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Background

Supporting whānau Māori to find and keep safe, secure, healthy and affordable housing is essential to reducing the numbers of Māori becoming homeless. **Te MAIHI o te Whare Māori – the Māori and Iwi Housing Innovation (MAIHI) Framework for Action** puts Māori at the heart of Aotearoa New Zealand’s housing narrative, acknowledges the history of Māori housing and seeks to respond to these needs through kaupapa Māori approaches.

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is committed to supporting Māori housing capability. We seek to address the high number of Māori experiencing homelessness with urgency, through working in partnership with communities to accelerate support, using MAIHI and He Taupua fund.

He Taupua has been established to progress MAIHI in the Aotearoa New Zealand Homelessness Action Plan,¹ to support partnership with Māori and to increase the use of kaupapa Māori approaches to address homelessness. Applications to the Fund open on 4 August 2020 and close on 29 September 2020. He Taupua uses conditional grants to invest in projects, from a pool of \$3 million available in the 2020/21 financial year, in initiatives to provide support to whānau experiencing homelessness or facing housing insecurity.

This Guidance Document is provided to assist understanding of the application process.

MAIHI Outcomes

He Taupua fund has whakapapa to MAIHI outcomes and objectives (which whakapapa to Māori whānau wellbeing outcomes). The MAIHI outcomes and objectives drove key actions set out in the Aotearoa New Zealand Homelessness Action Plan.

All applications will need to demonstrate alignment with the MAIHI outcomes and discuss in detail how these outcomes and objectives will be achieved.

Figure 1: Kaupapa Māori principles of the MAIHI Framework for Action

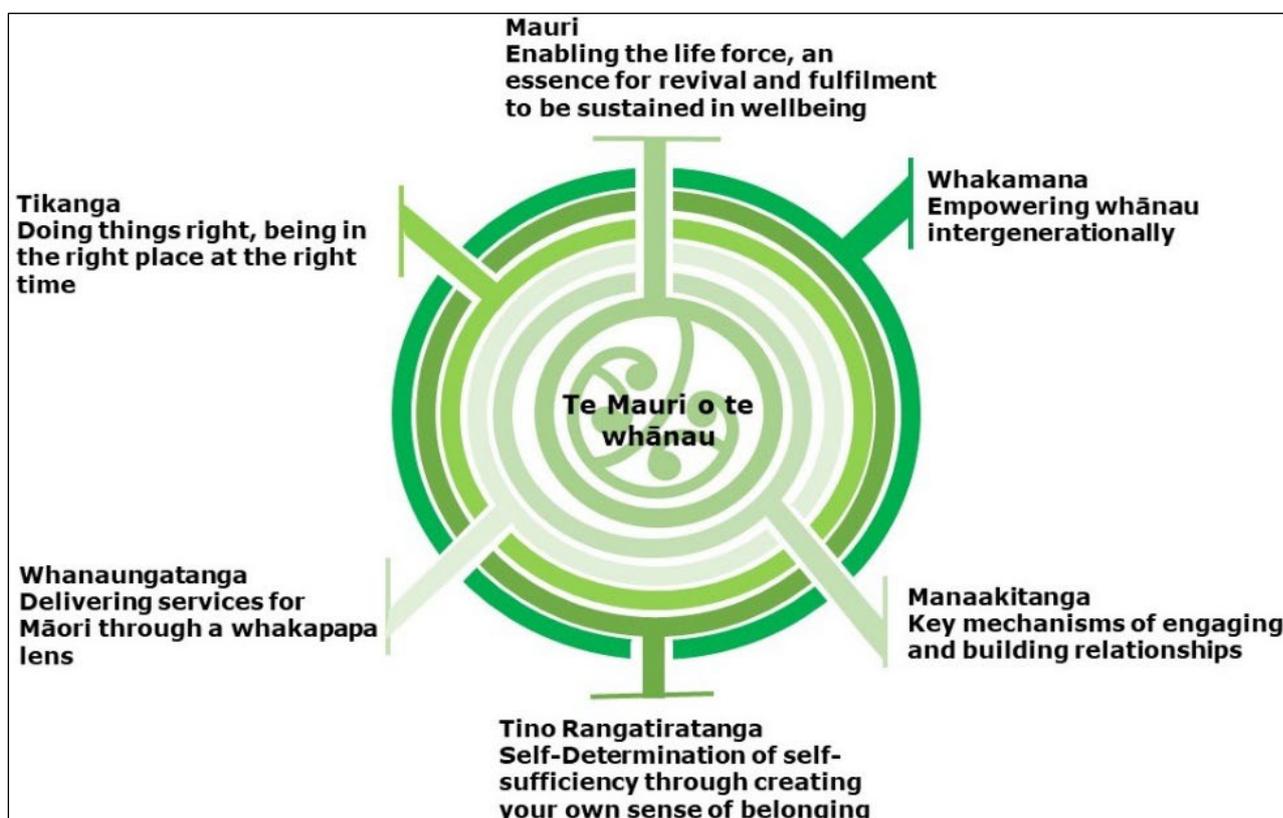
MAIHI Outcomes	
<p>Intermediate Outcomes</p> <p><i>Māori have access to quality and appropriate housing, and have surety of housing;</i></p> <p><i>Decrease in Māori homelessness;</i></p> <p><i>Increase in Māori home ownership;</i></p> <p><i>Whenua Māori land potential is unlocked; and</i></p>	<p>High-Level Outcomes</p> <p><i>Māori build and benefit from thriving communities and quality urban development;</i></p> <p><i>Kāinga design, location, connections, conventions and retention are focused on whānau wellbeing; and</i></p> <p><i>Whānau are able to adopt healthy lifestyles, enjoy full participation in society, have confident participation in te ao Māori, experience economic security and active involvement in wealth creation, celebrate cohesion within the whānau and practice self-management and self-direction</i></p>

¹ <https://www.hud.govt.nz/assets/Community-and-Public-Housing/Support-for-people-in-need/Homelessness-Action-Plan/271a3c7d79/Homelessness-Action-Plan.pdf>

<i>Commercial aspirations and wealth generation is realised.</i>		
MAIHI objectives		
<i>Capacity and capability in Māori providers and support is grown</i>	<i>Public housing stock is revitalised and more accessible to Māori</i>	<i>Emergency housing options are increased and appropriate for whānau</i>
Homelessness Action Plan actions		
<i>Partner with Māori, Iwi, hapū and marae to prevent homelessness through whenua-based initiatives</i>	<i>Support Māori CHPs and other Māori and Iwi providers to expand supply</i>	<i>Build capability and capacity of Māori providers and services working with Māori experiencing homelessness</i>

MAIHI Principles

The foundation of MAIHI is a set of kaupapa Māori principles (shown in Figure 1) which were identified with key players in the Māori housing sector as particularly applicable to housing. They identify *Te Mauri o te whānau*² at the centre of all our responses – that is, the life force of the whānau at the centre to build strength and resilience from within. The remaining principles are equally and interchangeably applied to support whānau based on their needs.

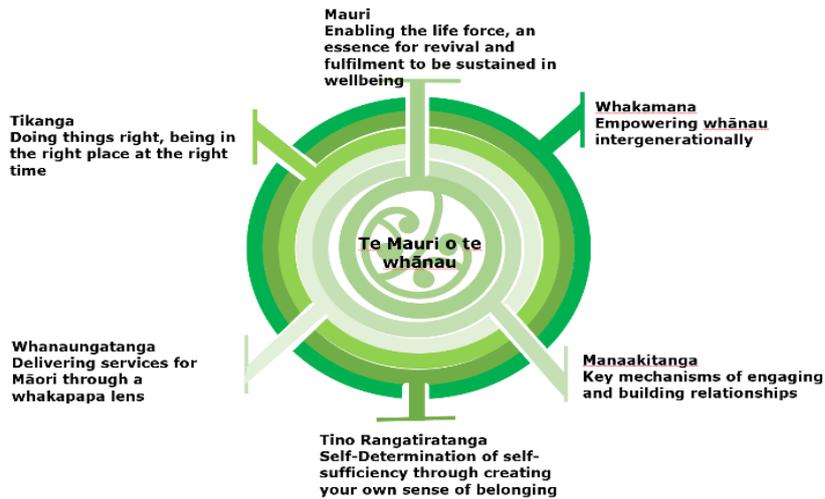


Fund Process

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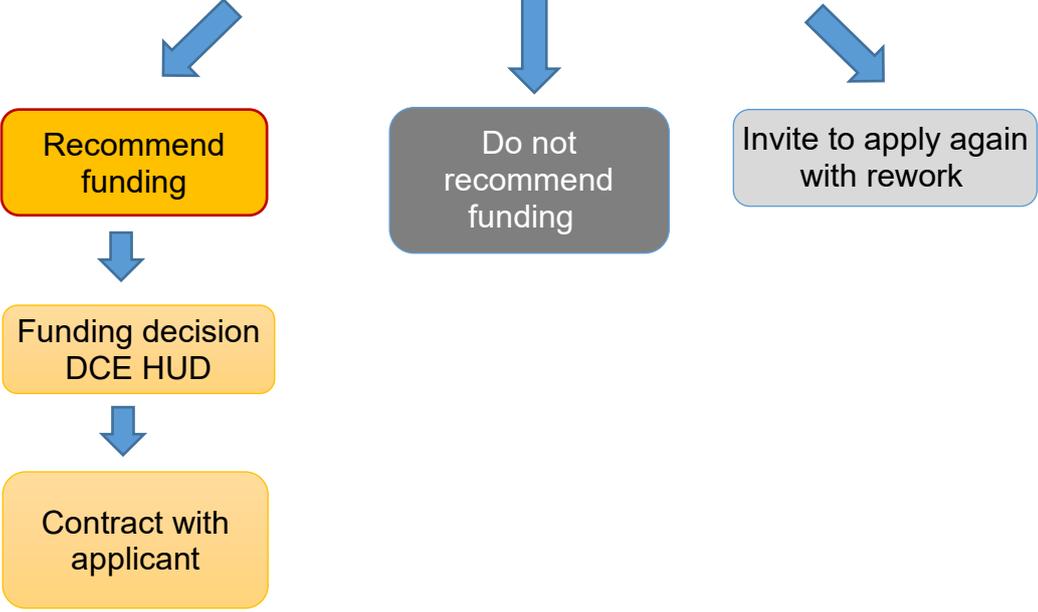
1. All applications will be assessed for completeness, eligibility and due diligence.
2. Applicants may be asked to provide further information, or rework parts of the application.
3. An Assessment Panel will consider applications against the assessment criteria and make recommendations on funding to HUD's Deputy Chief Executive /Tumuaki.
4. Decisions to fund will be made by the Deputy Chief Executive /Tumuaki.
5. All applicants will be advised in writing of final decisions.
6. Successful applicants will be offered funding by way of a grant agreement. The grantee and HUD will sign a grant agreement, setting out the terms and conditions of the grant.

² Our reflection of whānau in this case is as an individual (with their extended whānau) and as a collective



Step 1: Funding round opens
Initial assessment of applications (completeness, eligibility, due diligence)
Requests for further information as required.

Step 2: HUD Assessment Panel
Final quality assessment



Criteria

Applicant eligibility

All applicants must meet the following criteria.

Ngā Kaitono

1. The applicant is a Whānau Trust, Ahuwhenua Trust, hapū, iwi or Māori housing provider.

Ngā Paearu

2. The applicant demonstrates strength in kaupapa Māori approaches or service delivery models that:
 - Engage and work collaboratively to meet the housing needs within their local Māori community;
 - Develop and deliver options and solutions for whānau Māori across the housing continuum;
 - Provide support to whānau Māori experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity to achieve improved housing outcomes.

Funding Criteria

Applications from eligible applicants will be assessed against the following funding criteria:

- a. ***Te kounga - quality of proposal***: the extent to which the MAIHI outcomes for whānau Māori facing homelessness or housing insecurity will be achieved across the whole life of the grant and in the future, particularly in light of proposed timeframes and costs.
- b. ***Te hiahia – responding to whānau need***: there is a clear plan to support the most vulnerable communities and address the housing needs and aspirations of whānau Māori in the locality.
- c. ***Te mauri o te whānau - building strength***: the project articulates a strengths-based approach for whānau Māori to reconnect to appropriate support to build strength and lift themselves up.
- d. ***Te utanga - contribution***: the extent to which the applicant is contributing to efforts across New Zealand to address homelessness and housing insecurity.

Projects to be funded

Any new project that builds the capability of Whānau Trusts, Ahuwhenua Trusts, hapu, iwi and Māori housing providers to improve the delivery of kaupapa Māori approaches to support people facing homelessness may be eligible for funding if consistent with the criteria above.

We are deliberate in our approach and do not specify the types of projects that may be funded. This is because we want all applicants to think about what they plan to do and how their project will attend to and address homelessness. We are interested in the changes that you hope to achieve and encourage you to consider:

- the impacts and benefits your project will have for whānau Māori.
- your project's point of difference
- the contribution your project will make to the MAIHI outcomes and objectives.

Projects that will not be funded

The following projects or items are not eligible for grant funding from He Taupua:

- capital items;
- existing projects, programmes or services;
- duplicates of existing projects, programmes or services funded by government;
- repayment or servicing of debt;
- social gatherings except if it brings people together to achieve a significant homelessness benefit or outcome;
- alcohol;
- overseas travel;
- services, activities or programmes that will be delivered overseas;
- projects that are specifically intended to generate a profit. A project may generate a profit or surplus, but this must be reinvested in the project to meet the ongoing costs of the project and thereby contribute to its sustainability. Any anticipated profit or surplus must be accounted for in the project budget and be shown as contributing to the project in the future.

Due diligence

Due diligence is our way of making sure that you have the capacity and capability to fully deliver the project on time and within budget. We consider your legal status, governance and management arrangements, the organisation's financial viability and project management plans.

If you are a registered Community Housing Provider or have Social Sector Accreditation, we factor this into our due diligence so that we don't require this information from you twice.

Level of funding

Applications for He Taupua funding may be up to \$500,000 (excluding GST, if any).

Late changes to the fund process

Where any changes are made to the fund or application process, or if additional information is required, HUD will advise applicants through its website or by direct email.

Next steps for successful applications

Successful applicants will be offered funding support by way of a Grant Agreement. You will be required to provide regular reports as part of the monitoring process.

Application instructions

Submitting your application

You must complete all sections of the fund application form and email to: maihifund@hud.govt.nz. All applications must be submitted through this email address.

Questions about the Fund

Email HUD at maihifund@hud.govt.nz if anything is unclear or you have a question about the fund or the application process. All questions and answers will be regularly updated to the HUD website.