



MEMO

DATE	4 November 2019
TO	Di Grennell, SRO, Manawatu-Whanganui Region
PREPARED BY	Catrina McKay, PRA, Manawatu-Whanganui Region, PDU
APPROVED BY	Nicholas Hough, Investment Director PDU
SUBJECT	CAPABILITY FUNDING APPLICATION – HOROWHENUA DISTRICT COUNCIL

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that you:

1. **Agree** that the action taken in respect of the application referred to below are in line with the approval in principle given by the Senior Regional Officials (SRO's) at their meeting on 29 August 2019; and
2. **Approve** the Provincial Development Unit (PDU) entering into a funding agreement with the Horowhenua District Council as set out below, in accordance with those SRO decisions.

APPROVED / NOT APPROVED

Signed by:

Date:



PURPOSE

This memo seeks your agreement that the actions taken by the PDU are in accordance with the approval in principle given by the SRO's at their meeting on 29 August 2019, and that the PDU therefore proceed to enter into a funding agreement with the Horowhenua District Council on the terms and conditions outlined below.

BACKGROUND

In August 2019 three applications were received for funding support to enable projects to be developed and applications made to the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF). The three applications were:

A: Whanganui & Partners – application for \$40,000 capability support

Whanganui & Partners is an economic development agency funded by the Whanganui District Council which provides economic development activity to Whanganui and surrounding areas. Following discussions with the SRO and Principal Regional Advisor for the region, Whanganui & Partners made an application for capability support to provide additional resource to progress identified “investment ready” applications to the PGF.

B: Tararua District Council– application for \$30,000 capability support

The Tararua District Council is a small local authority in the region, with limited capacity for progressing priority projects for their ratepayers. Following discussion with the PRA for the region, Tararua District Council made an application for capability support to provide additional resource to progress identified “investment ready” applications to the PGF.

C: Horowhenua District Council - [REDACTED] Commercial Information
[REDACTED] – application for \$40,000

Horowhenua is one of the districts with the lowest socio-economic outcomes across the region, and indeed NZ. Following discussions with Minister Jones and the PRA for the region, Horowhenua District Council made an application for funding towards the scoping of a project to assess the opportunities to develop [REDACTED] Commercial Information

In the SRO meeting on 29 August, the SRO's discussed these applications and reached the following decisions:

[REDACTED] Commercial Information
[REDACTED] that funding of \$110,000 for the Provincial Growth Fund was agreed in principle pending receipt of relevant applications to the PGF.”



ACTION TAKEN BY PDU FOLLOWING SRO MEETING

Following the receipt of the SRO minutes the SRO, PRA and Investment Director agreed the course of action outlined below:

1. Applicants to be advised of the outcome of the SRO meeting by PRA
2. Applicants to be requested to provide written confirmation that they agree to their application being **Commercial Information** an application for general support for their PGF programme and project support role out of the remainder of the amount allocated for this purpose for each region. PRA to collect this agreement from each applicant.
3. Following receipt of that written confirmation, approval would be sought from the SRO that PDU enter into funding agreements on that basis.

Tararua District Council and Whanganui & Partners

For Whanganui & Partners and Tararua District Council this process has been followed and funding agreements have now been entered into.

Horowhenua District Council

A meeting between the SRO and PRA and the Chief Executive and relevant General Manager of Horowhenua District Council was held on Monday 23 September to discuss the approach for funding project capability **Commercial Information**

Agreement was reached and confirmed by email on 23 October. A copy of that email is attached as Appendix A.

This memo now seeks your agreement to enter into a fundin^{With} agreement with the Horowhenua District Council on that basis.



Appendix A

From: [redacted] Privacy of natural persons
Sent: Wednesday, 23 October 2019 8:02 p.m.
To: Catriona McKay <Catriona.McKay@mbie.govt.nz<<mailto:Catriona.McKay@mbie.govt.nz>>>
Subject: RE: Horowhenua District Council - application for resource support

Good evening Catriona,

I can confirm that Horowhenua District Council agrees that the application for \$40,000 for the development of a PGF application [redacted] Commercial Information be allocated and used to provide additional capacity to undertake economic development activity more generally.

Kind regards,

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From: Catriona McKay [<mailto:Catriona.McKay@mbie.govt.nz>]
Sent: Wednesday, 23 October 2019 12:37 PM
To: [redacted] Privacy of natural persons
Subject: Horowhenua District Council - application for resource support

Hi [redacted] Privacy of natu

Could you please confirm by return email that Horowhenua District Council agrees that the application for \$40,000 for the development of a PGF application [redacted] Commercial Information be allocated and used to provide additional capacity to undertake economic development activity more generally.

Once I have your written confirmation we will prepare a funding agreement for you, and get the funding paid so you can retain an appropriate resource for the work programme we agreed on 4 October.

Kind regards
Catriona



Catriona McKay
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