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RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

On 16 June 2023, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information relating to the Pacific Housing Initiative. I have outlined your specific requests and my responses to each below.

1. *Provide a breakdown of what the \$41.315m announced in 2020 for the Pacific Housing Initiative over four years was spent on?*

Table 1 below provides a breakdown of how the Budget 2020 funding for the Pacific Housing Initiative has been allocated.

Table 1: Breakdown of \$41.315 million funding for the Pacific Housing Initiative

Description	Amount (\$m)
Contracted to 15 providers to deliver 18 Pacific financial capability programmes across the country. The programmes educate and provide wraparound support to Pacific families and communities to improve their financial literacy and capability and strengthen their financial management knowledge and skills.	15.74
Investment in projects across the country that will deliver new homes to provide home ownership opportunities for Pacific families.	14.251
Investment in the Waikato region for projects that will deliver new homes to provide home ownership opportunities for Pacific families.	5.00
Contracted to a provider to support Pacific organisations with capability building training and support to successfully register as registered Community Housing Providers. The aim of the programme is to strengthen the Pacific housing sector and increase access for Pacific families to Pacific-owned community housing providers that provide culturally appropriate support to meets their needs.	0.27
Contracted to a provider to support Pacific organisations and churches to carry out feasibility studies on land that they own, for potential housing development opportunities. The goal of the programme is to provide Pacific land-owning entities with information on the feasibility of housing developments on their land to allow them to make informed decisions about progressing.	1.676

Description	Amount (\$m)
Contracted to a provider to develop a business case to identify potential areas for regional migration and projects in regions to support the potential migration of Pacific peoples to those regions.	0.171
Invested in a project in Auckland to provide new affordable housing for Pacific families.	0.75
Ministerial departmental costs for the four years to June 2024.	3.457
TOTAL	41.315

2. *Advise how much funding, if any, has been or will be further allocated to the Pacific Housing Strategy and Action Plan 2030?*

The investments to deliver more home ownership opportunities for Pacific families, Pacific Financial capability programme, Community Housing Registration Support programme, and Housing Feasibility programme all contribute to the Fale mo Aiga Pacific Housing Strategy and Action Plan 2030. The programmes funded through Budget 2020 run through to June 2024 and contribute to the short-term actions and targets detailed under priorities 1-3 in the Action Plan of Fale mo Aiga.

In line with standard OIA practice, the Ministry proactively publishes some of its responses to OIA requests. As such, this letter may be published on the Ministry for Pacific Peoples' website. Your personal details will be removed, and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you or your organisation.

Should you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact the Ministry at: oia_requests@mpp.govt.nz.

If you are dissatisfied with this response, you have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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