

## BRIEFING

### Government support to Manawatū-Whanganui, October 2022

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| <b>Date:</b>                    | 21 October 2022 | <b>Priority:</b>        | Low       |
| <b>Security classification:</b> | In Confidence   | <b>Tracking number:</b> | 2223-1431 |

| Action sought  |   |                 |
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|  | Action sought   | Deadline        |
| Hon Stuart Nash<br><b>Minister for Economic and Regional Development</b> | <p><b>Note</b> that Kānoa – RDU has supported 164 projects in Manawatū-Whanganui worth over \$281 million.</p> <p><b>Note</b> that there are seven Regional Strategic Partnership Fund projects in the investment pipeline.</p> <p><b>Note</b> that the Government has provided over \$23 million to the Ruapehu district to support the tourism sector, including \$15 million to Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited (RAL).</p> <p><b>Note</b> that Kānoa – RDU is continuing to engage with the voluntary administrators of RAL as the company progresses through the voluntary administration process.</p> | 28 October 2022 |

| Contact for telephone discussion (if required) |  |                            |             |
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| Name   | Position   | Telephone                  | 1st contact |
| Robert Pigou                                   | Deputy Chief Executive and Head of Kānoa – Regional Economic Development & Investment Unit (Kānoa – RDU) | Privacy of natural persons | ✓           |

| The following departments/agencies have been consulted |
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| MBIE Tourism   |

Minister's office to complete:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Approved             | <input type="checkbox"/> Declined            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noted                | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs change        |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> See Minister's Notes | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn           |

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#### Purpose

This briefing provides an update on Government support to the Manawatū-Whanganui region following a request for further information from your office on 13 October 2022.

#### Recommended action

Kānoa – Regional Economic Development & Investment (Kānoa – RDU) recommends that you:

- a **Note** that Kānoa – RDU has supported 164 regional economic development projects in the Manawatū-Whanganui region worth over \$281 million. *Noted*
- b **Note** that there are two approved Regional Strategic Partnership Fund projects and a further five in the assessment pipeline in the Manawatū-Whanganui region. *Noted*
- c **Note** that the Government has provided over \$23 million to the Ruapehu district to support the tourism sector, including \$15 million to Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited (RAL). *Noted*
- d **Note** that while the Ruapehu ski fields are an important tourism offering for the Ruapehu district, the district also has a strong summer tourism offering. *Noted*
- e **Note** that Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited (RAL) went into Voluntary Administration on 11 October 2022. *Noted*
- f **Note** that Kānoa – RDU is continuing to engage with the voluntary administrators. *Noted*

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21/10/2022

Hon Stuart Nash  
**Minister for Economic and Regional  
Development**

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## Background

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1. You requested an update on the Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited's (RAL) move to voluntary administration and information on wider government support to the Manawatū-Whanganui region.
2. Your office indicated you would like this briefing to cover:
  - a. A brief summary of RAL moving to voluntary liquidation;
  - b. Other projects in this region to include investments through the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF), Regional Strategic Partnership Fund (RSPF) and Infrastructure Reference Group (IRG);
  - c. The pipeline of Regional Strategic Partnership Fund projects in the Manawatū-Whanganui region; and
  - d. The relative importance of the ski fields to tourism in the region and to include information on other reasons people visit it.
3. Your office also asked for estimates of unemployment in the area and the ability for the workers to be reabsorbed into other businesses. We have been unable to provide this in the timeframe given as this information is not held by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE).

## Government support and investment in the Manawatū-Whanganui Region

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4. The support for economic development that Government has made available to the Manawatū-Whanganui region is wide-ranging and far-reaching. For example, the Provincial Growth Fund has provided grants to many Manawatū-Whanganui businesses and communities that are supporting both tourism businesses and the wider economy.

### MBIE funding to Manawatū-Whanganui as of 31 August 2022

5. There are 164 Regional Economic Development projects in the Manawatū-Whanganui region worth over \$281 million. **Annex One** provides a full breakdown of Kānoa - RDU's funding to the region.

| Funds   | Approved funding     | Contracted funding   | Paid funding         |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Provincial Growth Fund                          | \$209,545,807        | \$204,520,807        | \$145,064,172        |
| COVID-19: Infrastructure Investment (CRRF)      | \$65,125,000         | \$65,125,000         | \$29,959,967         |
| Regional Strategic Partnership Fund             | \$3,750,000          | \$0                  | \$0                  |
| COVID-19 Response - Worker Redeployment Package | \$2,396,631          | \$2,396,631          | \$2,396,631          |
| Regional Growth Initiatives                     | \$868,000            | \$868,000            | \$863,000            |
| <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>\$281,685,438</b> | <b>\$272,910,438</b> | <b>\$178,256,741</b> |

6. The five sectors that received the most funding in the Manawatū-Whanganui region out of these respective funds are:
  - a. Rail (\$43.4 million);
  - b. Tourism (\$39 million);
  - c. Forestry (\$35.4 million);
  - d. Infrastructure Reference Group – Climate Resilience (\$26.9 million); and
  - e. Training Skills / Employment (\$26.8 million).

### Regional Strategic Partnership Funding

7. The Regional Strategic Partnership Fund (RSPF) aims to support strategic investments and improve strategic partnerships between central government and regional partners to enable greater economic development. Accelerate25 Lead Team is the partnership group in the Manawatū-Whanganui region, with Te Pae Tawhiti (a Māori economic development strategy for the region) guiding Māori economic development.
8. Accelerate25 Lead Team identified the following priorities for economic development in their region:
  - a. Sustainable food and fibre production, food-tech, and agri-tech;
  - b. Visitors/tourism;
  - c. Māori economy – Te Pae Tawhiti; and
  - d. Specialist services – focused on business attraction and clustering to create innovations.

Further detail of these priorities is provided in **Annex Two**.

### *RSPF funding approved in the Manawatū-Whanganui region*

9. As at 18 October 2022, RED Ministers have approved two projects through the RSPF.
  - a. **Plentyful Ltd** was approved for an up to \$2 million loan and/or equity funding to develop a \$<sup>com</sup> million manufacturing facility in Marton to produce sustainable packaging products using bioplastics (briefing 2122-4337 refers).
  - b. **Techlam Limited** was approved for a \$1.75 million loan to support a \$3.5 million expansion project involving procurement and installation of new equipment for manufacturing of high value products for the construction industry. The company is based in Levin (briefing 2122-4337 refers).

### *RSPF pipeline of projects in the Manawatū-Whanganui region*

10. As at 18 October 2022, there are five proposals in investment pipeline based in the Manawatū-Whanganui region.
11. The following three proposals have been outlined for your initial consideration (briefing 2223-1100 refers):
  - a. Commercial Information  

  - b. Commercial Information  


- c. Commercial Information [REDACTED]
12. Once your initial feedback is received on a proposal, Kānoa – RDU carries out a full evaluation which includes detailed due diligence, evaluation and consultation with relevant agencies.
13. Commercial Information [REDACTED]
14. Commercial Information [REDACTED]

## Government has invested in the tourism sector in Ruapehu

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15. The Government has provided over \$23 million to the Ruapehu district to support the tourism sector. This includes \$15 million to RAL and a further \$8.89 million through a range of tourism investment funds.
16. This includes support through:
- a. Regional Tourism Organisation (RTO) funding;
  - b. the Strategic Tourism Assets Protection Programme (STAPP);
  - c. the Domestic Events Fund;
  - d. the Tourism Infrastructure Fund (TIF) and Responsible Camping (Tourism Facilities Development Grant (TFDG)); and
  - e. Ngā Haerenga, the New Zealand Cycle Trail Fund.
17. **Annex Three** provides a summary of the tourism funding provided to the Ruapehu district, excluding the Provincial Growth Fund investment in RAL.
18. In addition, Ruapehu district also received a portion of a \$3.75 million investment into the Thermal Explorer Highway Regional Events Fund which supports events in the Waikato, Rotorua, Taupō and Ruapehu regions. This investment is part of the \$50 million Regional Events Fund which was announced in September 2020 as part of the Government's COVID-19 response package. The purpose of the fund, which is administered by MBIE, is to stimulate domestic tourism and travel between regions through hosting of events, which is intended to replace expenditure from international tourists.

## The Ruapehu district as a tourism destination

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### The Ruapehu ski fields are an important tourism offering for the Ruapehu district

19. The importance of the ski fields is that it gives the Ruapehu district a winter tourism offering many regions do not have.
20. From 2018-2021, approximately 42% of domestic Tourism Electronic Card Transaction (TECT) spend over the year happened in the winter months in Ruapehu, compared to 23%

at the national level. It is unlikely that activities other than skiing would generate this winter business.

21. The population of the Ruapehu district also swells with this winter business, which has flow on benefits for the number of services and businesses available to residents.
22. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, different restrictions during the response are likely to have impacted the local population in the Ruapehu district.
  - a. For 2019-2021, the local population of the region covered by the Ruapehu Regional Tourism Organisation (RTO) peaked in July or August. In 2022 (up to August), the peak was in April (although only 200 less in August and July). Variation in the population of the region over the last 2.5 years has been affected by COVID-19 response measures, including the 2021 delta lockdowns in Auckland.
  - b. The local population in the peak month in 2019 (August) was 64% higher than the lowest month (May). The high variation in the increase in population between the peak month and low month in 2020 and 2021 will have been impacted by restrictions on regional movement during the March 2020 lockdown and the suspension of the Trans-Tasman travel bubble in May 2021. For 2022, the increase in population in the peak month was only 16% (April versus February), noting the full 2022 year data is not yet available.
23. In July and August 2022, the local population was over 20% lower than the average across the same months in 2019-2021. The population in July and August 2022 may reflect increased international travel as New Zealand's border restrictions were eased.

|      | Peak month      | Low month         | Increase |
|------|-----------------|-------------------|----------|
| 2019 | August (19,700) | May (12,100)      | 64%      |
| 2020 | July (21,500)   | April (11,500)    | 87%      |
| 2021 | July (20,300)   | May (15,000)      | 35%      |
| 2022 | April (15,100)  | February (13,300) | 16%      |

### **However, the Ruapehu district has a strong tourism offering in the summer**

24. The Tongariro Alpine Crossing is New Zealand's most popular day walk and is particularly popular with international visitors. In the 2021/22 year around 30,000 people walked this track, down 79% from pre-COVID.
25. The Mountains to Sea Cycle Trail also runs through the district. The Mountains to Sea Cycle Trail is a 217km multi-day cycle journey from Mt Ruapehu to Whanganui via the Whanganui River.
26. Since 2009, the Ngā Haerenga, the New Zealand Cycle Trail Fund has contributed just over \$4.43 million to the construction and ongoing maintenance of the Mountains to Sea cycle trail. This includes funding to DOC, Ruapehu District Council and Whanganui District Council, of which \$3.23 million has been provided to Ruapehu District Council.
  - a. \$777,000 in 2010 for construction, including to bring some existing DOC trails up to the NZCT cycle trail design specifications
  - b. \$2 million in 2020 to extend the trail from Tūroa to Ohakune and for the Horopito return link trail (This project also received \$4.66 million from the Provincial Growth Fund)

- c. \$1.65 million for maintenance, enhancements, extreme event recovery and some operational expenses.
27. A 2021 Evaluation of the Great Rides commissioned by MBIE found that for the year ended June 2021 there were 31,384 users of the Mountains to Sea cycle trail, comprising 5,217 pedestrians and 26,177 cyclists.
  28. The most popular section of the Mountains to Sea is the Old Coach Road which links Horopito and Ohakune. For the year to date MBIE Tourism officials estimate 16,400 cyclists have ridden the Old Coach Road. Using an estimate of 56 cyclists per day, this could result in over 20,600 cyclists for this calendar year.

## **Update on Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Voluntary Administration**

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### **Background information**

29. RAL operates the Whakapapa and Tūroa ski areas on Mt Ruapehu and owns the assets of the two ski areas. RAL has faced significant financial challenges over the last 3 years due to COVID-19 restrictions and closure of New Zealand's borders (in 2020 and 2021) and a very poor 2022 ski season due to unfavourable weather conditions.
30. On 23 September 2022 Kānoa – RDU received a letter from RAL with an urgent request for Crown funding assistance. Kānoa – RDU engaged external consultants (Chapman Tripp and Calibre Partners) to assist its evaluation of the request.
31. On 6 October 2022, in your capacity as Minister for Regional and Economic Development, you and the Minister of Finance agreed that the Crown would decline the funding request and not provide any further funding to RAL (briefing 2223-1216 refers).
32. Kānoa – RDU informed RAL of this decision at their Board meeting on 10 October 2022. Subsequently, on 11 October 2022, RAL announced they had gone into Voluntary Administration.
33. On 11 October 2022, John Fisk and Richard Nacey of Pricewaterhouse Coopers (PwC) were appointed voluntary administrators for RAL.

### **Current status of the voluntary administration process**

34. On Thursday 20 October, you joined a Zoom call with the Mayors and Chief Executives of Taupo and Ruapehu District Councils.
35. They explained the challenges posed for their communities if RAL did not continue to operate the two ski fields. They sought assistance from the Crown by way of a \$<sup>Commercial</sup> million bridging facility to enable RAL to continue to operate, and prepare for the 2023 ski seasons, whilst a longer term more sustainable solution could be found.
36. Kānoa – RDU officials continue to work closely with the Voluntary Administrators, the ANZ Bank and Bondholders as this situation unfolds.

### **Next steps**

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37. Kānoa – RDU will continue to update you as the RAL Voluntary Administration progresses via Kānoa – RDU's weekly report and briefings as required.
38. You may wish to discuss this briefing with Kānoa – RDU and tourism officials.

## **Annexes**

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Annex One: MBIE Managed Funds in Manawatū-Whanganui

Annex Two: Key priorities for the RSPF to fund for Manawatū-Whanganui

Annex Three: Summary of tourism funding for Ruapehu district, excluding Provincial Growth Fund investment in RAL

## **Annex One: MBIE managed funds in Manawatū-Whanganui**

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Attached as separate annex.



## Region in the spotlight – Manawatū-Whanganui/Horowhenua\*

| Kānoa – RDU managed funds in Manawatū-Whanganui/Horowhenua |                      |                      |                      |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
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| Top five funded sectors in Manawatū-Whanganui/Horowhenua                              |                              |                  |
|---|------------------------------|------------------|
|   | Sector                       | Approved Funding |
|    | Rail                         | \$43,400,000     |
|    | Tourism                      | \$39,385,409     |
|    | Forestry                     | \$35,450,016     |
|   | IRG – Climate Resilience     | \$26,925,000     |
|  | Training Skills / Employment | \$26,880,062     |

**Total number of projects in Manawatū-Whanganui/Horowhenua**

164

\*Figures are as at 31 August 2022. Kānoa – RDU uses a parent/child structure. This structure is used when there is one application for multiple projects, one project receives funding from multiple allocations, one project receives multiple funding types, or a single contract covers multiple projects e.g., clusters of separate marae. The approved, contracted, and paid figures are either represented at the parent or children level depending on operational needs. Some parent projects may not have all corresponding children projects within the same report if they cross regions and/or sectors.

| Complete (97)  |  |   |              |                  |              |
|--|--|---|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| Project Title  | Recipient                                    | Fund  | Funding Type | Approved Funding | Paid Funding |
| Whanganui Cook Island Christian Church & Whanganui Fijian Assembly of God Church-Revitalisation Project                | Whanganui Cook Island's Trust                | COVID-19 Response - Worker Redeployment Package | Grant        | \$285,527        | \$285,527    |
| The Congregational Christian Church in Samoa EFKS Palmerston North Renovations   | The Congregational Christian Church in Samoa | COVID-19 Response - Worker Redeployment Package | Grant        | \$500,000        | \$472,971    |
| Fale Lotu Connections  | Horowhenua District Council                  | COVID-19 Response - Worker Redeployment Package | Grant        | \$1,461,172      | \$1,461,172  |
| Horowhenua Business Park Infrastructure  | The Horowhenua Company Limited               | COVID-19: Infrastructure Investment (CRRF)      | Grant        | \$2,900,000      | \$2,900,000  |
| 1BT Grants - Manawatū-Whanganui/Horowhenua   | Various                                      | Provincial Growth Fund                          | Grant        | \$1,489,259      | \$1,489,259  |
| Horizons Regional Afforestation Initiative - Stage 1   | Horizons Regional Council                    | Provincial Growth Fund                          | Grant        | \$587,279        | \$587,279    |
| Tararua District Council - Right Tree Right Place  | Tararua District Council                     | Provincial Growth Fund                          | Grant        | \$145,000        | \$145,000    |
| Ngā Puna Rau o Rangitikei - additional capacity  | Ngā Puna Rau o Rangitikei                    | Provincial Growth Fund                          | Grant        | \$30,000         | \$30,000     |
| Increased cleaning of temporary ablution blocks, as well as a custodian and security at Vinegar Hill and 3 other sites | Manawatū District Council                    | Provincial Growth Fund                          | Grant        | \$34,564         | \$34,564     |
| Responsible Camping 2020/21  | Palmerston North City Council                | Provincial Growth Fund                          | Grant        | \$31,800         | \$31,800     |
| Whanganui Rail Upgrade   | KiwiRail Holdings Limited                    | Provincial Growth Fund                          | Grant        | \$3,000,000      | \$2,174,135  |
| Food HQ Executive Director   | Massey University                            | Provincial Growth Fund                          | Grant        | \$150,000        | \$150,000    |
| Whanganui Port - Geotechnical Feasibility  | Whanganui District Council                   | Provincial Growth Fund                          | Grant        | \$90,000         | \$90,000     |
| Ruapehu Alpine Lift  | Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited                 | Provincial Growth Fund                          | Loan         | \$10,000,000     | \$10,000,000 |
| Timber waste manufacturing   | Fomana Capital Limited                       | Provincial Growth Fund                          | Grant        | \$45,000         | \$45,000     |
| Pathways Horowhenua - Feasibility Study  | Horowhenua District Council                  | Provincial Growth Fund                          | Grant        | \$50,000         | \$50,000     |
| Rangitikei PGF Application Capability Resourcing   | Rangitikei District Council                  | Provincial Growth Fund                          | Grant        | \$25,000         | \$25,000     |

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| District Tourism & Trails Strategy including district and urban walkways / cycleways                    | Tararua District Council                                    | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$60,000    | \$60,000    |
| National Driver Training Centre - delivering the driving workforce to Manawatū-Whanganui key industries | Manfeild Park Trust   | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$607,000   | \$588,783   |
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| FoodHQ Plus   | The Factory NZ Limited (On behalf of Food HQ)               | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$100,000   | \$100,000   |
| Transitional Programme Manager - Ruapehu Regional Visitor Development Plan Implementation               | Ruapehu District Council                                    | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$85,000    | \$85,000    |
| Alternative Land Use Options for the Tararua District   | Tararua District Council                                    | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$100,000   | \$100,000   |
| Turakina Māori Girls College Redevelopment Project - Te Poho o Tuariki                                  | Te Rūnanga o ngā Wairiki - Ngāti Apa                        | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$95,000    | \$95,000    |
| Industry for the Future   | Manawatū District Council                                   | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$81,864    | \$81,864    |
| Kaitahi Food Innovation Factory Project   | Kii Tahi Limited  | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$98,000    | \$98,000    |
| Manawatū River Loop at Foxton   | Horowhenua District Council                                 | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$100,000   | \$100,000   |
| Programme Coordinator for Ruapehu Regional Visitor Development Plan                                     | Ruapehu District Council                                    | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$300,000   | \$300,000   |
| Transforming Te Apiti into a major tourism destination  | Central Economic Development Agency                         | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$100,000   | \$100,000   |
| Whanganui Rangitikei Land Use Optimisation Project  | Whanganui and Partners Limited (Whanganui District Council) | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$35,000    | \$30,000    |
| Advanced Aviation Hub   | Whanganui District Council Holdings Limited                 | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$400,000   | \$400,000   |
| Te Apiti, Te Whenua o ngā Atua  | Kahungunu Ki Tamaki Nui-A-Rua Trust                         | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$100,000   | \$100,000   |
| Manawatū-Whanganui Rural Innovation Lab Pilot   | Massey University   | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$400,000   | \$400,000   |
| Awawhiti Cress - Acceleration of Business expansion   | Awawhiti Trust  | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$90,000    | \$90,000    |
| Accelerate25 - Delivery of Manawatū-Whanganui Economic Action Plan                                      | Horizons Regional Council                                   | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$200,000   | \$200,000   |
| Pou Tangāta -Te whakairo hei huarahi ki te mahi   | Uenuku Charitable Trust                                     | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$50,000    | \$50,000    |

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| Intensive Induction Training for new staff   | GPSOS Limited   | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$39,000     | \$39,000     |
| Sarjeant Gallery Te Whare o Rehua Whanganui Redevelopment: Revitalisation of a key regional tourism asset. | Whanganui District Council                                  | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$12,000,000 | \$12,000,000 |
| Dannevirke Rail Hub, Evaluation  | Tararua District Council                                    | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$400,000    | \$396,257    |
| PGF Application Support  | Tararua District Council                                    | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$30,000     | \$30,000     |
| Application Support for Whanganui PGF Projects   | Whanganui and Partners Limited (Whanganui District Council) | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$40,000     | \$40,000     |
| Levin/Horowhenua Integrated Transport Hub: passenger and freight rail opportunities                        | Horowhenua District Council                                 | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$40,000     | \$40,000     |
| Vinegar Hill Community Stock Water Scheme Design   | Manawatū District Council                                   | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$90,000     | \$90,000     |
| Paetawa Station Development  | Heeni Investment Company Limited                            | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$457,477    | \$457,477    |
| Ruahuihui Trust - Ngāpaeruru 1B2B  | The Trustees of the Ngāpaeruru 1B2B Ahuawhenua Trust        | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$210,000    | \$210,000    |
| Capability to support priority project   | Central Economic Development Agency Limited                 | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$40,000     | \$40,000     |
| Foxton Regeneration  | Horowhenua District Council                                 | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$3,860,000  | \$3,860,000  |
| Ruapehu Economic Support Package   | Ruapehu District Council                                    | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$1,330,000  | \$1,330,000  |
| Horowhenua Economic Support Package  | Horowhenua District Council                                 | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$1,650,000  | \$1,650,000  |
| Tararua Economic Support Package   | Tararua District Council                                    | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$500,000    | \$500,000    |
| Whanganui Economic Support Package   | Whanganui District Council                                  | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$2,040,000  | \$2,040,000  |
| Hiruharama Māori blocks, Jerusalem   | Aorangi Whanau Trust  | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$630,000    | \$630,000    |
| Manawatū Whanganui – Te Awa o Whanganui (Cluster 2) - Putiki Marae   | Te Poho o Matapihi Trust                                    | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$500,000    | \$500,000    |
| Manawatū Whanganui – Te Awa o Whanganui (Cluster 2) - Te Ao Hou Marae                                      | Te Poho o Matapihi Trust                                    | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$129,133    | \$129,133    |
| Horowhenua Cluster – Timata Ana Mai - Kereru Marae   | Te Rūnanga o Raukawa Incorporated                           | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$165,509    | \$165,498    |
| Horowhenua Cluster – Timata Ana Mai - Kikopiri   | Te Rūnanga o Raukawa Incorporated                           | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant | \$169,547    | \$169,547    |

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| Whangāehu Marae Restoration & Renovation                            | Rakautaua 1C Māori Reservation – Whangāehu Marae | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$377,123  | \$377,123          |
| Marton Community Facilities Project                                 | Rangitikei District Council                      | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$500,000  | \$500,000          |
| Ngātokowaru Marae Renovation 2020                                   | Ngātokowaru Marae Committee                      | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$106,414  | \$106,414          |
| <b>Te Manaakitanga o Muaupoko - PARENT DEAL</b>                     | <b>Muaupoko Tribal Authority Incorporated</b>    | <b>Provincial Growth Fund</b> | <b>Grant</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$945,445</b>   |
| Te Manaakitanga o Muaupoko - Kawiu Marae                            | Muaupoko Tribal Authority Incorporated           | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$466,895  | \$0                |
| Te Manaakitanga o Muaupoko - Kohuturoa Marae                        | Muaupoko Tribal Authority Incorporated           | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$478,550  | \$0                |
| Otukopiri Koriniti Marae Development                                | Koriniti Marae Māori Reservation Trust           | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$287,183  | \$287,183          |
| Te Kahu o te Marae  | Te Iwi o Ngāti Tukorehe Trust                    | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$482,108  | \$433,898          |
| Taumarunui – Renovation of Marae Cluster - Whanau Maria Marae       | Ngāti Rangatahi Whanaunga Association            | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$47,680   | \$47,680           |
| Taumarunui – Renovation of Marae Cluster - Kauriki Marae            | Ngāti Rangatahi Whanaunga Association            | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$128,276  | \$128,276          |
| Taumarunui – Renovation of Marae Cluster - ngāpuwaiwaha Marae       | Ngāti Rangatahi Whanaunga Association            | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$341,893  | \$341,893          |
| Taumarunui – Renovation of Marae Cluster - Hikairoa / Te Rena Marae | Ngāti Rangatahi Whanaunga Association            | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$61,802   | \$61,802           |
| Taumarunui – Renovation of Marae Cluster - Wharaurua Marae          | Ngāti Rangatahi Whanaunga Association            | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$487,620  | \$487,620          |
| Taumarunui – Renovation of Marae Cluster - Takaputiraha Marae       | Ngāti Rangatahi Whanaunga Association            | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$58,817   | \$58,817           |
| Taumarunui – Renovation of Marae Cluster - Manu Ariki Marae         | Ngāti Rangatahi Whanaunga Association            | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$199,574  | \$199,574          |
| Taumarunui – Renovation of Marae Cluster - Maniaiti Marae           | Ngāti Rangatahi Whanaunga Association            | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$234,717  | \$234,717          |
| <b>Te Reureu Cluster - PARENT DEAL</b>                              | <b>Reureu Kotahitanga Limited</b>                | <b>Provincial Growth Fund</b> | <b>Grant</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$1,248,067</b> |
| Te Reureu Cluster - Te Hiiri  | Reureu Kotahitanga Limited                       | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$440,427  | \$0                |
| Te Reureu Cluster - Te Tikangā                                      | Reureu Kotahitanga Limited                       | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$256,912  | \$0                |
| Te Reureu Cluster - Taumata o Te ra                                 | Reureu Kotahitanga Limited                       | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$90,814   | \$0                |

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|---|--|-----------------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|
| Te Reureu Cluster - Poupatate   | Reureu Kotahitanga Limited                     | Provincial Growth Fund      | Grant | \$69,196  | \$0       |
| Te Reureu Cluster - Kauwhata  | Reureu Kotahitanga Limited                     | Provincial Growth Fund      | Grant | \$95,205  | \$0       |
| Te Reureu Cluster - Parewahawaha  | Reureu Kotahitanga Limited                     | Provincial Growth Fund      | Grant | \$295,513 | \$0       |
| Te Rangimarie Marae and associated lands  | Te Rangimarie Marae Trustee                    | Provincial Growth Fund      | Grant | \$249,539 | \$249,539 |
| Toilet and rubbish facilities associated operating costs across a range of locations  | Rangitikei District Council                    | Provincial Growth Fund      | Grant | \$37,071  | \$32,597  |
| Responsible Camping 2020/21   | Rangitikei District Council                    | Provincial Growth Fund      | Grant | \$40,820  | \$40,820  |
| Responsible Camping 2020/21   | Ruapehu District Council                       | Provincial Growth Fund      | Grant | \$14,500  | \$8,977   |
| Mowing, toilets cleaning and rubbish collection for overnight camping sites   | Tararua District Council                       | Provincial Growth Fund      | Grant | \$25,960  | \$25,960  |
| Responsible Camping 2020/21   | Tararua District Council                       | Provincial Growth Fund      | Grant | \$28,824  | \$28,824  |
| Mangatainoka Reserve  | Tararua District Council                       | Provincial Growth Fund      | Grant | \$102,404 | \$102,404 |
| Pipiriki Water and Wastewater Feasibility Study   | Ruapehu District Council                       | Provincial Growth Fund      | Grant | \$53,900  | \$53,900  |
| Big Belly Bin Installation  | Ruapehu District Council                       | Provincial Growth Fund      | Grant | \$129,808 | \$109,947 |
| Public Toilets Taupō Quay freedom camping area and bus shelter  | Whanganui District Council                     | Provincial Growth Fund      | Grant | \$150,644 | \$150,644 |
| Establishment of an ambassador programme to provide education relating to campers and locals on responsible camping in the area | Whanganui District Council                     | Provincial Growth Fund      | Grant | \$12,000  | \$12,000  |
| Responsible Camping 2020/21   | Whanganui District Council                     | Provincial Growth Fund      | Grant | \$53,000  | \$53,000  |
| Te Pae Tawhiti Implementation   | Ministry of Māori Development - Te Puni Kōkiri | Regional Growth Initiatives | Grant | \$40,000  | \$40,000  |
| Manawatū-Whanganui - Accelerate 25 Implementation Support   | Horizons Regional Council                      | Regional Growth Initiatives | Grant | \$50,000  | \$50,000  |
| Manawatū-Whanganui - Lake Horowhenua Walk and Cycle Way Scoping Design Document   | Horowhenua District Council                    | Regional Growth Initiatives | Grant | \$20,000  | \$20,000  |
| Quality Care and Lifestyle for Older People Master Plan   | Horowhenua District Council                    | Regional Growth Initiatives | Grant | \$40,000  | \$40,000  |
| Manawatū-Whanganui - Work Ready Passport  | Manawatū Chamber of Commerce                   | Regional Growth Initiatives | Grant | \$23,000  | \$23,000  |

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|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Manawatū-Whanganui - Development of Regional Economy via Tourism | Ruapehu District Council   | Regional Growth Initiatives | Grant | \$60,000            | \$55,000            |
| Tourism and Visitor Services: Destination Proposition            | Ruapehu District Council   | Regional Growth Initiatives | Grant | \$135,000           | \$135,000           |
| Manawatū-Whanganui - Port Revitalisation Business Case           | Whanganui District Council | Regional Growth Initiatives | Grant | \$500,000           | \$500,000           |
|  |                            |                             |       | <b>\$57,675,320</b> | <b>\$56,396,387</b> |

| <b>Contracted (64)</b>  |  |   |                     |                         |                     |
|---|--|---|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Project Title</b>  | <b>Recipient</b>                                       | <b>Fund</b>                                     | <b>Funding Type</b> | <b>Approved Funding</b> | <b>Paid Funding</b> |
| Renovation of Church Assets Premises - Haydon Street                            | Te Tihi O Ruahine Whanau Ora Alliance Charitable Trust | COVID-19 Response - Worker Redeployment Package | Grant               | \$149,932               | \$149,932           |
| Sarjeant Gallery  | Whanganui District Council                             | COVID-19: Infrastructure Investment (CRRF)      | Grant               | \$11,600,000            | \$4,500,000         |
| Marton Rail Hub   | Rangitikei District Council                            | COVID-19: Infrastructure Investment (CRRF)      | Grant               | \$9,100,000             | \$1,137,000         |
| Boundary Central Hawkes Bay to Weber  | Tararua District Council                               | COVID-19: Infrastructure Investment (CRRF)      | Grant               | \$14,600,000            | \$9,800,000         |
| Manawatū-Whanganui Climate Resilience Programme (CRP) - Foxton Flood Protection | Horizons Regional Council                              | COVID-19: Infrastructure Investment (CRRF)      | Grant               | \$6,525,000             | \$2,180,765         |
| Manawatū-Whanganui CRP - Palmerston North Flood Protection                      | Horizons Regional Council                              | COVID-19: Infrastructure Investment (CRRF)      | Grant               | \$5,250,000             | \$2,243,479         |
| Manawatū-Whanganui CRP - Lower Manawatū Scheme Resilience                       | Horizons Regional Council                              | COVID-19: Infrastructure Investment (CRRF)      | Grant               | \$11,250,000            | \$4,885,912         |
| Manawatū-Whanganui CRP - Rangitikei Scheme Enhancement/Resilience               | Horizons Regional Council                              | COVID-19: Infrastructure Investment (CRRF)      | Grant               | \$3,900,000             | \$2,312,811         |
| 1BT Grants - Manawatū-Whanganui/Horowhenua                                      | Various  | Provincial Growth Fund                          | Grant               | \$5,107,290             | \$2,155,140         |
| Sustainable Land Use Initiative   | Horizons Regional Council                              | Provincial Growth Fund                          | Grant               | \$5,832,432             | \$4,006,330         |
| Supplementary SLUI Programme  | Horizons Regional Council                              | Provincial Growth Fund                          | Grant               | \$66,907                | \$66,907            |
| Hiruharama Māori blocks, Jerusalem  | Aorangi Whanau Trust                                   | Provincial Growth Fund                          | Grant               | \$500,000               | \$459,350           |

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| Rangitikei awa restoration project  | Ngā Puna Rau o Rangitikei                   | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant         | \$2,750,000  | \$2,685,000  |
| Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust - Park restoration project                  | Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust         | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant         | \$181,048    | \$50,497     |
| Afforestation Grants Scheme - Manawatū-Whanganui/Horowhenua                     | Various                                     | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant         | \$936,174    | \$936,174    |
| Crown Forestry Joint Ventures - Manawatū-Whanganui/Horowhenua                   | Various                                     | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant         | \$18,411,907 | \$6,259,439  |
| The Herb Farm: Manufacturing and Capability Expansion                           | The Herb Farm & Cafe Limited                | Provincial Growth Fund | Loan          | \$261,000    | \$260,869    |
| Central North Island Regional Growth Hub  | KiwiRail                                    | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant         | \$40,000,000 | \$35,130,000 |
| Ruapehu Trails - Te Ara Mangāwhero and Missing Link Trails                      | Ruapehu District Council                    | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant         | \$4,665,933  | \$250,000    |
| Whanganui Work Ready Passport Initiative  | Wangānui District Employment Training Trust | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant         | \$94,500     | \$94,500     |
| Whanganui Work Ready Passport Initiative  | Wangānui District Employment Training Trust | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant         | \$180,000    | \$140,000    |
| The sustainable spatial use of the National Park                                | Department of Conservation                  | Provincial Growth Fund | Vote Transfer | \$250,000    | \$43,000     |
| The Manawatū-Wangānui Bio-forestry Alliance ("The Alliance")                    | NZ Bio Forestry Ltd                         | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant         | \$380,500    | \$331,208    |
| Lower Whanganui River Training Structures                                       | Horizons Regional Council                   | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant         | \$7,500,000  | \$3,400,000  |
| Q-West Boat Builders - Marine New Build, Refit, Repair and Maintenance Precinct | Q-West Property Limited                     | Provincial Growth Fund | Loan          | \$5,250,000  | \$2,450,000  |
| Talent Central - Equipping Young People for the World of Work                   | Talent Central Charitable Trust             | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant         | \$1,778,000  | \$1,457,000  |
| Regional Digital Hub Proposal - Te Pae Tata                                     | Ngā Waihua o Paerangi                       | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant         | \$399,628    | \$346,000    |
| Regional Digital Hub, Woodville, Tararua District                               | Tararua District Council                    | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant         | \$400,000    | \$325,000    |
| Pukaha Environment and Ecology Programme Te Wanangā Taiao                       | Pukaha Mount Bruce Board                    | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant         | \$2,500,000  | \$1,550,000  |
| Whanganui Port Revitalisation Infrastructure                                    | Whanganui District Council                  | Provincial Growth Fund | Equity        | \$12,500,000 | \$3,000,000  |
| The Ruapehu Whanau Transformation   | Ngā Waihua o Paerangi Trust                 | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant         | \$960,000    | \$793,125    |
| Pathways Horowhenua (Get - Go)  | The Horowhenua Company Limited              | Provincial Growth Fund | Grant         | \$806,277    | \$700,300    |

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| Digital Hub – Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-po - Levin   | Horowhenua District Council                                      | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$400,000    | \$400,000        |
| Kii Tahī Foundation Food Processing & Manufacturing Facility<br>Commercial Information                 | Kii Tahī Limited   | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$184,572    | \$0              |
| Kii Tahī Foundation Food Processing & Manufacturing Facility<br>Commercial Information                 | Kii Tahī Limited   | Provincial Growth Fund        | Loan         | \$928,704    | \$0              |
| Kii Tahī Foundation Food Processing & Manufacturing Facility<br>Commercial Information                 | Kii Tahī Limited   | Provincial Growth Fund        | Loan         | \$271,296    | \$0              |
| Central Region Major Projects Skills Hub   | Central Region Major Projects Skills Hub Trust Board             | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$1,039,436  | \$800,564        |
| Te Ara Mahi – E Tū Tāngata - Māori Integrated Trade Training and Manakitangā (pastoral care) programme | Wai Ora Christian Community Trust                                | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$800,000    | \$800,000        |
| Port Employment Precinct Whanganui   | Whanganui District Employment Training Trust                     | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$1,545,670  | \$341,172        |
| Primary Educational and Employment Campus  | Te Awanui a Rua Charitable Trust                                 | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$752,990    | \$478,992        |
| Te Rūnanga o ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa Education, Training and Employment initiatives at Te Poho o Tuariki | Ngā Wairiki - Ngāti Apa Charitable Trust                         | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$864,000    | \$479,600        |
| Tiaho Mai  | Ngā Hau E Wha Maara Kai Charitable Trust                         | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$512,824    | \$162,842        |
| Tararua Rural Education Activities Programme - Employment Liaison Advisors x2                          | Tararua Rural Education Activities Programme Incorporated        | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$574,262    | \$463,462        |
| Ngā Wairiki - Ngāti Apa Developments Limited / Harakeke Strawberry Farm development                    | Ngā Wairiki - Ngāti Apa Developments Limited                     | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$894,636    | \$894,636        |
| Ngā Wairiki - Ngāti Apa Developments Limited / Harakeke Strawberry Farm development                    | Ngā Wairiki - Ngāti Apa Developments Limited                     | Provincial Growth Fund        | Loan         | \$1,621,118  | \$1,513,276      |
| Awapuni Synthetic Race Track   | Racing at Awapuni and Trentham Combined Enterprises Incorporated | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$10,500,000 | \$7,181,307      |
| <b>Te Kahui Maunga Cluster of Marae - PARENT DEAL</b>  | <b>Ngā Waihua o Paerangi Trust</b>                               | <b>Provincial Growth Fund</b> | <b>Grant</b> | <b>\$0</b>   | <b>\$537,805</b> |
| Te Kahui Maunga Cluster of Marae - Makaranui Marae   | Ngā Waihua o Paerangi Trust                                      | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$154,858    | \$0              |

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| Te Kahui Maunga Cluster of Marae - Raetihi Marae  | Ngā Waihua o Paerangi Trust            | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$226,915            | \$0                  |
| Te Kahui Maunga Cluster of Marae - Maungarongo Marae                                    | Ngā Waihua o Paerangi Trust            | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$26,785             | \$0                  |
| Te Kahui Maunga Cluster of Marae - Mangāmingi Marae                                     | Ngā Waihua o Paerangi Trust            | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$72,841             | \$0                  |
| Te Kahui Maunga Cluster of Marae - Opaea Marae  | Ngā Waihua o Paerangi Trust            | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$116,164            | \$0                  |
| Ngā Puna Rau o Rangitikei: Rangitikei catchment-wide whenua Māori Enhancement Programme | Te Maru o Ruahine Trust                | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$2,750,000          | \$2,700,000          |
| Tuatahi Farming Partnership - water conservation  | Tuatahi Farming Limited Partnership    | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$1,501,252          | \$1,501,252          |
| <b>Cluster 1 Manawatū Whanganui - Te Kahui Maunga - PARENT DEAL</b>                     | <b>Ngā Waihua o Paerangi Trust</b>     | <b>Provincial Growth Fund</b> | <b>Grant</b> | <b>\$0</b>           | <b>\$215,429</b>     |
| Cluster 1 Manawatū Whanganui - Te Kahui Maunga - Tirorangi Marae                        | Ngā Waihua o Paerangi Trust            | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$96,383             | \$0                  |
| Cluster 1 Manawatū Whanganui - Te Kahui Maunga - Raketapauma Marae                      | Ngā Waihua o Paerangi Trust            | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$142,984            | \$0                  |
| To Ake Ara Tatou (Your Way, Our Way, Onwards)   | Muaupoko Tribal Authority Incorporated | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$764,768            | \$164,768            |
| Te Torongā Whanau   | Te Orangānuī Trust                     | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$900,000            | \$795,000            |
| Whakapiki te Kaha ma te Kaingā Ora  | Thermawise Construction Limited        | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$312,800            | \$173,075            |
| Ruapehu Alpine Lift Additional Funding  | Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited           | Provincial Growth Fund        | Loan         | \$5,000,000          | \$5,000,000          |
| Rural Broadband/Mobile Blackspots - Manawatū-Whanganui/Horowhenua                       | Various                                | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$1,804,049          | \$733,266            |
| Marae Connectivity - Manawatū-Whanganui/Horowhenua                                      | Crown Infrastructure Partners          | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$1,219,170          | \$1,219,170          |
| Puhoro STEM Academy   | Puhoro Charitable Trust                | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$975,000            | \$705,000            |
| Upgrade of Ohakune Water Treatment Plant  | Ruapehu District Council               | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$4,104,614          | \$500,000            |
| Ohakune/Raetihi Wastewater Treatment Plant Feasibility Study<br>Commercial Information  | Ruapehu District Council               | Provincial Growth Fund        | Grant        | \$115,500            | \$0                  |
|   |  |                               |              | <b>\$215,260,118</b> | <b>\$121,860,354</b> |

| Approved, not yet contracted (3)  |                            |                                     |              |                    |                        |  |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|--|
| Project Title   | Recipient                  | Fund                                | Funding Type | Approved Funding   | Comments               |  |
| Whanganui Port Revitalisation Infrastructure  | Whanganui District Council | Provincial Growth Fund              | Loan         | \$5,000,000        | Commercial Information |  |
| Plentyful manufacturing facility in Marton to produce bioplastic packaging products | Plentyful Ltd              | Regional Strategic Partnership Fund | Loan         | \$2,000,000        |                        |  |
| Techlam Expansion   | Techlam Limited            | Regional Strategic Partnership Fund | Loan         | \$1,750,000        |                        |  |
|   |                            |                                     |              | <b>\$8,750,000</b> |                        |  |

## Annex Two: Key priorities for the RSPF to fund for Manawatū-Whanganui

Manawatū-Whanganui is a unique region with two cities: Palmerston North and Whanganui. Investment through the RSPF is likely to focus on the Manawatū and Horowhenua areas as this is where ready opportunities exist, whereas previous investment in the Whanganui area needs to be in.

| Priority Name   | Kānoa – RDU Advice   |
|---|--|
| Sustainable food & fibre production, food-tech, and agri-tech                             | <p>This priority is strongly aligned with the priority for <i>Specialised services</i> to increase value through clustering. Technology and innovations to increase the sustainability of products will support improved economic outcomes for the region, and leverage its comparative advantage in food-tech.</p> <p>Likely areas of investment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marton Innovation Hub as a cornerstone investment.</li> <li>• Technology and innovation.</li> <li>• Improving value and sustainability of food and fibre (including wood) production.</li> </ul> <p><i>This is a key area for the RSPF to fund</i></p> |
| Visitor/tourism   | <p>The tourism ITP is in early stages of development. There are a number of initiatives focused on supporting tourism to adjust to the current economic context. Therefore, tourism is not a focus for the RSPF.</p> <p><i>The RSPF is unlikely to fund</i></p>  |
| Māori economy – Te Pae Tawhiti  | <p>Iwi have developed their own economic plan – Te Pae Tawhiti. <small>Commercial Information</small></p> <p>Commercial Information</p> <p>Likely areas of investment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unlocking whenua Māori.</li> <li>• Supporting iwi Māori businesses and enabling participating in clusters.</li> <li>• Converting dairy land to horticulture and forestry production.</li> </ul> <p><i>This is a key area for the RSPF to fund</i></p>  |
| Specialist services – focused on business attraction and clustering to create innovations | <p>There is an opportunity to capitalise on the region's location on the main North Island thoroughfare and its proximity to Wellington, and further develop specialised services.</p> <p>Likely areas of investment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing and leveraging clusters (such the Marton Innovation Hub which would be a cornerstone investment, enabling transformational change).</li> </ul> <p><i>Some projects may be eligible for RSPF funding</i></p>  |

## Annex Three: Summary of tourism funding for Ruapehu district, excluding Provincial Growth Fund investment to RAL

| Scheme  | Purpose   | \$ invested in Ruapehu   |
|---|---|--|
| Domestic Events Fund (DEF)  | A \$10 million one-off contestable fund that was established to support the events sector through the impacts of COVID-19   | \$40,000 for the Ruapehu Ring of Fire event  |
| Ngā Haerenga, the New Zealand Cycle Trail Fund                    | Linking the country and regions to tourism via cycle trails   | \$4.43 million for the Mountains to Sea Great Ride<br><br>Of this, \$3.23 million has been provided to Ruapehu District Council. |
| Tourism Infrastructure Fund (TIF)                                 | Established in Budget 2017. It provides up to \$100 million over four years (from 2017/18 to 2020/21) to support the development of visitor-related public infrastructure, such as: carparks, toilets, safety upgrades to public spaces, etc  | \$3.985 million for seven projects in the district   |
| Responsible Camping (Tourism Facilities Development Grant (TFDG)) | A \$0.267 million per annum discretionary fund for assisting with the development of non-commercial tourism facilities and services. For the 2020/21 peak summer season, \$8m has been transferred from the TIF to the TFDG fund for responsible camping initiatives                                      | \$14,500 in 2020/21  |
| Regional Events Fund (REF)  | Designed to stimulate domestic tourism by holding events in the absence of international visitors. The Fund has been split across nine International Marketing Alliances (IMAs) based on their share of international visitor spend prior to COVID-19   | \$3.75 million for the Thermal Explorer Highway IMA, including Visit Ruapehu RTO   |
| The Strategic Tourism Assets Protection Programme (STAPP)         | A \$290 million fund and part of the 2020 Tourism Recovery Package. Intended to protect tourism assets that form the core of our tourism offerings from COVID-19 disruption. Funding fully allocated in a combination of grants and loans to 130 businesses and 31 RTOs country-wide                      | \$220,000 grant for Forgotten World Adventures   |
| Regional Tourism Organisation (RTO) funding                       | The STAPP in 2020 and the Tourism Communities Plan in 2021 funded RTOs to lead and coordinate activities in their regions, alongside the tourism industry, stakeholders, Māori/iwi and communities. In particular, to develop and implement Destination Management. Total funding to RTOs: \$46.8 million | \$1.4 million for Visit Ruapehu  |
|   | Total funding for the region<br><br>(*excludes REF funding as only a portion of the \$3.75 million for the Thermal Explorer Highway IMA went to Ruapehu district)   | \$8.89 million*  |