

Regional Economic Development

Weekly Report

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1. Dashboard updates

1.1 Status of applications as at 25 November 2019 (weekly)

New projects this week	16
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1.2 Headline Numbers as at 31 October 2019 (monthly)

Total PGF funding committed	Total funding contracted	Total value of funding paid to date
\$2,611.0m	\$1,076.0m	\$336.9m

1.3 Job numbers as at 31 October 2019 (monthly)

Number of jobs created	2,218
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*Based on information provided by funding recipients

1.4 Progress of applications and EOI as at 31 October 2019 (monthly)

Stage	Count*
EOI / Application received	211
Being processed	154
Unsuccessful	696
Approved	331
Total	1,392

* 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

3. Communications activities

Date	Region	Media projects
30 Nov	West Coast	Paparoa Track Opening possible social media opportunity. Department of Conservation (DOC) leading.
3 Dec	Manawatū/ Whanganui	Rural Innovation Lab – pitching to Country Calendar
3-4 Dec	National	Predator Free x 2 regional stories about the tool development
5 Dec	Tai Tokerau	Ōmaha Marae – connectivity. Investigating the possibility of a story to pitch.
Mid Dec	National	USEC's regional economic development article in Economic Development New Zealand's (EDNZ) 'Mahi Tahi' journal.

4.2 Other projects

Project name	Description/ update
Hawke's Bay 3D Aquifer Mapping (SkyTEM)	The first report for this project has been received and approved. The next step for this project is for SkyTEM to commence the survey and provide a copy of the onsite risk assessment plan.
	Amount: \$2.604m Region: Hawke's Bay Status: Contracted
Te Waiariki Ngawha Springs Enhancement and Redevelopment Project	A sod-turning ceremony is planned for 2 December 2019. The investment into the project will redevelop a geothermal hot springs complex which will boost tourism in the region. The building works are expected to be completed in Commercial .
	Amount: \$1.790m Region: Northland Status: Contracted
Rūnanga Miners' Hall Restoration Project	The first request for payment for this project has been received. All of the consents necessary for the project are in place, the building contract has been signed and the commencement of the renovation is Commerc . This is a big milestone for the project. PDU Officials are investigating a possible photo opportunity for the week commencing Commercial Information .
	Amount: \$408,120 Region: West Coast Status: Contracted
Dannevirke Rail Hub, Investigation	Commercial Information
	Amount: \$400,000 Region: Manawatū-Whanganui Status: Contracted
Detailed Business Plan for a Tutaenui Community Agricultural Water Scheme	This project was announced on 26 November 2019, during the Minister's visit to Palmerston North. It was a very successful day which received a lot of positive feedback. The contract for this project is expected to be executed by the end of next week.
	Amount: \$120,000 Region: Manawatū-Whanganui Status: Approved

4.3 He Poutama Rangatahi (HPR) update

Life Talk – Kamo Driving School (Whangarei)

On 15 August 2019 you and the Minister of Employment (Hon Willie Jackson) jointly announced HPR funding for the Life Talk project in the Whangarei Business area. Life Talk is a 12-week programme which builds digital skills, including work experience with local web developers, within the context of broader life and work skills development, including driver licensing. Work experience with local non digital employers is also available.

From the provider's first cohort of C rangatahi trainees, [redacted] have gone into internships with Commercial Information, [redacted] have gone into non-digital employment, [redacted] is going back to school having left early, and [redacted] are going to further work-related study. The provider has also found commercial interest in some of the applications her group have developed.

After a visit to a Prince's Trust workshop, the Director, Kiri Tavanga was invited (with the rangatahi) to meet HRH Prince Charles in Paihia on 20 November 2019, as part of The Prince's Trust Young Entrepreneurs Programme.

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Angel Promotions (Hawkes Bay)

Angel Promotions were due to begin an HPR scheme targeting Co rangatahi over two years in Napier (Marenu) shortly and a contract has been executed. Privacy of natural persons

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4.4 Major upcoming project deliverables – due in Commercial

Contract Title	Region	Condition
Ohaeawai Visitor Centre Feasibility Study	Northland	Final feasibility study to be submitted to the Ministry.
Paihia Wharf Extension / Upgrade	Northland	Project completed in accordance with the construction contract.
Wahine Toa Programme	Northland	Final report to be submitted to the Ministry.
The Camera Obscura	Northland	Foundations installed.
Development Phase - Northland Rail	Northland	Final report submitted to the Ministry.
Mussel Farming and Production Facility	Bay of Plenty	Final refreshed business case approved by the Board of Directors of the applicant and submitted to the Ministry. All progress reports and the final report are submitted by their due dates.
Te Kaha Nui a Tiki	Bay of Plenty	Final planning documents for the delivery of the Te Kaha Gold Project submitted to the Ministry.

Alternative Land Use Options for Tararua	Manawatū-Whanganui	Final report to be submitted to the Ministry.
Turakina Maori Girls College Redevelopment	Manawatū-Whanganui	Final report to be submitted to the Ministry.
Sarjeant Gallery Redevelopment	Manawatū-Whanganui	Site blessing to take place before construction commences.
Wairarapa Dark Sky Reserve	Kāpiti - Wairarapa	Final report to be submitted to the Ministry.
Site Weld - Engineering Machinery	Otago	Equipment Piece One – Luxcut Z660 Lathe, installed and operational.
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.
Westport Airport - Critical Infrastructure Resilience	West Coast	Approximately 60% completion of airport seawall as demonstrated by quantitative survey of seawall rock volume placement.

5. Policy Updates

Cabinet Paper: Employer-Assisted Temporary Work Visa

This paper will be considered at Cabinet Economic Development Committee on 4 December. It seeks Cabinet agreement to funding for the reforms to the Employer Assisted Temporary Work Visa system agreed to by Cabinet in September and due to be implemented by 2021. These changes will ensure that the system puts pressure on employers where New Zealanders are ready, and able, to work, and aligns well with the objectives of the PGF.

The PDU has no concerns about the proposal and recommends you support the paper.

Contact: Isabel Poulson, Manager Strategy and Policy - 04 897 5364

Update on work programme addressing the harms from methamphetamine

Officials have been working closely with a training provider in Hawke's Bay to develop an employment-readiness programme (including linked support from local health providers) that targets women who face additional challenges influenced by methamphetamine use. This application will be considered by Senior Regional Officials on 28 November, and will then be progressed to RED Ministers for decision. As this is the first Te Ara Mahi project applying for the funding tagged for programmes addressing employment barriers caused by methamphetamine harm, it has been a "test case" and provides precedent for how the PDU works with other potential providers.

Cabinet noted that co-contribution would come from in-kind resourcing and the Commercial Information (C.I.) (). Police is currently progressing a bid to the Commercial Information (C.I.) to support this work. This application will be considered by the Review Panel in December, with a decision made by the Prime Minister and other Fund Ministers in February.

Contact: Isabel Poulson, Manager Strategy and Policy - 04 897 5364

Appendix 1 – Completed Briefings, Aides Memoire & Reports

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Date sent
1690 19-20	Minister Jones' Northland Visit, 29 November 2019	Jones	Nicki Sutherland	27 Nov
1244 19-20	Briefing: Proposed approach to PGF waste investment	Jones	David van der Zouwe	29 Nov
1636 19-20	Regional Economic Development Ministers' Meeting pack December 2019	RED Mins	David van der Zouwe	29 Nov

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

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Due Date
TBC	Briefing: Mahia PGF Roding Project	RED Mins	Robert Pigou	Commercial Information
TBC	Quarterly DEV Report Back 1 July 2019 – 30 September 2019	DEV	Karen Walfisch	
TBC	Provincial Growth Fund Funding Transfer to Department of Conservation for approved projects	RED Mins	Robert Pigou	
TBC	Kaikōura Marine announcement	USEC	Kate Styles	

Appendix 3 – Official Information Act requests

Ministerial OIA						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Due to requestor	Status	Request
OIA357	Privacy of natural persons	4 Oct	16 Oct	23 Oct	Preparing	I refer to written question 30980 (2019). Under the official information act could I please request copies of the following papers
OIA373	Privacy of natural persons	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 form 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.
OIA386	Privacy of natural persons	27 Nov	12 Dec	19 Dec	Scoping	Under the OIA I ask for all weekly reports to the Minister for Regional Economic Development from 1 March to 15 November 2019.

Departmental OIAs						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to request or	Status	Summary of Request
1920-0540	Privacy of natural persons	28 Sept	1 Dec	9 Dec	Drafting	All papers – internal and external - generated by MBIE relating to the aviation connectivity fund idea.
1920-0665		21 Oct	11 Nov	19 Nov	Review	To what does the Commercial Information figure refer?
1920-0660		21 Oct	11 Nov	19 Nov	Scoping	General information about the Far East Sawmill, Mānuka Honey Appellation Society, Marine Farming Association Capability Project and Greymouth dredge projects.
1920-0647		18 Oct	11 Nov	18 Nov	Drafting	PGF Application Business case and or Project proposal and supporting docs funding agreement
1920-0598		9 Oct	2 Dec	9 Dec	Review	All official documents and correspondence relating to Government decision to fund LeaderBrand project.
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 Wood Cluster Centre of Excellence 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 PGF investment in Dunedin creative digital industry.
1920-0737		6 Nov	27 Nov	4 Dec	Gathering Information	How much money has been spent on consultants as part of the Provincial Growth Fund investment?
1920-0745		7 Nov	28 Nov	5 Dec	Gathering Information	Documents relating to the Waioura Trust application for grants relating to Kapiti Island or any other application to the PGF relating to Kapiti Island.

Departmental OIAs						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to request or	Status	Summary of Request
1920-0772	Privacy of natural persons	12 Nov	2 Dec	9 Dec	Scoping	Info on jobs created that were funded by the PGF
1920-0783		13 Nov	4 Dec	11 Dec	Scoping	Commercial Information - Declined Application
1920-0825		21 Nov	12 Dec	19 Dec	Scoping	Commercial Information - Declined Application
1920-0819		21 Nov	12 Dec	19 Dec	Scoping	Commercial Information - Declined Application

Appendix 4 – Ministerial Correspondence

Ministerial Correspondence				
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Subject
SJ3395	Privacy of natural persons	21 Nov	12 Dec	PGF - Please the West Coast calls!!
SJ3382		21 Nov	12 Dec	PGF funding for port of Whanganui
SJ3381		21 Nov	12 Dec	Rural industries and economic growth
SJ3394		21 Nov	12 Dec	Provincial Development Support for development of modular housing factory
SJ3416		26 Nov	17 Dec	PGF Otorohanga Kiwihouse
SJ3441		26 Nov	17 Dec	PGF thoughts
SJ3418		26 Nov	17 Dec	Regional development
SJ3421		26 Nov	17 Dec	Commercial Information

Appendix 5 – Parliamentary Questions

Written Parliamentary Questions				
Tracking Number	From	Date received	Due to Office	Question
PQ 38188 (2019)	Chris Bishop	26 Nov	29 Nov	What reports and briefings, if any, did the Minister receive in September 2019?
PQ 38186 (2019)	Chris Bishop	26 Nov	29 Nov	What reports and briefings, if any, did the Minister receive between in October 2019?
PQ 38187 (2019)	Chris Bishop	26 Nov	29 Nov	What reports and briefings if any, did the Minister receive between in November 2019?
PQ 38471 (2019)	Andrew Falloon	27 Nov	2 Dec	Did he notify the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment of a conflict of interest in NZ Future Forest Products, if so, on what date?
PQ 38473 (2019)	Andrew Falloon	27 Nov	2 Dec	Has he notified the Ministry of Business, Innovation of Employment of any conflicts of interest in respect of the Provincial Growth Fund applications; if so, what was the nature of the conflict on each occasion?
PQ 38474 (2019)	Andrew Falloon	27 Nov	2 Dec	Has he notified the Ministry of Business, Innovation of Employment of any conflicts of interest in respect of Provincial Growth Fund applications, if so, how were the notifications made?
PQ 38475 (2019)	Andrew Falloon	27 Nov	2 Dec	Has he notified the Ministry of Business, Innovation of Employment of any conflicts of interest in respect of Provincial Growth Fund applications, if so, when were the notifications made?
PQ 38476 (2019)	Andrew Falloon	27 Nov	2 Dec	Has he notified the Ministry of Business, Innovation of Employment of in respect of conflicts of interest with Provincial Growth Fund applications, if so, what projects were the applications for?

Appendix 6 – Proactive Release

Documents for Proactive Release			
Name / Document Type	Quantity	Due for release	Status
Cabinet Papers & PGFL documentation	6	Commercial Information	Minister's Office
Regional Economic Development Weekly Reports	93		Sign-out
			Minister's Office
Applications	212		Various
	4		Sign-out
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
Centre of Digital Excellence Business Case	1		Sign-out

Documents Released This Week	
Tracking Number	Document Title