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Request for Official Information

On 22 January 2021, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *Documentation that outlines any MPP funding to Pacific focused social services organisations including those associated with Pacific churches and Pacific churches themselves for the years 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 (if available).*
- *Documentation that outlines any MPP funding to organisations that respond to family violence and sexual violence for the above time frame.*

On 26 January 2021 the Ministry contacted you to advise that your request was broad in scope and needed to be refined as it was likely to be refused under section 18(f) of the Act due to substantial manual collation. On the 26 January 2021, you clarified your request for the following information:

- *Records of MPP funding to Vahefonua Methodist Mission Charitable Trust for the years 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 (if 2021 is available)?*

We have interpreted your request as funding approved and paid to the Vahefonua Methodist Mission Charitable Trust.

In response to your request, please find enclosed the following table: Funding approved and paid to Vahefonua Methodist Mission Charitable Trust for financial years 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21, as at the 26 January 2021.

Tongan Language Week Fund

The Ministry for Pacific Peoples works closely with Pacific communities to maintain and promote heritage languages. Languages magnify the value of a community, providing a vital link between our place in Aotearoa and our heritage as peoples of the vast blue Pacific continent. The Languages Week Fund provides support for lead community groups to promote, plan and deliver on Language Week activities and events.

Community COVID-19 Fund (CCF)

The Community Covid-19 Fund supports Pacific communities and groups who are leading and driving their own solutions to respond and recover from the impacts of Covid-19.

Toloa Community Fund

Established in 2015, the Toloa Community Fund has been set up to support organisations and community groups to promote and deliver Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) activities to Pacific young people, through engaging key Pacific influencer groups including parents, families and community leaders.

In support of the principles and purposes of the Act, the Ministry now proactively publishes its responses to Official Information Act requests. As such, this letter will be published on the Ministry for Pacific Peoples' website. Your personal details will be removed, and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

In accordance with section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Soifua ma ia manuia



Tofilau Iris Webster
Deputy Chief Executive
Office of the Chief Executive

Funding approved and paid to Vahefonua Methodist Mission Charitable Trust for financial years 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21, as at the 26 January 2021.

Financial year	Fund Type	Amount approved and paid
2018/19	Tongan Language Week Fund	\$3000.00
2019/20	Tongan Language Week Fund	\$3400.00
	Toloa Community Fund	\$20,000.00
2020/21	Community COVID-19 Fund (CCF)	\$50,000.00
	Toloa Community Fund	\$15,000.00