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KEI MUA I TE AROARO O TE RŌPŪ WHAKAMANA  
I TE TIRITI O WAITANGI  
BEFORE THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

WAI 2750

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IN THE MATTER OF                    the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND

IN THE MATTER OF                    Kaupapa inquiry into claims concerning  
Housing Policy and Services

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EVIDENTIAL FACT SHEET  
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT RESPONSE FUND  
(TE TŪĀPAPA KURA KĀINGA  
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT)  
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1.	<b>Basic information</b>	<p><b>Title of policy / programme:</b> Residential Development Response Fund</p> <p><b>Year introduced:</b> 2020</p> <p><b>Still current?:</b> Yes – in policy development phase</p> <p><b>Administering agency(ies):</b> Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga (MHUD) or Kāinga Ora (the decision is still to be made)</p> <p><b>High level summary of policy:</b> The Residential Development Response Fund was originally established to cushion the impact of COVID-19 on construction sector activity and jobs but has not been required. The Fund will now focus on increasing affordable housing provision on non-government land (e.g. land owned by iwi and Māori groups, councils, community groups and private developers).</p> <p><b>Overlapping/Related policies/programmes:</b></p> <p>The Residential Development Response Fund is one part of a broader government supply and affordability package, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The \$3.8 billion Housing Acceleration Fund: This Fund has already established the \$ 1 billion Infrastructure Acceleration Fund, the \$350 million Māori Infrastructure Fund, and announced that \$136 million will be invested in Eastern Porirua. \$50 million has also been provided to the Land for Housing Programme to accelerate the development of vacant or underutilised Crown-owned land, operate in more regions, and develop a broader range of affordable housing options for rental and home ownership. Further funding decisions for the Housing Acceleration Fund are still to be made.</li> <li>• The Kāinga Ora Land Programme, through which Kāinga Ora will be supported to borrow an additional \$2 billion for strategic land acquisitions to increase the pace, scale and mix of housing developments, including more affordable housing. The phasing of this will be considered annually within the context of the Kāinga Ora overall borrowing programme.</li> </ul> <p>Whai Kāinga Whai Oranga, which is aimed at accelerating Māori-led housing solutions, also has some connection to the broader supply and affordability package.</p> <p>While the Māori Infrastructure Fund and Whai Kāinga Whai Oranga are exclusively limited to Māori applicants, Māori and iwi groups are also able to apply for funding and/or partner with the government under the other funds or programmes outlined above, which all incorporate a focus on protecting Māori interests and supporting Māori aspirations.</p> <p><b>Other agencies involved in development, implementation, or ongoing administration:</b></p> <p>Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga is the lead agency for the development of the policy, and has consulted (and will continue to consult with) Kāinga Ora, the Treasury and the Ministry of Social Development, with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet being informed. Te Puni Kōkiri will also be consulted</p> <p>The decision of who will implement and administer the Fund is still to be decided. Once that decision is made, it may not be MHUD implementing and administering it.</p>
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2.	<b>Description of Policy / Programme</b>	This is a \$350 million Fund, comprising \$250 million of funding that must be recycled and returned to the Crown, and \$100 million of non-recyclable funding. This Fund was originally established to cushion the impact of COVID-19 on construction sector activity and jobs. As the Fund has not been required for that purpose, in early 2021 the Government announced the Fund would now focus on increasing affordable housing provision (rental and home ownership) on non-government land (e.g. land owned by iwi and Māori groups, councils, community groups and private developers). Final decisions on the key design features of the Fund will be made by Cabinet later this year.
3.	<b>Outline of the process to develop this Policy / Programme</b>	Since the announcement of the refocused Fund, MHUD has been developing the proposed policy and key design settings for the Fund. To inform that work, officials have engaged with key stakeholders including Te Matapihi, industry experts, and administrators of previous Funds that have or had a similar focus. Engagement will continue as development progresses and Ministers make decisions.
4.	<b>Aims or Objectives of the Policy / Programme</b>	The aim of the Fund is to support the increased supply of new-build housing options (with a likely emphasis on rental) for those on low-to-moderate incomes.
5.	<b>Outline of steps taken to implement the Policy / Programme</b>	As this is still in the policy design stage, with Ministers and Cabinet yet to make decisions on the design of the Fund, including which agency will administer it, active steps to implement the Fund are yet to be made.
6.	<b>Outline of monitoring and evaluation built in to Policy / Programme</b>	As the final decisions about the design of the Fund are made, the monitoring and evaluation framework will be developed.
7.	<b>Availability of quantitative or qualitative data to demonstrate success or failures of the Policy / Programme to achieve its stated aims</b>	<p>Too early to have any such data at this stage.</p> <p>The monitoring and evaluation framework which will be established for the Fund will provide for gathering and assessment of quantitative and qualitative data such as numbers of dwellings supported, degree of affordability, target cohorts for this dwelling, impact on addressing rent stress. Together with data that is available about housing deprivation and need, this will help with the assessment of whether the Fund is meeting its intended aims.</p>