

# Tourism Infrastructure Fund – Round Seven

## Priorities Statement

The Tourism Infrastructure Fund (TIF) has been providing financial support to local government to meet infrastructure needs resulting from increased visitor growth, particularly where the local community is unable to respond in a timely way without assistance.

New Zealand regions have been impacted by a number of extreme weather events over the past year. Round seven of the TIF will continue to ensure central government support and investment in local government infrastructure by assisting councils to provide and maintain facilities for New Zealanders and international visitors as they return to assist the local economies to recover. In addition projects which improve the resilience of visitor related infrastructure will be prioritised.

### Government's priorities for round seven

TIF applications are assessed against the TIF eligibility and assessment criteria agreed by Cabinet. Round seven will continue to prioritise projects that demonstrate the need for additional visitor-related public infrastructure.

Applications are invited from **all** councils.

Applications from councils where visitor-related infrastructure has been affected by recent extreme weather events in the last year will be prioritised, as will upgrades to improve resilience in regions particularly where there is a low rate-payer base and high visitor numbers.

Projects should also:

- provide innovative approaches to infrastructure needs
- ensure the resilience of visitor-related infrastructure
- provide sustainable investment which ensures that visitors contribute to the ongoing costs of infrastructure
- use best endeavours to construct any infrastructure out of carbon-neutral building materials
- make use of technology where possible
- address capacity issues and future-proof the proposed infrastructure

This will include any capital works required for:

- Infrastructure to manage responsible camping
- Destination Management priority visitor related infrastructure projects
- Consideration will also be given to visitor-related public infrastructure repairs given recent significant weather events.

### Further details

Further information on the TIF, including the eligibility and assessment criteria, can be found on MBIE's website at:

<https://www.mbie.govt.nz/immigration-and-tourism/tourism/tourism-funding/tourism-infrastructure-fund/>

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