



## TE ARA MAHI PROPOSALS FOR REVIEW

<b>Date:</b>	16 October 2019	<b>Priority:</b>	Medium
<b>Security classification:</b>	In Confidence	<b>Tracking number:</b>	1120 19-20

Action sought		
	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Shane Jones <b>Minister for Regional Economic Development</b>	<b>Agree</b> to the recommendations outlined in this briefing	21 October 2019
Hon Grant Robertson <b>Minister of Finance</b>		21 October 2019
Hon Phil Twyford <b>Minister of Transport</b> <b>Minister of Economic Development</b>		21 October 2019
Hon David Parker <b>Minister for Trade and Export Growth</b>		21 October 2019
Fletcher Tabuteau <b>Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister for Regional Economic Development</b>	<b>Note</b> the contents of this briefing	21 October 2019

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**The following departments/agencies have been consulted**

**Minister's office to complete:**

Approved

Declined

Noted

Needs change

Seen

Overtaken by Events

See Minister's Notes

Withdrawn

**Comments**



## Recommendations

The Provincial Development Unit recommends that you:

### Tier 1- PGF EMPLOYMENT, SKILLS & CAPABILITY (TE ARA MAHI)

1. **Note** that Cabinet decision requires you to consult with Ministers of Social Development, Education and Employment [DEV-18-MIN-0235] and copies of the attached table have been forwarded to their offices

*Noted*

2. **Agree** to approve the Whangarei Agriculture and Pastoral Society's application for a \$1,433,535 grant from the Provincial Growth Fund on the condition that:

- a. An evaluation of programme is undertaken after the first Commercial Information of the Co erola operation. The evaluation will ensure the initiative is meeting the needs of the funder and provide certainty that the programme is on track to be in a sustainable position into the future as well.

*Agree / Disagree*

David van der Zouwe  
Head of Investment  
**Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment**  
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Hon Grant Robertson  
**Minister of Finance**  
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## Recommendations

### Te Ara Mahi projects seeking approval from Regional Economic Development Ministers

Applicant and Project	Proposal and key outcomes	PDU Comment	Total cost of project	Proposed PGF investment	SROs recommendation
<p><b>Applicant name:</b> Whangarei Agricultural and Pastoral (A&amp;P) Society</p> <p><b>Project name:</b> Whangarei Agricultural and Pastoral Society Farm Internship Programme</p> <p><b>Region:</b> Northland</p>	<p>Whangarei A&amp;P Society has requested PGF funding towards its Farm Internship Programme over the next <sup>Commercial Information</sup>, aiming to provide approximately <sup>Comm</sup> interns the opportunity to gain an understanding of and experience in the agricultural industry. Participants will receive training and support towards gaining a Level 3 Certificate in Agriculture. Once completed, interns will be placed in full-time employment whilst completing a Level 4 Certificate in Agriculture over a further <sup>Commercial Information</sup> period.</p> <p>Te Ara Mahi funding will be used towards administration, group activities, medical testing, accommodation allowances, uniforms, some training costs and pastoral care over the four year period while participants complete the Level 3 and 4 certificates.</p> <p>The pastoral care worker will provide full-time support to interns' transition to employment. The programme was developed in consultation with Northland Farmers, with more than <sup>Comm</sup> expressing an interest and <sup>Comm</sup> indicating a commitment to become a hosting sponsor and future employer for interns.</p> <p>The programme will target NEETs of all ages, including school leavers and Ministry of Social Development (MSD) clients, specifically those who are most at risk of becoming long-term unemployed. Whangarei A&amp;P Society aim to have <sup>Comm</sup>% of participants in sustained employment within the agricultural industry for a minimum of <sup>Comm</sup> or successfully transitioned into related employment that utilises the skills gained on the programme.</p>	<p>The PDU recommends that you approve Whangarei A&amp;P Society's application for a \$1,433,535 grant from the Provincial Growth Fund on the condition that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An evaluation of programme is undertaken after the first <sup>Commercial Information</sup> of the <sup>Commercial Information</sup> operation. The evaluation will ensure the initiative is meeting the needs of the funder and provide certainty that the programme is on track to be in a sustainable position into the future as well.</li> </ul> <p>The programme supports young people and industry to develop a skilled workforce in order for NEETs of all ages to move along the pathway to higher skilled, better paid, and more productive jobs. There are no training programmes that offer this level of work experience and industry connect currently available in Northland.</p> <p>The proposed programme aligns with the Tai Tokerau Northland Economic Action Plan by building skills and capability in Northland and reducing the proportion of Northlanders who are NEET including Māori. The programme is also supported by the Northland Skills and Employment Steering Group which includes representatives from MSD, TPK, MoE, TEC, MPI.</p> <p><b>TPK</b> acknowledges the mention of NEET's as a target cohort, however, notes that this does not necessarily guarantee that Māori rangatahi will be a priority entrant into this programme nor is their assurance that Māori NEET will be successful in the overall programme. Should the PDU support this project, TPK recommends as part of the Crowns conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>engagement with mana whenua and partnerships with local Māori entities be further explored</li> <li>pastoral care arrangements be inclusive of cultural requirements pastoral care</li> </ul> <p>The applicant will be working to ensure connection to Māori based farms and ensuring attraction of Māori participants.</p> <p><b>Commercial Information</b></p> <p><b>Commercial Information</b></p> <p>The programme is being developed by Whangarei A&amp;P Society alongside LBT who operate other Agricultural residential programmes within New Zealand. WAP has experience in audit and risk processes and H&amp;S requirements of industry. Due diligence has not identified any areas of concern.</p>	<p><sup>Commercial Information</sup></p> <p><b>Other sources:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicant co-funding towards operational costs of the programme (<sup>Commercial Information</sup>)</li> </ul>	<p><b>\$1,433,535 over</b> <sup>Commercial Information</sup>.</p>	<p>SROs endorse approval of the Whangarei A&amp;P Society's application for a \$1,433,535 grant from the Provincial Growth Fund.</p>