

Regional Economic Development

Weekly Report

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1. Dashboard updates

1.1 Status of applications as at 11 November 2019 (weekly)

New projects this week	15
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1.2 Headline Numbers as at 30 September 2019 (monthly)

Total PGF funding committed	Total funding contracted	Total value of funding paid to date
\$2,504.42m	\$1,180.41m	\$297.38

1.3 Job numbers as at 30 September 2019 (monthly)

Number of jobs created	1,922
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*Based on information provided by funding recipients

1.4 Progress of applications and EOI as at 30 September 2019 (monthly)

Stage	Count*
EOI / Application received	199
Being processed	147
Unsuccessful	667
Approved	314
Total	1,327

* Approved projects also includes out of process projects that are managed by other PGF agencies. Application numbers and project numbers may differ, as an application may result in multiple projects.

2. Upcoming announcements

Date	Region	Projects being announced	Additional information
21 Nov	National	Predator Free 2050 announcement to be made – angles for regional media and digital content to be produced	Joint PR between Min Jones and Sage.
22 Nov	Stewart Island	Wind power (Parker)	Details to be confirmed
26 Nov	Manawatū - Whanganui	BioForestry and Herb Farm	Details to be confirmed.
27 Nov	Southland	Southland package announcement	Details to be confirmed.
30 Nov	West Coast	Paparoa Track Opening	Department of Conservation (DoC) leading
4 Dec	Cambridge Synthetic Racetrack	Cambridge Synthetic Track for Thoroughbred Horses	Press Release from Deputy Prime Minister's Office

3. Communications activities

Date	Region	Media projects
W/C 11 Nov	Otago	Otago additional engineering firms Media Release.
11-20 November	National	Supporting prep work for appearance Select Committee hearing.
21 Nov	Hawkes Bay	Potential website/social media post on Hawkes Bay Regional Council launching their Aquifer mapping project.
Late Nov	National	First contracts for LiDar expected to be announced. Eight Councils are in the first tranche. Joint media release with Minister Sage.

4. Delivery of projects update

4.1 Top priority projects of interest

Project name	Description/ update
KiwiRail Palmerston North Regional Economic Growth Hub	The master plan and design of the hub is complete and will be presented to Minister Jones during his visit to Palmerston North on 26 November 2019. A short list of preferred sites has been identified and analysis of these sites is currently being undertaken to select the final site. PDU officials expect this to be identified by Commercial Information . This will be followed by public consultation and compulsory acquisition in compliance with the Public Works Act.
	Amount: \$40.000m Region: Manawatū-Whanganui Status: Contracted
Ruapehu Alpine Lift – Sky Waka	PDU officials met with the recipient last week to discuss the progress of the Sky Waka. The recipient advised that it was a tough season due to inclement weather, however, there has been high interest in the Sky Waka and it has been a drawcard for all visitors, not only skiers. Officials expect the benefits to be more clearly demonstrated in the summer months, including job growth during summer.
	Amount: \$10.000m Region: Manawatū-Whanganui Status: Contracted
Kaipara Kickstart – Wharves	Kaipara District Council and the Minister’s community panel are bringing forward three wharves for works and will now separately progress the strategy study for the remainder of Kaipara harbour. The Council will provide a letter outlining the new approach and will need to explain this to its community, in particular those communities not immediately served by the three wharves. Community engagement is currently happening in the region. The three wharves that are being looked at service existing tourism and ferry providers allowing expansion and reliability of service. These are: Pahi wharf, Dargaville pontoon and Pouto wharf.
	Amount: \$4.950m Region: Northland Status: Contracted
Kupe Waka Centre	PDU officials are working closely with the Arawai Board and the Project Manager of the Kupe Waka project, to ensure the long term sustainability of the project. Officials from the Investment Team are assisting with an analysis of the project’s financial assumptions and projections. Commercial Information
	Amount: \$4.600m Region: Northland Status: Contracted

Project name	Description/ update
Kaipara Kickstart (Roading)	<p>The Pouto Phase 1 and Waipoua River Road business cases are due to the PDU by the end of this week. Kaipara District Council is looking to progress Pouto Road Phase 1 as soon as practicable. The Council would prefer to have the procurement process for design completed before Commercial Information.</p> <p>The Oversight Advisor has reported he is working through the roading process to determine priorities and to allow for variation over time to cover weather induced changes in road performance, traffic volume changes, new approaches, current shortfalls and available resources, both in volume and quantity.</p>
	<p>Amount: \$Commercial Inform Region: Northland Status: Contracted</p>

4.2 Other projects

Project name	Description/ update
Ogo Technology	<p>The recipient advised that they have employed Commercia additional staff in sales and marketing, customer service and engineering as part of their expansion plans, enabled by the PGF. They are currently engaging Commerci consultants for the design work.</p>
	<p>Amount: \$2.500m Region: Kāpiti - Wairarapa Status: Contracted</p>
An affordable and efficient dredging option for Port of Greymouth	<p>The naval architect is finalising the design for the bottom dropper barge, with particular regard to stability and buoyancy. This should be completed by Commercial Information. The pontoon and digger combination is undergoing final stability guideline testing and should be signed off next week.</p>
	<p>Amount: \$800,000 Region: West Coast Status: Contracted</p>
Tairāwhiti Rail Feasibility	<p>PDU officials met with the consultant, BERL, and the Ministry of Transport to finalise the details of the study before it is released. BERL has forwarded both agencies a copy of a draft study, along with feedback from KiwiRail. KiwiRail engineers are involved in assessing the feasibility of restoring the Wairoa to Gisborne line. The study is due to be released on Commercial Information.</p>
	<p>Amount: \$600,000 Region: Tairāwhiti Status: Contracted</p>
Dannevirke Rail Hub, Investigation	<p>Commercial Information</p> <p> </p> <p> </p> <p> </p> <p> </p> <p> </p>
	<p>Amount: \$400,000 Region: Manawatū-Whanganui Status: Contracted</p>

Project name	Description/ update
New Zealand School of Applied Bio-diversity	<p>Stakeholder engagement has now taken place and PDU officials received a draft report last week. The final report is expected to be received by the <small>Commercial Information</small>.</p> <p>Amount: \$<small>Commercial Informa</small> Region: Taranaki Status: Contracted</p>
Wood Processing Capability Assistance	<p>The recipient has confirmed the co-funding of \$<small>Commercial Informa</small> will be provided from Eastland Community Trust. This project will now commence, with the first draft of the regional wood processing strategy and wood processing aspirations report due in <small>Commercial Information</small>.</p> <p>Amount: \$100,000 Region: Taranaki Status: Contracted</p>
Awawhiti Cress - Acceleration of Business expansion	<p>This contract has now been executed. The extension work on the existing tunnel houses and the upgrade of the existing seed growing area is now underway. This is due for completion by the end of <small>Commercial Information</small>.</p> <p>Amount: \$90,000 Region: Manawatū-Whanganui Status: Contracted</p>
Pathways Horowhenua – Feasibility Study	<p>The final invoice for this project has been paid and the contract is complete. The recipient has submitted a subsequent application to the PGF, requesting \$<small>Commercial Information</small> to create a talent and skills hub. This application will be considered at the November Senior Regional Officials meeting.</p> <p>Amount: \$50,000 Region: Manawatū-Whanganui Status: Contracted</p>
Application Support for Whanganui PGF Projects	<p>There is now a resource in place using PGF investment, which is supporting the development of key projects. This includes the Whanganui Port and Skills and Employment working group planning.</p> <p>Region: Manawatū-Whanganui</p>
Hokianga Reference Group	<p>The Hokianga Reference Group held their monthly meeting on <small>Commercial Information</small> in Kaikohe. The Group is keen to support the development of skills and employment projects in the district. A number of Hokianga whenua Māori projects are being developed in order to be considered before Christmas. The new chairperson of the Northland Regional Council, Penny Smart, will be invited to participate on the Group.</p> <p>Region: Northland</p>
Waitangi 2020 Preparations	<p>Planning for Waitangi week in 2020 is well advanced. A series of events and announcements are being planned to highlight the value of Provincial Growth Fund investments in Northland. These include the opening of the Māori Battalion Museum, and a significant package of announcements. The detail of this package is still being finalised. In addition, we propose to highlight successful local skills and employment projects that have enabled young people into real work opportunities.</p> <p>Region: Northland</p>

4.3 Te Ara Mahi / He Poutama Rangatahi update

Project name	Description/ update
Manukau Jobs and Skills Hub – Sector Workforce Engagement Programme (SWEP)	This week the Manukau Hub hosted its first Pasifika Night class for students enrolled in a carpentry qualification with the Building and Construction Industry Training Organisation (BCITO). This is a collaborative effort by BCITO, Learner Focused Training and the Manukau Jobs and Skills Hub. The night classes are optional as it gives the students another way to learn the theory rather than reading it from their books so they can become qualified builders. We had Comme students attend where they were welcomed into our Hub to discuss their work onsite and gain knowledge in footings and slabs.
	Region: Manawatū-Whanganui

4.4 Major upcoming project deliverables – due in Commercial Information

Contract Title	Region	Condition
Ohaeawai Visitor Centre Feasibility Study	Northland	Final feasibility study to be submitted to the Ministry.
Paihia Wharf Extension and Upgrade Project	Northland	Project completed in accordance with the construction contract.
Wahine Toa Programme	Northland	Final report to be submitted to the Ministry.
The Camera Obscura Sculpture	Northland	Foundations to be installed.
Development Phase - Northland Rail Business Case	Northland	Final report to be submitted to the Ministry.
Mussel Farming and Production Facility	Bay of Plenty	Final refreshed business case, to be approved by the Board of Directors of the applicant and submitted to the Ministry. All progress reports and the final report are to be submitted by their due dates.
Te Kaha Nui a Tiki - Te Kaha Development Project	Bay of Plenty	Final planning documents for the delivery of the Te Kaha Gold Project to be submitted to the Ministry.
Alternative Land Use Options for the Tararua District	Manawatū-Whanganui	Final report to be submitted to the Ministry.
Turakina Maori Girls College Redevelopment Project - Te Poho O Tuariki	Manawatū-Whanganui	Final report to be submitted to the Ministry.
Wairarapa Dark Sky Reserve - International Certification	Kāpiti - Wairarapa	Final report to be submitted to the Ministry.
Rail Freight Opportunities - Southland	Southland	Draft project report to be submitted to the Ministry.
Development Phase Study - Hokitika to Westport	West Coast	Final report to be submitted to the Ministry.

Appendix 1 – Completed Briefings, Aides Memoire & Reports

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Date sent
	Privacy of natural persons			
1514 19-20	Potential Just Transitions projects from PGF applications	Jones	Staci Hare	13 Nov
Privacy of				
1593 19-20	Provincial Growth Fund: Funding for the West Coast and Top of the South	Jones, O'Connor, Sage	Ben Dalton	14 Nov

Appendix 2 – Upcoming Cabinet Papers, Briefings, Aides Memoire & Reports

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Due Date
TBC	Event Briefing: Stewart Island Announcements	Parker	Kate Styles	Commercial Information
TBC	Briefing: Economic Development, science and Innovation Committee Q&A	Jones	Robert Pigou	
TBC	Event Briefing: Meeting with NZ Sock Co.	Jones	Kate Styles	
TBC	Event Briefing: Southland November	Jones	Kate Styles	
TBC	Event Briefing: Manawatū-Whanganui November	Jones	Kate Styles	
TBC	Aide Memoire: Predator Free 2050 update	USEC	David van der Zouwe	
TBC	Briefing relating to Hui with coordinators for Waitangi Week 2020	Jones	Nicki Sutherland	
TBC	Briefing: PGF Logistics projects	USEC	Nerissa Wallace	
TBC	Event Briefing: Synthetic Racing Tracks announcement	DPM	Nicki Sutherland	
TBC	Briefing: Waste Proposals	Jones	Isabel Poulson	
TBC	Regional Economic Development Ministers' Meeting pack December 2019	RED Mins	David van der Zouwe	
TBC	Quarterly DEV Report Back 1 July 2019 – 30 September 2019	DEV	Karen Walfisch	

Appendix 3 – Official Information Act requests

Ministerial OIA						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Due to requestor	Status	Request
OIA346	Privacy of natural persons	12 Sep	1 Oct	8 Oct	Scoping (Office to advise extended date)	Documents in relation to WPQ responses
OIA357		4 Oct	16 Oct	23 Oct	Gathering info (Minister's office confirming extension)	I refer to written question 30980 (2019). Under the official information act could I please request copies of the following papers
OIA373		1 Nov	21 Nov	28 Nov	Gathering Information	Copies of all emails, letters and other correspondence between Regional Economic Development Minister Shane Jones and/or staff from his office and the Dunedin City Council (staff or elected), the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) and/or Provincial Growth Fund officials, relating to Dunedin's waterfront development plan.
OIA376		5 Nov	22 Nov	29 Nov	Drafting	I refer your announcement here: https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/otago-lead-digital-creativity . You are quoted as saying, "We funded a scoping exercise to look into the establishment of CODE earlier this year" Under the OIA I request that scoping study please.

Departmental OIAs						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1920-0540	Privacy of natural persons	28 Sept	1 Dec	9 Dec	Gathering Information	All papers – internal and external - generated by MBIE relating to the aviation connectivity fund idea.
1920-0433		25 Oct	8 Nov	25 Nov	Sign out	Under the OIA please may I see any correspondence or reports around the proposed garnet mine at Ruatapu on the West Coast from the past six months.
1920-0665		21 Oct	11 Nov	19 Nov	Drafting	To what does the "\$Commercial Information" figure refer?
1920-0660		21 Oct	11 Nov	19 Nov	Scoping	I am doing a bit of research on some provincial growth fund projects. I was wondering if there is an archive where I can find out more information about a specific funded item in the ever-growing list. Do I need to request these under the OIA, which I see is a route taken by some, or is there a place I can view documents. I am interested in the following projects: Far East Sawmill Mānuka Honey Appellation Society 5,706,270 announcement Marine Farming Association Capability Project (Golden Bay Mussel) PDU 18,000 An affordable and efficient dredging option for Port of Greymouth, (West Coast) PDU 800,000 25/09/2019 West Coast
1920-0647		18 Oct	11 Nov	18 Nov	Drafting	PGF Application Business case and or Project proposal and supporting docs funding agreement
1920-0640		16 Oct	7 Nov	14 Nov	Drafting	How much money has been allocated to Beyoncé through the PGF and what docs support that allocation?

Departmental OIAs						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1920-0598	Privacy of natural persons	9 Oct	2 Dec	9 Dec	Drafting	Could I please request all official documents and correspondence relating to Government decision to provide a loan to company LeaderBrand from the Provincial Growth Fund, as publicly announced on October 2?
1920-0562		3 Oct	22 Oct	1 Nov	Minister's Office	The release of information held in relation to this application. The response from the PGF to [redacted]. The justification if the application has been approved. The justification if the application has been denied.
1920-0428		9 Sep	15 Oct	22 Oct	Gathering Information	All correspondence and material between Eastland Community Trust, Provincial Growth Unit and the Minister relating to the 19.5million PGF announcement regarding the Wood Cluster Centre of Excellence dated between 1 January 2019 and 1 September 2019
1920-0227		13 Aug	1 Nov	8 Nov	Gathering Information	Ruapehu Alpine Lifts - questions
1920-0707		31 Oct	21 Nov	28 Nov	Gathering Information	Information relating to \$10m PGF investment in Dunedin creative digital industry Please supply the following information under the Official Information Act (OIA) / Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA): advice, briefings, documents, emails, and/or cabinet papers relating to the \$10million Provincial Growth Fund investment in the Dunedin creative digital industry.

Departmental OIAs						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1920-0737	Privacy of natural persons	6 Nov	27 Nov	4 Dec	Gathering Information	<p>Commercial Information</p> <p>How much money has been spent on "consultants" as part of the Provincial Growth Fund investment? How much money has been spent on "consultants" in the Tairāwhiti region as part of the Provincial Growth Fund investment?</p>
1920-0742		1 Nov	14 Nov	19 Nov	Review	All information regarding the decision to fund Commercial Information via the Provincial Growth Fund.
1920-0745		7 Nov	28 Nov	5 Dec	Gathering Information	<p>Documents relating to the Waioura Trust application for grants relating to Kapiti Island or any other application to the PGF relating to Kapiti Island. I request the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All documents pertaining to the Waioura Trust PGF application or any application relating to Kapiti Island • All notes, electronic, written, memos or otherwise relating to any Kapiti Island application, including but not limited to • The PGF application from said Waioura Trust or any other application pertaining to Kapiti Island • All correspondence to and from the PGF , the minster Shane jones including any of the staff in the ministry in relation to any Kapiti Island application • Any financial projections for this project outcomes sought, terms of reference, any report from consultants or utterances, notes in relation to any Kapiti Island application • Any other document which relates to any application relating to Kapiti Island

Appendix 4 – Ministerial Correspondence

Ministerial Correspondence				
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Subject
SJ2522	Privacy of natural persons	24 Jun	15 Aug	Kawakawa Rail River Foreshore / Commercial Information
SJ2945		11 Sep	23 Sep	MGM Modules
SJ3196		17 Oct	8 Nov	Commercial Information
SJ3221		21 Oct	11 Nov	The decline in the West Coast
SJ3211		21 Oct	11 Nov	Commercial Information
SJ3228		23 Oct	13 Nov	Financial sustainability for the West Coast
SJ3241		24 Oct	14 Nov	Gravel Extraction – Waioeka & Otara Rivers, Bay of Plenty Region
SJ3265		31 Oct	21 Nov	Tekapo -Mackenzie
SJ3260		31 Oct	21 Nov	Commercial Information
SJ3273		1 Nov	22 Nov	Potential renewable energy project at Kinleith Mill

Appendix 5 – Parliamentary Questions

Written Parliamentary Questions				
Tracking Number	From	Date received	Due to Office	Question
PQ 37562 (2019)	Andrew Falloon	13 Nov	15 Nov	How many jobs, if any, have been created as a result of the Provincial Growth Fund, and where are these jobs located?
PQ 37563 (2019)	Andrew Falloon	13 Nov	15 Nov	How much funding, if any, has been allocated from the Provincial Growth Fund since it was established, and to what projects by district?
PQ 37564 (2019)	Andrew Falloon	13 Nov	15 Nov	How much funding, if any, has been disbursed from the Provincial Growth Fund since it was established, and to what projects by district?
PQ 37565 (2019)	Andrew Falloon	13 Nov	15 Nov	How many jobs, if any, have been created as a result of the Provincial Growth Fund, and on what projects that the PGF has funded?
PQ 37611 (2019)	Maureen Pugh	13 Nov	15 Nov	Are the proposed improvements to the Motueka High Street section of SH60 being considered for funding through the Provincial Growth Fund?
PQ 37665 (2019)	Andrew Falloon	14 Nov	18 Nov	How many people were employed at or engaged by the Provincial Development Unit on 13 November 2018?
PQ 37666 (2019)	Andrew Falloon	14 Nov	18 Nov	How many people are employed at or engaged by the Provincial Development Unit as at 13 November 2019?
PQ 37667 (2019)	Andrew Falloon	14 Nov	18 Nov	How many employees or contractors, if any, at the Provincial Development Unit as at 13 November 2019 were on remuneration of \$100,000 or more a year?

Appendix 6 – Proactive Release

Documents for Proactive Release			
Name / Document Type	Quantity	Due for release	Status
Cabinet Papers	6	Commercial Information	Sign-out
Regional Economic Development Weekly Reports	9		Sign-out
	84		Preparing
Applications	215		Various
Funding Agreements	226		Various
Regional Economic Development Ministers Meeting Papers	203		Review
Position Papers	0		N/A
Senior Regional Officials Meeting Papers	177		Collation
Independent Advisory Panel Meeting Papers	223		Collation
30 September job data	1		With Minister's Office

Documents Released This Week	
Tracking Number	Document Title