

**Māori and Public Housing Renewable Energy Fund**

**Expression of Interest for Renewable Energy Projects on Māori Housing**

This Expression of Interest (EOI) form should be completed by persons interested in developing a proposal for funding of renewable energy projects for Māori housing.

The information in the EOI will enable the officials administering the fund to advise potential applicants about the alignment of their activity with fund criteria.

Some projects may be ready to receive funding in the first funding round in March 2021, while others may require more time for planning and feasibility studies. By registering your idea now, we can advise on what further information is required and help align your application with the appropriate funding round as we build a pipeline of possible projects.

Please read the relevant information on the MBIE website, including the decision-making objectives and criteria for the fund, carefully before answering the questions below.

Please print or download this form and once completed, email it to: energymarkets@mbie.govt.nz

We will be in touch after reviewing your EOI. If the project aligns with the fund objectives and criteria we can then advise on the timing and process to develop a formal funding proposal.

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| **Project name** |
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| **Main applicant and contact details** |
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| **Please provide an outline of your proposal.*** You can provide as much information as you want, and are welcome to attach any additional supporting information.
* If you are at an early planning stage, you are welcome to set out your high-level aspirations and thinking to date.
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| **How would your project support the objectives of this fund?** You don’t have to provide information in relation to all of the fund objectives and criteria, as some of this will have to be determined by officials. The key information that will help us here is:**Objective 1 – reduce energy costs for target households; and****Objective 2 – improved health and wellbeing outcomes for target households*** Who would benefit from your proposed project, and how?
	+ We are particularly interested in seeing the benefits for people in energy hardship, and for people most vulnerable to hardship (for example, tamariki and elderly people who often suffer the worst health impacts from cold and damp homes).
	+ We also would like to understand how your proposal would achieve these benefits – i.e. how would it lower energy costs and enable warmer, healthier homes?

**Objective 3 – improve knowledge on the costs, benefits and design options for distributed energy solutions at a household level*** Are you happy to work with officials to help evaluate the positive outcomes of this funding (for example, measuring changes to power bills and improved health outcomes)?

**Objective 4 – provide reliable and secure energy source to target households*** If you do not have access to reliable energy, how will this project improve your energy supply?

**Objective 7 - positive impacts for target Māori households, informed by kaupapa Māori**

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* We believe we can get the best outcomes through collaboration between officials and project partners. Are you happy to share your knowledge and collaborate with officials to design projects that maximise benefits and help us grow our collective knowledge?
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| **Will your proposal support any wider community initiatives around housing, energy or wellbeing? If so, which ones?**  |
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| **What is the estimated cost of your proposal? (if you have undertaken any costings)** |
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|  **Have you sought support from other government funding sources for this project? YES/NO** |
| **If YES – please specify potential funders below** | **$** |
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