

Regional Economic Development

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1. Dashboard updates

1.1 Proposals received by the Provincial Development Unit (PDU) (as at 3 May 2020)

New proposals received in week starting 3 May 2020	9
Total proposals received to 3 May 2020	1,677*

*Includes applications and expressions of interest

1.2 Progress of proposals received by the PDU (as at 3 May 2020)

Stage	Count*
Awaiting assessment	115
Being assessed	212
Unsuccessful	876
Approved	474
Total received	1,677

* 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
8- 15 May		Budget PR	
	Te Tai Tokerau	Tapuatahi Incorporated Okaroro Incorporation	Whenua Māori
	Nationwide	TAM and HPR projects	With Minister's Office for release
	Commercial Information	Commercial Information	
	Commercial Inform	Commercial Information	
	Commercial Informatio	Commercial Information	
	Canterbury	Hekeao Hinds Water Enhancement Trust	
Media releases to be complete by 18 May			
	Commercial Information	Commercial Information	
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Post Covid-19 Level Two	Pics Food Factory opening		

3. Priority update

3.1 Top priority projects of interest

Project name	Description/ update
Tairāwhiti Rooding Package	A variation has been signed to incorporate the \$27,905,000 for the accelerated package works on local roads. The Tairāwhiti Rooding Funding Agreement with Gisborne District Council now has a total value of \$54,205,000. Works and procurement of materials on the accelerated package started prior to lockdown and subsequent to the move to Alert Level Three, have resumed.
	Amount: \$54.205m Region: Tairāwhiti Status: Contracted
Matai Lab: Medical Imaging Research & Innovations	Construction has restarted on the modular unit to house the MRI machine at Matai Lab. The MRI machine has been ordered and the recipient has secured all co-funding required for the first year of the project. The recipient has now commenced recruitment for its technician, research associate and fellow roles. These are highly technical roles that have been made possible through the PGF funding of the project. Commercial Information
	Amount: \$6.00m Region: Tairāwhiti Status: Contracted
Kaipara Moana (Wharves)	The Kaipara Harbour Water Transport & Wharves Feasibility Study has been submitted to the PDU. The study is now in a consultation process led by Kaipara District Council. Commercial Information
	Amount: \$4.950m Region: Northland Status: Contracted
Te Wairoa e Whanake	With the transition to Alert Level Three, Wairoa District Council continues to work remotely to ensure the project's progression. A survey for the community was launched as the first stage in consultation for the urban design elements of the project. The business case to repurpose the buildings is underway. Commercial Information
	Amount: \$4.800m Region: Hawke's Bay Status: Contracted

3.2 Other projects

Project name	Description/ update
<p>KPID - Kawerau Off-Highway Road</p>	<p>The detailed design for this project is due to be completed by <small>Commercial Information</small>, including the geotechnical and topographical surveys. The application for resource consent will be lodged as soon as the detailed design is complete.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>Commercial Information</small></p> <hr/> <p>Amount: \$<small>Commercial Inform</small> Region: Bay of Plenty Status: Approved</p>
<p>Accelerating Aquaculture Development in Whakatōhea Rohe Moana</p>	<p>Whilst COVID-19 has impacted the programme and the outcomes of these are still being worked through, the recipient is continuing to work on strategic business planning in order to capitalise on the opportunity realised <small>Commercial Infor</small></p> <p><small>Commercial Information</small> With the heightened focus on open-water aquaculture in New Zealand, the Whakatōhea aquaculture enterprise and the geographical location lead the motivation for a new harbour; <small>Commercial Information</small></p> <hr/> <p>Amount: \$950,000 Region: Bay of Plenty Status: Contracted</p>
<p>National Driver Training Centre</p>	<p>The Class one and six licence tests are on hold with clients ready to book for learners, restricted and full licences as soon as they are safely able to (this is likely to be at the transition to Alert Level 2). The courses are ready to go for Licence Classes two to five with priority being given to Fork Lift, Wheels/Tracks/Rollers and Dangerous Goods vehicles as indicated by industry needs. The recipient will also be doing cab training and it has clients booked in for this as soon as classes can safely resume. Onsite construction has recommenced at Manfeild, following all necessary health and safety protocols.</p> <hr/> <p>Amount: \$<small>Commercial Informa</small> Region: Manawatū-Whanganui Status: Contracted</p>