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Tēnā koe Mr Luke

Thank you for your email of 8 January 2021 to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki), requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *I noted the SKIP Champions are funded from the LIF grants, may I have a breakdown on how much each Champion received and do you have details breakdown on what cost that claim or detail usage of funds? Because you said the grants is to support "their travel expense, materials and resource or projects" you must have some sort of accounting mechanism to calculate their spending right? Can you please further explain how these things works and how you ensure the Champions are using the funds/grants correctly.*

Strategies for Kids, Information for Parents (SKIP) Champions are community activators and connectors who facilitate change at a local level. Each champion receives a two-year grant from the SKIP Local Initiative Fund. These grants are for a total of around \$75,000 per year.

SKIP Champions and their organisations have discretion on how to use the grant to build community capability, in consultation with a relationship manager from the Voices of Whānau and Community team; however, we do provide an indicative breakdown of how the grant should be used:

- \$10,000 – travel expenses
- \$20,000 – materials, resources, and technology

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- \$45,000 – workshops, wānanga and community projects.

Regular reporting and evaluation of each grant is undertaken. This includes a bi-monthly meeting with the Voices of Whānau and Community team to discuss the SKIP Champion's progress, highlights, and potential community initiatives.

Individual grant agreements outline specific outcomes and reporting frequency, with a reporting template provided to the SKIP Champion and their organisation. The reporting required includes a quantitative report and narrative report.

To assist with your request, we have provided you with an example of the Provider Return Form (enclosed as Appendix One). This form has the standard wording and content that is typical of grants for SKIP Champions.

Oranga Tamariki intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public shortly. We will do this by publishing this letter and attachments on our website. Your personal details will be deleted, and we will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@ot.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. Information about this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by contacting them on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Steve Groom', written on a white background.

Steve Groom

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