

Regional Economic Development

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1. Dashboard updates

1.1 Proposals received by the Provincial Development Unit (PDU) (as at 17 May 2020)

New proposals received in week ending 17 May 2020	19
Total proposals received to 17 May 2020	1,711*

*Includes applications and expressions of interest

1.2 Progress of proposals received by the PDU (as at 17 May 2020)

Stage	Count*
Awaiting assessment	116
Being assessed	192
Unsuccessful	901
Approved	502
Total received	1,711*

* These include all proposals that have come through the Provincial Development Unit's application and decision-making process. Application numbers may differ from project numbers as multiple applications may result in a single project or vice versa.

1.3 Headline Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) Numbers (as at 31 March 2020) (monthly)

Total PGF funding committed	Total funding contracted	Total funding paid to date
\$2,869.0m	\$1,305.0m	\$511.7m

1.4 Job numbers (as at 31 March 2020) (monthly)

Number of people employed in PGF-supported projects	2,586*
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* Based on information provided by funding recipients on contracted projects.

2. Comms Update

Planned announcements to Minister's Office for release			
Date	Location	Announcement	Additional Information
25-29 May	Commercial Information	Commercial Information	
	National	PGF Repurpose Press Release Including projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raglan Wharf Redevelopment (Waikato) • District Revitalisation – Westport Waterfront Redevelopments (West Coast) • Apollo Foods (Hawke's Bay) • Te Pari Products (Otago) • Riparian Management (National) 	24 May
	Commercial Information	Commercial Information	TBC
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	Commercial Information	Commercial Information	TBC
	Commercial Information	Commercial Information	TBC
	Canterbury	Hekaeao Hinds Water	TBC
Post COVID-19 Alert Level 2			
		Pics Food Factory opening – proposed date for launch 12 or 26 June. Invitation to go to Minister's Office	

3. Delivery of projects update

3.1 Top priority projects of interest

Project name	Description/ update
Kaikōura Marine Development Programme – Part 1 Wakatu Quay	The first Governance Group meeting for this project has taken place and an independent Chair has been appointed. Commercial Information
	Amount: \$9.880m Region: Canterbury Status: Contracted
Kawatiri Coastal Trail	The evaluation of the construction tenders is due to be completed by the end of the week, with the subsequent selection and notification of the successful contractor. The construction commencement date will be confirmed once the contractor has been selected. Fortnightly Governance Group meetings are being held to ensure the project is being accelerated. All required consents are currently with the Council.
	Amount: \$9.360m Region: West Coast Status: Contracted

3.2 Other projects

Project name	Description/ update
Buller District Regional Digital Hub	As part of the Regional Digital Hub project, EPIC Westport has launched the site www.nowopen.co.nz to showcase local West Coast businesses trading within Alert Level Two restrictions. The website encourages the community to support local businesses by highlighting online stores and alternate retail platforms. The website acknowledges the PGF as a project partner.
	Amount: \$400,000 Region: West Coast Status: Contracted
Hakurenga: Enabling on Farm Production	The contract for this project has been executed and the project has commenced. The fencing of the land is <small>Comme</small> % complete, soil remediation and weed control on the more than 30 hectares of land is well underway, a successful brassica crop has been grazed off and new ryegrass is now in place for winter grazing.
	Amount: \$115,200 Region: Tairāwhiti Status: Contracted
New Zealand Chinese Association Ventnor Memorial Project	The construction of the SS Ventnor Memorial will commence on <small>Commercial Informatio</small> ; the Minister has been invited to an on-site sod turning at 6.30am. The Memorial will be located on the same site as the Manea Footprints of Kupe Cultural Centre - at Opononi in the Hokianga region.
	Amount: \$100,000 Region: Northland Status: Contracted

3.3 Te Ara Mahi (TAM) / He Poutama Rangatahi (HPR) update

Blue Light Youth Driver Navigation Programme (TAM)	The Programme announced on 18 May 2020, will support 2,000 at-risk young people to gain their full driver's license, targeting support for those with different learning abilities and limited access to practice vehicles, licensing fees and driving instructors. The Programme receives referrals from Social Services Providers, Police and Secondary Schools (decile one to five). They also consider applicants who are no longer at school, many of whom also have no licenced drivers in their family nor registered vehicles. Blue Light started recruiting young people before the lockdown period through a Facebook campaign and registered over 300 eligible young people during Alert Levels Three and Four. They have used video services to interview participants and have sent online resources to support students learning the road code to sit their learner licence.
	Amount: \$3.003m Region: Bay of Plenty Status: Contracted
School of Hard Knocks (HPR)	Two HPR projects in the Bay of Plenty have participated in the COVID-19 response. Rangatahi from the School of Hard Knocks have been employed by Te Puna ora o Mataatua (Iwi Hauora Trust, who also manage Whāia Te Rangatiratanga Pathways to Independence) for six weeks, as part of the team delivering care packages to families in need across the region. Rangatahi from School of Hard Knocks have also been employed in the Kiwifruit industry during Alert Level Four and continuing to attend work as the lockdown period eases.
	Amount: \$713,740 Region: Bay of Plenty Status: Contracted

Generation Programme (HPR/TAM)	<p>The Generation Programme is a forestry training scheme which has received HPR and TAM funding support for different groups of trainees. The forestry sector is now actively looking to employ people again as demand for wood is picking up and the Generation Programme is back up and running under Alert Level Two.</p> <p>The Generation Programme Commercial Information have put all the Health and Safety protocols in place in accordance with the Safetree regulations. All the trainees have been advised of these protocols prior to the Programme resuming and are excited to be back. We have put some exciting new training opportunities in place for the Programme, allowing trainees more options for work.</p>
	<p>Amount: \$90,000 Region: Tairāwhiti Status: Contracted</p>
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4. Policy update

4.1 Provincial Growth Fund Limited (PGFL)

<p>We are drafting a Cabinet paper that will seek approval to transition PGFL from a passive holding company to an active company which will be sent to you in due course.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Commercial Information</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p>	
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