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On 12 March 2025 Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (the Ministry) received your request for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

A record that explains why MHUD denied funding to Ngāti Uenukukopako Iwi Trust for a development it has proposed on the Rotokawa Baths site in Rotorua. The record could be a letter or email or minutes of a meeting where MHUD advised NUIT it will not be funding their development and the reasons why.

The Ministry holds no information that records funding being denied or declined for a proposed housing development at Rotokawa Baths by Ngāti Uenukukōpako Iwi Trust (the Trust).

The option and requirements to submit a funding application to the Ministry for the Rotokawa Baths project was discussed in conversation with the Trust. No formal request was made by the Trust so no decision was required by the Ministry.

We, therefore, refuse this request under Section 18(e) of the Act on the grounds that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

As part of our ongoing commitment to openness and transparency, the Ministry proactively releases information and documents that may be of interest to the public. As such, this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on our website.

Ngā mihi

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