

# \$108million Pacific Package

**Budget 2021**

Pacific Aotearoa  
Securing our Recovery





# We are a confident, thriving, prosperous and resilient Pacific peoples

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## Steering the course towards a bright Pacific future

Budget 2021 sets out a path to not only secure our recovery from COVID-19 but also to honour our commitment to enhance the wellbeing of Aotearoa, now and in the future.

Pacific communities have shown immense resilience and leadership in recent times. Our Budget recognises the role of Pacific peoples as the champions of their own future through direct investment into their communities and enhances the support Pacific Aotearoa and its communities need to embed changes for a thriving future.

Budget 2021 builds on previous Wellbeing budgets to deliver initiatives that meet the four goals of Pacific Aotearoa's Lalanga Fou. Each goal is a contributing pillar to Pacific wellbeing and will provide the foundation for a future of opportunity and prosperity for all Pacific peoples.



# Thriving Pacific Languages, Cultures & Identities

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## Pacific languages, cultures and identities are the cornerstone of Pacific wellbeing

Pacific languages, cultures and identity are essential to the health and wellbeing of Pacific peoples in Aotearoa.

Language is fundamental to providing Pacific peoples with an anchor to their identity, confidence, and safety as we navigate our way through the economic and social changes ahead post COVID-19.

For Pacific youth, an understanding of their language and culture connects them to their past and illuminates their future.



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Budget 2021 allocates \$20.8 million to support Pacific bilingual and immersion education in schools that will reach approximately 1,500 youth in 23 schools. Additionally, \$5.1 million will be delivered for the development of two new NCEA Pacific language subjects, Gagana Tokelau and Vagahau Niue.

Our Budget ensures students have diverse learning pathways that are culturally relevant and affirm their identity as children of the Pacific.



# Prosperous Pacific Communities

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**Our Budget is measured by the good it creates in people's lives**

Investment into the Pacific economy to create employment and economic development opportunities is key to locking-in our recovery from COVID-19 and enhancing Pacific wellbeing.

In recognition of the significant wins achieved by Pacific communities from past investments, Budget 2021 provides the means for this progress to continue.

Budget 2021 provides \$16.2 million to support Pacific businesses accelerate their recovery and get back on their feet, faster.

Additionally, \$30.3 million allocated for the Tupu Aotearoa programme will give approximately 7,500 Pacific people access to meaningful and sustainable employment and training opportunities so they can provide for their families.

Budget 2021 also allocates \$6.6 million to establish the Pacific Wellbeing Strategy – an all of government initiative to ensure government departments are working together on priority issues for Pacific people. It will also develop ways to measure Pacific wellbeing so that the impact of government work on Pacific communities is clear.



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# Resilient & Healthy Pacific Peoples

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## Pacific Wellbeing is essential to securing our recovery

Being healthy means we are resilient and can show up for our family and community. Accessible, culturally appropriate health care is a critical part of the overall wellbeing of Pacific people.

Budget 2021 delivers \$16 million to support the implementation of the five-year Ola Manuia: Pacific Health and Well-being Action Plan. The Plan sets out the priority outcomes and actions for the health and disability system for our Pacific communities and will ensure that Pacific health providers are supported to create new ways to deliver health care with Pacific culture and values at the core.

To support Ola Manuia, \$8 million will be delivered to Pacific health providers to accelerate progress towards Smokefree 2025 through targeted stop-smoking support programmes for Pacific peoples.



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# Confident, Thriving & Resilient Pacific Young People

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**We will continue to grow,  
guided by our vision for  
Pacific communities**

When our young people are thriving, the future wellbeing of our communities is secured.

It is essential that Pacific young people are given the opportunities to succeed that they need and deserve.

Budget 2021 invests \$5 million to deliver Tapasā, a professional learning and development tool for teachers and leaders of Pacific learners. Tapasā will enhance the relationship between teacher and student by helping non-Pacific teachers understand Pacific culture so that students' identities and languages are seen and valued.



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## Wellbeing Budget 2021 Pacific Package

Our Budget is a stepping stone towards a thriving Pacific future. Guided by the Pacific Aotearoa Lalanga Fou vision and goals, it continues the journey to celebrate, grow and share our precious Pacific languages, cultures and identities.

These initiatives and programmes will ensure equal opportunity for Pacific peoples and uplift the crucial work Pacific communities are already doing to be the navigators of their own journey as we lock-in our recovery from COVID-19.



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