

24 September 2021

Dear Nic

**7 SEPTEMBER 2021: OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST**

In your email dated 7 September 2021 you requested the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- 1. Are you able to give a breakdown by year/fund of the number of funding applications that have been submitted in Te Reo Māori over the last three financial years.*


Answers to your request are set out in the table below.

Fund	Applications	Approvals	Funds Approved	Type	Year
Te Rautaki Development Fund	1	1	\$25,000	Development	2018/2019
He Pounamu Te Reo Māori Script Development Fund	3	3	\$75,000	Development	2018/2019
Tuhinga Reo Māori: Te Reo Māori Advanced Development Fund	1	1	\$40,000	Development	2019/2020
Tuhinga Reo Māori: Te Reo Māori Early Development Fund	3	3	\$70,000	Development	2019/2020
He Pounamu Te Reo Māori Feature Film Initiative	4	1	\$2,400,000	Production	2019/2020
Tuhinga Reo Māori: Te Reo Māori Advanced Development Fund	1	1	\$40,000	Development	2020/2021

The ability to submit applications in te reo Māori exists for all New Zealand Film Commission (NZFC) funds. The table above reflects the specific funds available under Te Rautaki Māori which supports the aspirations for Māori filmmakers who wish to make films in te reo Māori.

We receive a number of applications that are submitted in English but have significant Māori content in the scripts or proposals. We have not included these in the scope of your request. Should you wish to access this information or other information regarding te reo Māori, we would be happy to speak further with you to understand your request better. Feel free to email our Rautaki Māori team at [rautaki@nzfilm.co.nz](mailto:rautaki@nzfilm.co.nz)

Please note that we will be publishing this letter (with your personal information removed) on the NZFC website.



You have the right, by way of complaint to an Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, to seek an investigation and review of our response.

Yours sincerely



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