



Tourism Growth Partnership round five successful applicants

PRODUCTIVITY AND INNOVATION STREAM		
Project and recipient	Funding amount	Summary of project
Rotorua Canopy Tours - Skyfly Ltd	\$810,000	Rotorua Canopy Tours is an award-winning tourism operator, offering a zip-line canopy tour through native forest in Rotorua. TGP funding will be used to develop a new guided canopy tour experience to explore native forest along a 3km route. The product will utilise innovative design concepts to give visitors an experience of every vertical layer of the forest eco-system, while also offering nocturnal tours for star-gazing. Product development is planned for July 2017, with construction completed by September 2018, to be ready in time for the 2018-19 peak season.
Rainbow Springs Kiwi Encounter - Rainbow Springs Ltd	\$630,325	Rainbow Springs Kiwi Encounter will develop a new state-of-the-art kiwi facility in Rotorua, enabling visitors to get up close and connect with kiwi. The facility will remove barriers between customers, kiwi and Rainbow Springs' team of conservation specialists. The aim is to provide a world class interactive experience, which will be the first in New Zealand to showcase all aspects of the kiwi lifecycle and connect visitors to kiwi conservation. The facility will be indoors with outdoor covered walkways, ensuring a world-class experience in all weather and seasons.
REGIONAL STREAM		
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Classic Motorcycle Mecca - HW Richardson No. 4 Family Trust	\$550,000	Classic Motorcycle Mecca, based in Invercargill, aims to be New Zealand's premier commercial motorcycle attraction. TGP funding will be used for the stage two development of a new exhibition space to display all of the 300 bikes and develop interpretation/experiential resources.
Curio Bay Tumu Toka Natural Heritage Visitor - South Catlins Charitable Trust	\$500,000	The Curio Bay Tumu Toka Natural Heritage Visitor Centre will use TGP funds to develop a world-class multimedia, interpretive visitor centre in South Catlins, Southland. The visitor centre will provide a product that captures the special stories of the region, including the 'Jurassic' story, wildlife and natural environment. The centre is a year-round attraction and will act as a hub for other tourism and economic activities.

Seven feasibility studies have also been approved funding totalling \$107,100. These are not named for reasons of commercial sensitivity.