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Official Information Act request 2122-0833 - Request for information about crown funded schemes

Thank you for your Official Information Act (Act) request received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 13 June 2021. Please accept my apology for the delay in providing this response.

You requested –

I noted on your website <https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/crown-funds/>

Ministers of the Crown have overall responsibility for Crown funded schemes and report to the Cabinet as appropriate. The Department of Internal Affairs receives an annual appropriation for grants for each fund from the Crown. Each fund was established to achieve specific Crown purposes and objectives.

Funds are distributed on the recommendations or decisions of independent panels, steering groups or committees.

*Community and Volunteering Capability Fund Community Led Development Programme
Community Internship Programme* Disarmament Education United Nations
Implementation Fund (DEUNIF) Racing Safety Development Fund Youth Worker Training
Scheme**

Can you please provide the name for current member of above Crown funded schemes listed. Bio and term of appointment (expired date for each member) for each members of each schemes if available. Also, member's pay rate and how did you call for public expression of interest to these roles.

You mentioned " Funds are distributed on the recommendations or decisions of independent panels, steering groups or committees." Can you please explain what do you mean by that? Does each funds listed above have separate independent panels, steering groups and committees?

On 12 July 2021 we notified you of the decision to transfer the part of your request relating to the Disarmament Education United Nations Implementation Fund (DEUNIF) in accordance with section 14(b) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the Department, but is believed to be held by, and more closely related to the functions of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade.

In response to the remainder of your request we advised that Pursuant to section 15(1)(b) of the Act, the Department has decided to provide the requested information to you. However, we are currently preparing this information for release and will provide it to you as soon as practicable.

In response to the remainder of your request, I can now provide you with the following information.

Disarmament Education United Nations Implementation Fund (DEUNIF)

It is first important to note that DEUNIF is a Crown Fund administered by the Department, and the Department makes grant decisions on the basis of recommendations from the Public Advisory Committee on Disarmament and Arms Control (PACDAC).

The names of current PACDAC members, and the terms of PACDAC's appointments can be found on the PACDAC webpage via the following link: [PACDAC \(Public Advisory Committee on Disarmament and Arms Control\) | New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade \(mfat.govt.nz\)](https://mfat.govt.nz/pacdac).

For the biographies of the current PACDAC members, please refer to Appendix A, attached.

Community and Volunteering Capability Fund (CVC), Community Internship Programme (CIP), and the Youth Worker Training Scheme (YWTS)

The Community Internship Programme (CIP) and the Youth Worker Training Scheme (YWTS) have been amalgamated into the Community and Volunteering Capability Fund (CVC) as part of the Department of Internal Affairs' move to simplify the community funding it distributes. Funding decisions for the YWTS are broken down into regional areas and are made internally by the Manager Community Advisory Services (MCAS) for the region in question.

The Crown Panel for the CVC Fund is responsible for the remainder of the funding decisions that fall under the Fund.

Please refer to the table below for the current Crown Panel members for the CVC Fund:

Crown Panel members - Community and Volunteering Capability Fund (CVC)

MEMBER		START DATE	END DATE
Ona de Rooy	Te Tari Taiwhenua Representative	06 June 2016	-
Dawn McConnell	Te Atamira Taiwhenua Representative	21 May 2015	21 June 2023
Mary- Jane Rivers	Community Representative	13 June 2016	31 December 2022

Shirish Paranjape	Ministry for Ethnic Communities Representative	1 June 2017	31 June 2023
Michael Savelio	Ministry for Pacific Peoples Representative	1 March 2021	29 February 2024

Community Led Development Programme (CDLP)

Please refer to the table below for the current Crown Panel members for the CDLP Fund:

Crown Panel members - Community Led Development Programme (CDLP)

MEMBER		START DATE	END DATE
Ona de Rooy	Te Tari Taiwhenua Representative	06 June 2016	-
Dawn McConnell	Te Atamira Taiwhenua Representative	21 May 2015	21 June 2023
Mary- Jane Rivers	Community Representative	13 June 2016	31 December 2022
Shirish Paranjape	Ministry for Ethnic Communities Representative	1 June 2017	31 June 2023
Michael Savelio	Ministry for Pacific Peoples Representative	1 March 2021	29 February 2024
Pam Armstrong	Community Partner representative	2 May 2022	30 June 2022
Beryl Wilcox	Community Partner representative	2 May 2022	30 June 2022
Victor Walker	Community Partner representative	1 May 2022	30 June 2022

Appointments to the Crown Panels

Te Atamira Taiwhenua, Ministry for Pacific Peoples and the Office of Ethnic Communities each recommend a Panel member every three years or when a vacancy arises. The Department appoints the panel after a recommendation for membership to the panel is received.

Panel members are recommended based on their experience relevant to the schemes, subject expertise and community experience.

Members are asked to serve on the panel for a term of three years. A member who wishes to resign advises the Department, and where applicable, the body that recommended them. Te Atamira Taiwhenua, the Ministry for Pacific Peoples, or the Office of Ethnic Communities arranges another member to take up the remainder of the term.

Reappointments can be made, but members do not usually serve more than two terms.

Pay rates

Crown Funded Schemes' Advisory Panel	Reading Fee	Meeting Fee	Total
Te Atamira Taiwhenua	N/A	\$350	\$350
Ministry for Pacific Peoples, Office of Ethnic Communities and Community Representative*	\$100	\$250	\$350

*If the MPP or MEC representative is an employee of that Ministry, they are not paid any fees.

Depending on what is required, scheduled meetings may have the following fee rates applied:

- * Half day meeting fee, and
- * Half day reading fee.

Appointment to the Panel - community partner representatives

Before the Crown Panel meeting in June 2021 which was specifically to bring new community partners into the Community-led Development Programme current community partners were asked if they had someone from their community that would like to be on the Crown Panel. The community partners put forward 9 names that went to the to the Community-led Development Governance Group on 6 May 2021 for consideration.

The Community-led Development Governance Group was looking for representatives that represented city, rural, and different cultural backgrounds. The above members were selected on this basis. These community members were co-opted again for the June 2022 meeting. There is no set term for the co-opted members.

The remuneration rates set for the Crown Panel were also used for the community partner representatives.

Racing Safety Development Fund (RSDF)

The RSDF Working Group consists of an independent Chair appointed by the Minister for Racing, and representatives from the three racing codes.

The current RSDF Independent Chair is Felicity Caird, the Chair's term of appointment is 28 March 2022 to 27 March 2025. The Chair received a daily meeting fee of \$655, and reasonable travel expenses are reimbursed.

The representatives from the three racing codes are as follows –

1. Tim Aldridge (New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing)
2. Catherine McDonald (Harness Racing New Zealand)
3. Michael Dore (New Zealand Greyhound Racing Association)

I can advise that the three members are appointed by the racing codes and their terms of appointment are determined by the racing codes. I can also advise the information you have requested relating to the current members' bios, term of appointment and any declarations of conflict of interest is held by the racing codes, not the Department.

The portion of your request relating to members' bios and terms of appointment must therefore be refused pursuant to section 18(g)(i) of the Act. This section provides that the information requested is not held by the Department and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department (for itself and for a departmental agency hosted by it or an interdepartmental executive board serviced by it) or interdepartmental venture or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority.

It is also important to reiterate that Funds are distributed on the recommendations or decisions of independent panels, steering groups or committees. This means that funds either have an independent panel, steering group or committee that makes the decisions around the allocation of funding.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, the Department has decided to proactively release a copy of this response on the DIA website. All requestor data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available here: <https://www.dia.govt.nz/Official-Information-Act-Requests-2>.

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.

Ngā mihi



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