASET provides full support for these rangatahi including preparing case plans for the court. **Commercial Information**

The original funding agreement for the ASET Poutama Rangatahi programme provides **Commercial Information**

ASET is applying for \$<sup>Commercial Info</sup> for the salary and expenses of an additional youth mentor/pastoral support worker. This additional staff member will enable ASET to better meet the demand for its programme and support the intensive pastoral care needs of some of the participants.

Aotearoa Social Enterprise Trust has met all of its obligations under the existing Funding Agreement.

<b>Supporting proposal:</b>	Yes
<b>Appendices:</b>	Yes - Application and supporting documents are as annexes
<b>Sponsor(s):</b>	N/A
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