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Tēnā koe Nic

I refer to your request received on 23 November, which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following information:

A copy of AM2021/304 Cultural Sector Regeneration Fund, Te Urungi: Innovating Aotearoa – Approved Seed Funding

Information being released

I have decided to release the document listed above, with one contact phone number being withheld under section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Information publicly available

The information in Appendix 1 of the paper is publicly available on Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture and Heritage's website at the following link: www.mch.govt.nz/te-tahua-aki-auahatanga-innovation-fund/innovation-fund-recipients#tewhanganuiatara-project.

I note the proposal descriptions in Appendix 1 differ to those provided on the Manatū Taonga website. The Porirua event was the first of a nationwide series of Te Urungi events, and Manatū Taonga has incorporated learnings from subsequent events to improve Innovation Fund processes going forward. A standardised process for describing proposals was developed and implemented after the first round of Te Urungi events. Consequently, there are some differences between earlier proposal descriptions, however both descriptions refer to the same project.

I am advised that Manatū Taonga has apportioned an indicative amount of funding to each Te Urungi event to ensure there are funds available to all participants but, have maintained flexibility in decision making about which projects are awarded funding. Manatū Taonga retains this flexibility so that it can choose to fund innovative projects with the most potential to achieve the Fund outcomes, as those projects emerge.

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.

Nāku noa, nā

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Hon Carmel Sepuloni
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