

New Zealand Government

PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT

COVER SHEET

2.18	Centre of Digital Exc (CODE) business case Application		For: Approval	ED			
Backgro	ound & context:		Recommendation(s):				
 Background & context: Applicant Organisation: Dunedin City Council Location: Dunedin Proposal: The creation of the Centre of Digital Excellence (CODE) business case and PGF application. Funding Sought: Total project value: \$ PGF Funding: \$95,000 Background: The proposal relates to the funding of a business case that will define the scope and details of the creation of a CODE in Dunedin. b) The CODE in Dunedin is a project that is backed by central government in their manifesto and has been allocated \$10m of funding from the PGF. In order for this 10m of funding to be released a business case must first be developed. 			 We recommend that the SRO: a) Consider the application from the Dunedin City Council. b) Note the PDU investment team has assessed the application and conclude there is modest, alignment with the criteria of the PGF. c) Note that the project is a governmental priority and has been agreed as such in the government manifesto. d) Approve \$95,000 from the PGF fund towards the Centre of Digital Excellence business case proposal. 				
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business case:

Risks Issues:

- *Risks associated with this project are mitigated by the robust governance structure (steering group) in place.*
- In addition, as this project is a priority for the government, outlined in the Manifesto, \$10m of funding has already been agreed upon. This mitigates the risk of the proposal as this funding has to be provided to the proposal regardless of the success of the business case.

Eligibility points of note:

- Due diligence: Companies office search completed. No other due diligence is to be completed.
- Conflict(s) of interest: Based on the information provided no conflict of interest is evident noting that full due diligence will inform this item further.
- Illegal Activity: Based on the application information provided and feedback from other agencies there is no indication that the applicant or project has been involved in, or associated with illegal activity.
- Alignment with Regional development plans: there is broad alignment with regional development plans in that it potentially provides a catalyst for economic growth and employment in the region.
- Commercial funding availability: Due to the nature of the project commercial funding is likely not possible as a viable way of funding this project. As a result, access to commercial funding for this proposal is not considered a feasible option.

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