

29 September 2021

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By email: [Redacted]

Tēnā koe [Redacted]

Official Information request and response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act ("OIA") which was transferred to us from Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture & Heritage on 14 September 2021.

You have requested:

1. *Disbursement/s to the NZ Herald from the PIJF.*
2. *Conditions attached to the disbursement/s, if any.*
3. *What the conditions say about the Treaty of Waitangi, if anything.*
4. *The amount of money the NZ Herald has applied for under future funding rounds.*

We can advise the following:

In regard to question One, currently the PIJF has paid no disbursements to NZ Herald. NZME which owns NZ Herald has a joint application with Māori Television, Newshub and Pacific Media Network regarding a journalist training programme entitled Te Rito. This has been funded up to \$2,419,253 over two years. In Round 1 they were also funded for the Rotorua Weekender - \$400,000 bilingual Te Wāhanga Reo Rua project. In Round 2 NZME were funded \$2,995,702 for 14.5 FTE roles across two years to produce the Open Justice Te Pātiti scheme.

In regard to questions two and three, this information is available on our website. All applications must adhere to our criteria set out in our [general guidelines](#). In addition, applications for the Public Interest Journalism Fund must adhere to the guidelines outlined [here](#). Our standard contract for the successful applicants of the PIJF can be found on our website [here](#). In addition, the specific projects listed above had the conditions below attached to their contract:

- The Rotorua Weekender -Te Wāhanga Reo Rua is subject to approved language strategy and translation plan.
- The Open Justice and Te Rito project are also subject to completed and signed agreements between parties to the project.

In regard to question four, we have finalised our decisions and dispersed funds for the first two rounds of the PIJF. The third round for the PIJF is [currently open](#) and we are still receiving applications. However, we do not know if NZME / NZ Herald intends to submit further applications.

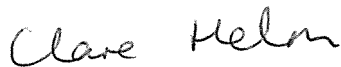
Please note due to the commercial sensitivity of our funding rounds we only release information on successful applications, after the round has been completed and funding approved.

For your information, funding provided by NZ On Air for all successful projects is searchable on our website. You can also sign up to receive our bi-monthly industry newsletter via our website.

You have the right to refer this response to the Ombudsman if you are dissatisfied with it. More information on how to do this is [here](#). NZ On Air proactively releases information in accordance with the Government's commitment to the Open Government Partnership National Action Plan. This includes publishing responses to requests for information under the OIA. Please note that this response (with your name removed) will be published on the NZ On Air website shortly and will remain on our website for 12 months.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clare Helm". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Clare Helm

HEAD OF CORPORATE SERVICES