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Tēnā koe Aaron

OIA request 24/25 0537 Request for funding to Oranga Mārae

Thank you for your Official Information Act (Act) request received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 3 December 2024.

You requested –

- *I would like to request any payments made to Oranga Mārae since the inception of the board.*
- *I would like to request the process that is used to determine the allocations Oranga Mārae receives, ie is it applied for, is it a fixed percentage?*

On the same day you also requested –

- *I would like to request all funding allocations made to Oranga Mārae since the inception of the board.*
- *I would like also like to know how the amount allocated is determined.*

When multiple OIA requests are made on the same/similar topic within a short period by the same person, each request is treated as an amendment or refinement to the original request, per section 15 (1AA) of the Official Information Act. As such your requests have been amalgamated for response.

In response to your request, I can provide you with the following information.

Total allocation from Te Puna Tahua Lottery Grants Board to Oranga Mārae

Date	Amount
2017/18	\$3,130,000
2018/19	\$12,540,216
2019/20	\$11,958,501
2020/21*	\$19,873,901
2021/22	\$27,000,000

Date	Amount
2022/23	\$35,000,000
2023/24	\$35,000,000
2024/25*	\$43,000,000

*Some years the Board receives an additional payment from Lotto NZ due to increased profits. The Board is then able to make secondary allocations. A number of committees, including Oranga Marae, benefitted from this additional payment in the years denoted above with an asterisk.

For additional context, total lottery profits allocated by the Board have seen an increase over this period of time. In 2017/18, total distribution from the Board totalled \$271,476,998. This year to date, the Board has allocated \$398,029,957.

I can advise Te Puna Tahua Lottery Grants Board (the Board) does not make allocation decisions to specific committees or funds, including Oranga Marae, in isolation. The wider needs of communities to whom the Board must have regard, as set out in [section 277 of the Gambling Act 2003](#), are balanced against available lottery profits at the time the Board makes its decisions.

When the Board considers the amounts allocated to each of its committees or funds, it will incorporate the following considerations into its decision making:

- a. how allocation decisions align with the Board's strategic direction and strategic outcomes;
- b. that allocation decisions are aligned with the Board's Equity policy and interim Te Tiriti o Waitangi policy and;
- c. that the Board's Lottery Community committee funding formula is utilised to help determine the amounts provided to each of the Lottery Community committees.

Information on the Board's annual allocations is publicly available on the Community Matters website www.communitymatters.govt.nz.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, the Department has decided to proactively release a copy of this response on its website. All requestor data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available here: <https://www.dia.govt.nz/Official-Information-Act-Requests-2>.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi



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