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Tēnā koe Joel

Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00203430

Thank you for your email on 7 May 2026, asking Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora for information relating to the Pūhoro Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, Mātauranga (STEMM) Academy. Your full request and subsequent refinement are set out in **Appendix One**.

Your request has been responded to under the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA).

Response

For clarity I have responded to each of your requested items in turn.

A list of all funding arrangements with Pūhoro, including the name of the arrangement, start and end date, total approved value, amount paid by financial year, and whether the funding was contestable or non-contestable.

Te Aka Whai Ora partnered with the Pūhoro Charitable Trust (the Trust) to deliver the STEMM Uplift and Grow Programme from 1 June 2023 to 30 June 2024.

Following the disestablishment of Te Aka Whai Ora, Hauora Māori Services -Te Whatu Ora contracted with the Trust to continue delivery of the STEMM Programme from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025. A further contract is in place to continue the services from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2027.

All contractual arrangements with the Trust have been non-contestable.

Set out in the table below is the information on the Trust's contracts for the delivery of the Māori Health Workforce STEMM Uplift and grow programme for Māori taura service.

Contract number	Start	End	Contracted Value (including GST)
381625/02	1/07/2024	30/06/2025	\$1,700,000
381625/03	1/07/2024	30/06/2025	\$49,300
C2796	1/07/2025	30/06/2027	\$3,605,000

The Trust have received the following payments:

- 1/1/2025 – 30/6/2025 - \$609,425.25 (GST Incl.)
- 1/7/2025 – 31/3/2026 - \$1,554,656.22 (GST Incl.).

Copies of the relevant funding agreements, contracts, data-sharing agreements, grant agreements, variations, memoranda of understanding, schedules of deliverables, reporting requirements, and performance measures.

Please refer to **Appendix Two**, which sets out our decision on the release of documents within scope of your request. The documents are attached as **Appendix Three** and are released to you with some information withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of individuals; and
- 9(2)(b)(ii) where its release would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

Where we have withheld information under section 9 of the OIA, we have also considered any countervailing public interests in the release of this information. We do not believe that the public interests outweigh the need to withhold in this instance.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at h.nzOIA@tewhatuora.govt.nz.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Health NZ may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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Appendix One: Full request

This request relates to any funding, contracts, grants, sponsorships, procurement arrangements, partnership agreements, memoranda of understanding, or other financial support provided by your organisation to Pūhoro Charitable Trust, Pūhoro STEM Academy, or Pūhoro.

Please provide information for the period 1 July 2023 to the date of this request.

Please provide:

- A list of all funding arrangements with Pūhoro, including the name of the arrangement, start and end date, total approved value, amount paid by financial year, and whether the funding was contestable or non-contestable.
- Copies of the relevant funding agreements, contracts, data-sharing agreements, grant agreements, variations, memoranda of understanding, schedules of deliverables, reporting requirements, and performance measures.
- Copies of reporting received from Pūhoro, including milestone reports, performance reports, monitoring reports, evaluation reports, acquittals, invoices, and evidence of delivery.
- Any outcome data held by your organisation relating to Pūhoro, including the number of participants who entered tertiary study, degree-level study, engineering, technology, IT/computer science, science, health, other STEM pathways, or STEM employment.
- Any substantive correspondence, including emails, between your organisation and Pūhoro relating to:
 - * renewal, extension, variation, or increase of funding;
 - * reporting, performance measures, or outcome data;
 - * definitions of “transition to tertiary”, “STEM pathway”, “science qualification”, or similar outcome measures;
 - * concerns or issues with delivery, reporting, payment, invoicing, or contract performance.

On 12 May 2026 you refined your request to the following:

From 1 January 2025 to the date of your request (7 May 2026)

- A list of all funding arrangements with Pūhoro, including the name of the arrangement, start and end date, total approved value, amount paid by financial year, and whether the funding was contestable or non-contestable.
- Copies of the relevant funding agreements, contracts, data-sharing agreements, grant agreements, variations, memoranda of understanding, schedules of deliverables, reporting requirements, and performance measures.

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Appendix Two

Pg	Date	Title	Decision on release
1	1 July 2024	Agreed variation to Service Schedule 2 (Service Specification)	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.
9	18 July 2024 (signed)	Variation to agreement between Health NZ and Pūhoro Charitable Trust Board: Māori Health Workforce STEMM Uplift and grow programme for Māori tauria	Some information withheld under the following sections of the OIA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9(2)(a); and • 9(2)(b)(ii).
20	12 May 2025 (signed)	Variation to agreement between Health NZ and Pūhoro Charitable Trust Board: Māori Health Workforce STEMM Uplift and grow programme for Māori tauria	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the OIA.
25	5 September 2025 (signed)	Variation to agreement between Health NZ and Pūhoro Charitable Trust Board: Māori Health Workforce STEMM Uplift and grow programme for Māori tauria	Some information withheld under the following sections of the OIA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9(2)(a); and • 9(2)(b)(ii).