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Request for information 2023-008

I refer to your request for information which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 16 January 2023. You have requested the following:

- “How much money has been spent on and budgeted for funding for iwi partners over the past five years, listed by year, iwi and purpose of funding?”
- What criteria need to be met for iwi to be eligible for this funding?
- What KPIs/evidence of appropriate use of funding are iwi required to report after receipt of funding, if any, and what are the consequences if these are not met?
- How many GWRC work programmes, if any, are currently delayed/on hold awaiting iwi approval or readiness? Which programmes? Why are they on hold? Please provide any correspondence with iwi relevant to the delay of work programmes?
- What legal advice, if any, has GWRC received in relation to iwi funding and iwi involvement in GWRC work programmes? Please provide copies of any requests and the resulting advice?
- How many total staff have been employed in your iwi liaison unit in each of the last five years, and at what total salary cost, listed by year? What are the job titles and salary bands within the unit?”

Greater Wellington’s response follows:

As background, Greater Wellington has had a formal relationship with six mana whenua of the Region through their legal entities since Ara Tahi (the collective iwi regional forum) was established in 1991. This relationship was formalised by signing the Charter of Understanding in 1993. This

agreement was reviewed over time and subsequently transitioned into a Memorandum of Partnership (MoP) between the parties which was last signed in 2013.

The mana whenua signatories to the MoP are:

- Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira Inc
- Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Charitable Trust
- Rangitāne o Wairarapa Inc
- Taranaki Whānui/Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust
- Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust
- Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki

“How much money has been spent on and budgeted for funding for iwi partners over the past five years, listed by year, iwi and purpose of funding?”

We have provided the information requested for each of Greater Wellington’s six iwi partners for the periods 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2022 which covers five complete financial years. On occasion there are differences between the expenditure and budget. Very small amounts may be incorporated into large project budgets and are not identified as specific budget items. The figures listed are either GST exclusive or GST exempt. Refer to **Attachment One** for details.

What criteria need to be met for iwi to be eligible for this funding?

Iwi must be one of the six iwi signatories to Greater Wellington’s Memorandum of Partnership 2013 in order to be eligible for Greater Wellington funding.

What KPIs/evidence of appropriate use of funding are iwi required to report after receipt of funding, if any, and what are the consequences if these are not met?

Greater Wellington has contract arrangements with each mana whenua partner which specifies the services required, the milestone dates for the deliverables and performance standards. We work with each partner to help deliver the requirements and achieve mutually beneficial outcomes and benefits both locally and across the region. On three occasions, contracts were discussed and discontinued with mutual agreement when the partners confirmed their priorities had changed due to lack of staff to do the work.

How many GWRC work programmes, if any, are currently delayed/on hold awaiting iwi approval or readiness? Which programmes? Why are they on hold? Please provide any correspondence with iwi relevant to the delay of work programmes?

Greater Wellington is not aware of any work programmes currently delayed/on hold awaiting iwi approval or readiness.

What legal advice, if any, has GWRC received in relation to iwi funding and iwi involvement in GWRC work programmes? Please provide copies of any requests and the resulting advice?

Greater Wellington has developed our mana whenua funding arrangements with legal advice and input. We are withholding the legal advice received in relation to iwi funding and involvement in Greater Wellington work programmes under section 7(2)(g) to maintain legal professional privilege.

We have considered whether the public interest in the requested information outweighs Greater Wellington's need to withhold certain aspects of the requested information. As a result, we do not consider that the public interest outweighs Greater Wellington's reason for withholding the information under the ground identified above.

How many total staff have been employed in your iwi liaison unit in each of the last five years, and at what total salary cost, listed by year? What are the job titles and salary bands within the unit?

In responding to your request, we have provided the information on the total number of staff employed in Greater Wellington's iwi liaison unit for the periods 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2022 which covers five complete financial years. Refer to **Attachment Two** for details.

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā



Moni Fraser
e Pou Whakarae General Manager Māori, Te Hunga Whiriwhiri

Attachment One: Money spent, budget, purpose

Attachment Two: Employee data

Iwi	Funding	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2022/2021	2021/2022	Outcome of funding
Ngati Toa Rangatira	Budgeted	\$93,600	\$124,500	\$117,800	\$176,430	\$505,684	<p>2017-2021 - funding based on operational and governance mahi of GW. The funding reacts to the work that is prioritised by GW. This funding enabled iwi share their values, knowledge and expertise on and to GW projects, advisory groups and committees which includes: Te Awarua o Porirua Whaitua; Whaitua Te Whanganui a Tara, Ara Tahurangi and Te Upokoihi Taiao Natural Resources Plan Committee membership; an environmental management plan; cultural impact assessments, building capacity; commenting on resource consents.</p> <p>2021-2022 - Note - New funding created through the Long Term plan addresses two gaps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The need for dedicated strategic resources to build strategic capacity 2. Enables iwi to put in place strategies and iwi positioning approaches for the way they work with GW staff. This moves our relationship from one of reacting to our mahi to a proactive partnership in the work we do. Operational funding increased also in this period due to scheduled works such as Whaitua programming, Pouewe prototyping and THT kai. <p><i>The funding is enabling better alignment for iwi to partner at all levels of council.</i></p>
	Spent	\$94,000	\$125,500	\$117,800	\$177,272.53	\$505,684	

Ngati Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Charitable Trust	Budgeted	\$80,200	\$90,204.19	\$83,957.83	\$233,205	\$492,000	<p>2017-2021 - funding based on operational and governance mahi of GW. The funding reacts to the work that is prioritised by GW. This funding enabled iwi share their values, knowledge and expertise on and to GW projects, advisory groups and committees which includes: Ruamāhanga Whaitua, Lower Valley Development Scheme, Barrage Gates, Mauri Tuhono, Waipoua, Mangatarere river, various steering group for programmes in Wairarapa and Ara Tahi and Te Upoko Taiao Natural Resources Plan Committee membership; an environmental management plan; cultural impact assessments, building capacity; commenting on resource consents. Note the increase in 202/21 sees iwi participating in additional programmes including 1 Billion Trees, climate change working groups, Wairarapa Moana governance group establishment.</p> <p>2021-2022 - Note - previous rationale (above) for new funding created through the Long Term plan. Operational funding increased also in this period due to scheduled works such as Whaitua programming, flood protection programmes of work and Parkvale prototype.</p> <p><i>The funding is enabling better alignment for iwi to partner at all levels of council.</i></p>
	Spent	\$80,200	\$91,204.19	\$84,192.83	\$233,205	\$493,095	

Rangitane o Wairarapa Inc	Budgeted	\$89,655	\$72,734.17	\$117,748	\$161,613.69	\$272,000	<p>2017-2021 - funding based on operational and governance mahi of GW. The funding reacts to the work that is prioritised by GW. This funding enabled iwi share the r values, knowledge and expertise on and to GW projects, advisory groups and committees which includes: Ruamāhanga Whaitua, Lower Valley Development Scheme, Barrage Gates, Mauri Tuhono Waipoua, Mangatarere river, various steering groups for programmes in Wairarapa and Ara Tahi and Te Upoko Taiao Natural Resources Plan Committee membership; an environmental management plan; cultural impact assessments, building capacity; commenting on resource consents. Note the increase in 202/21 sees iwi participating in additional programmes including 1 Billion Trees, climate change working groups, Wairarapa Moana governance group establishment.</p> <p>2021-2022 - Note - previous rationale (above) for new funding created through the Long Term plan Operational funding increased also in this period due to scheduled works such as Whaitua programming, flood protection programmes of work and Parkvale prototype.</p> <p><i>The funding is enabling better alignment for iwi to partner at all levels of council.</i></p>
	Spent	\$89,655	\$72,734.17	\$117,748	\$155,341.95	\$272,000	
Iwi	Funding	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2022/2021	2021/2022	Outcome of funding

Taranaki Whānui/Pō rt Nicholson Settlement Trust	Budgeted	\$50,000	\$49,000	\$68,250	\$42,000	\$220,000	<p>2017-2021 - funding based on operational and governance mahi of GW. The funding reacts to the work that is prioritised by GW. This funding enabled iwi share their values, knowledge and expertise on and to GW projects, advisory groups and committees which includes: Mihi whakatau, cultural services, biosecurity opportunities, iwi management planning, capacity funding, Riverlinks - Hutt River, flood protection advice and resource consents</p> <p>2021-2022 - Note - previous rationale (above) for new funding created through the Long Term plan. Operational funding increased also in this period due to ongoing participation in Riverlinks - Hutt River, flood protection advice and new funding for Parangarahu lakes planning and implementation mahi.</p> <p><i>The funding is enabling better alignment for iwi to partner at all levels of council.</i></p> <p>NB: funding and implementation always done based on capacity of iwi. New funding through LTP has enabled new capacity at strategic level to build their depth to partner with GW</p>
	Spent	\$43,700	\$49,000	\$68,250	\$42,000	\$220,000	

Atiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust	Budgeted	\$109,496.84	\$59,179.96	\$79,655	\$104,290.43	\$408,130.45	<p>2017-2021 - funding based on operational and governance mahi of GW. The funding reacts to the work that is prioritised by GW. This funding enabled iwi share their values, knowledge and expertise on and to GW project advisory groups and committees which includes: National Policy Statements, Freshwater management, monitoring frameworks, engagement and capacity funding, QE park restoration work, Climate change, biosecurity projects in Key Native ecosystems, resource consents</p> <p>NB: A iawa withdrew from Ara Tahi and does not receive remuneration for this advisory committee.</p> <p>2021-2022 - Note - previous rationale (above) for new funding created through the Long Term plan</p> <p>Operational funding increased also in this period due to existing work and participation in the following mahi: Kapiti Whaitua planning and preparation, Regional Policy Statements.</p> <p><i>The funding is enabling better alignment for iwi to partner at all levels of council.</i></p> <p>NB: funding and implementation always done based on capacity of iwi. New funding through LTP has enabled new capacity at strategic level to build their depth to partner with GW</p>
	Spent	\$109,496.84	\$59,179.96	\$79,656	\$97,768.69	\$408,130.45	

<p>Nga Hapu o Otaki</p>	<p>Budgeted</p>	<p>\$49,780</p>	<p>\$60,148</p>	<p>\$107,907.76</p>	<p>\$128,466</p>	<p>\$434,150</p>	<p>2017-2021 - funding based on operational and governance mahi of GW. The funding reacts to the work that is prioritised by GW. This funding enabled iwi share their values, knowledge and expertise on and to GW projects, advisory groups and committees which includes: Ara Tahī and Te Upoko Taiao Natural Resources Plan Committee membership; Integrated Catchment Management, Restoration mahi, inanga investigation- (methodology and site management)cultural impact assessments, work on the Mangapouri stream, fish recovery, stream clearing in significant streams, Waitohu Prototype, building capacity and commenting on resource consents.</p> <p>2021-2022 - Note - New funding created through the Long Term plan addresses two gaps: . Operational funding increased also in this period due to scheduled works such as Whaitua programming, Pouewe prototyping and THT kai. The funding is enabling better alignment for iwi to partner at all levels of council. 2017-2021 - funding based on operational and governance mahi of GW. The funding reacts to the work that is prioritised by GW. This funding enabled iwi share their values, knowledge and expertise on and to GW projects, advisory groups and committees which includes: National Policy Statements, Freshwater management, monitoring frameworks, engagement and capacity funding, QE Park restoration work, Climate change, biosecurity projects in Key Native ecosystems, resource consents NB: Atiawa withdrew from Ara Tahī and does not receive remuneration for this advisory committee).</p>
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PROACTIVE REVIEW

Employee data 1 Jul 2017 – 30 Jun 2022

Financial Year	Headcount	FTE	Salary Cost
1 Jul 2017 to 30 June 2018	4	3.94	\$ 389,895.00
1 Jul 2018 to 30 June 2019	4	3.94	\$ 405,638.00
1 Jul 2019 to 30 June 2020	4	3.75	\$ 428,515.00
1 Jul 2020 to 30 June 2021	4	3.94	\$ 422,765.00
1 Jul 2021 to 30 June 2022	10	10	\$ 652,834.00

Financial Year	FTE	Job Titles	Group	Fixed Remuneration bands (includes salary, employer KiwiSaver (6%), medical and trauma insurance)		
				80%	100%	120%
2017/2018	1.00	Pouhono-a-iw	Te Hunga Whiriwhiri	\$ 68,357.20	\$ 85,446.50	\$ 102,535.79
	1.00	Te Pou Whakarae	Te Hunga Whiriwhiri	\$ 118,777.43	\$ 148,471.79	\$ 178,166.14
	0.94	Project Coordinator / Kairuruku	Te Hunga Whiriwhiri	\$ 45,753.62	\$ 57,192.03	\$ 68,630.44
	1.00	Senior Policy Advisor/ Kaitohutohu Matua	Te Hunga Whiriwhiri	\$ 79,528.16	\$ 99,410.20	\$ 119,292.24
2018/2019	1.00	Pouhono-a-iwi	Te Hunga Whiriwhiri	\$ 69,821.10	\$ 87,276.38	\$ 104,731.65
	1.00	Te Pou Whakarae	Te Hunga Whiriwhiri	\$ 121,691.99	\$ 152,114.99	\$ 182,537.98
	0.94	Project Coordinator / Kairuruku	Te Hunga Whiriwhiri	\$ 46,773.72	\$ 58,467.15	\$ 70,160.58
	1.00	Senior Policy Advisor/ Kaitohutohu Matua	Te Hunga Whiriwhiri	\$ 80,460.07	\$ 100,575.09	\$ 120,690.11
2019/2020	0.75	Project Coordinator / Kairuruku	Te Hunga Whiriwhiri	\$ 48,125.02	\$ 60,156.27	\$ 72,187.52

Attachment Two to LGOIMA 2023-008

	1.00	Senior Policy Advisor/ Kaitohutohu Matua	Te Hunga Whiriwhiri	\$ 82,353.29	\$ 102,941.62	\$ 123,529.94
	1.00	Pouhono-a-iwi	Te Hunga Whiriwhiri	\$ 71,174.05	\$ 88,967.57	\$ 106,761.08
	1.00	Te Pou Whakarae	Te Hunga Whiriwhiri	\$ 123,796.76	\$ 154,745.96	\$ 185,695.15
2020/2021	0.94	Project Coordinator / Kairuruku	Te Hunga Whiriwhiri	\$ 49,189.00	\$ 61,486.25	\$ 73,783.49
	1.00	Senior Policy Advisor/ Kaitohutohu Matua	Te Hunga Whiriwhiri	\$ 84,571.63	\$ 105,145.53	\$ 126,857.44
	1.00	Te Pou Whakarae	Te Hunga Whiriwhiri	\$ 127,928.48	\$ 159,910.61	\$ 191,892.73
	1.00	Pouhono-a-iwi	Te Hunga Whiriwhiri	\$ 72,993.17	\$ 91,241.46	\$ 109,489.75
2021/2022	1.00	Te Pou Whakarae	Te Hunga Whiriwhiri	\$ 204,787.58	\$ 255,984.48	\$ 307,181.38
	1.00	Project Coordinator / Kairuruku	Te Hunga Whiriwhiri	\$ 53,219.70	\$ 66,524.63	\$ 79,829.55
	1.00	Manager Māori Outcomes	Te Hunga Whiriwhiri	\$ 135,264.56	\$ 169,080.71	\$ 202,896.85
	1.00	Principal Advisor Māori	Te Hunga Whiriwhiri	\$ 110,873.34	\$ 138,591.68	\$ 166,310.01
	1.00	Senior Māori Advisor/ Kaitohutohu Matua	Te Hunga Whiriwhiri	\$ 87,323.36	\$ 109,154.21	\$ 130,985.05
	1.00	Senior Advisor Māori Organisational Capability	Te Hunga Whiriwhiri	\$ 94,356.40	\$ 117,945.50	\$ 141,534.59
	1.00	Senior Advisor Māori Engagement	Te Hunga Whiriwhiri	\$ 87,323.36	\$ 109,154.21	\$ 130,985.05
	1.00	Advisor Māori Engagement	Te Hunga Whiriwhiri	\$ 73,386.47	\$ 91,733.09	\$ 110,079.70
	1.00	Senior Māori Advisor	Te Hunga Whiriwhiri	\$ 87,323.36	\$ 109,154.21	\$ 130,985.05
	1.00	Team Leader Māori Advisory Support	Te Hunga Whiriwhiri	\$ 102,256.34	\$ 127,820.43	\$ 153,384.52