



7 November 2022

Tēnā koe

On 7 October 2022, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *Has MSD paid any money to Ahikaa Trust and, if so, what was the money was paid for?*
- *Has MSD paid any money to Nga Kete Wananga Solutions and, if so, what was the money was paid for?*
- *Does MSD hold any contracts with the two above mentioned organisations, if so, when were these contracts signed?*
- *Have Ahikaa Trust and Nga Kete Wananga Solutions request any services from MSD, if so, what services have they request?*

The Ministry contracts non-governmental organisations and community groups across the country to deliver a range of programmes and services to New Zealanders. The Community Awareness and Preparedness Grant Fund was made available to community groups during the first COVID-19 lockdown in 2020. This funding assisted community groups to provide essential community-led solutions that supported local resilience and community wellbeing during COVID-19 restrictions.

Through the Community Awareness and Preparedness Grant, Ahikaa Trust (also known as Te Tanga Manawa o Ahikaa Trust) received funding totalling \$5,000 in December 2020.

The funding was provided to Ahikaa Trust to support whānau through the COVID-19 pandemic, offering safe accommodation, kai, utilities and whānau support. Since December 2020, there has been no further funding or contracts provided to or requested by Ahikaa (Te Tanga Manawa o Ahikaa Trust), and there is no ongoing relationship with this provider.

The Ministry has not provided any funding or contracts to Nga Kete Wananga Solutions, nor has this organisation requested any services from the Ministry. The Ministry has no relationship with this provider.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter and attachments on the Ministry's website. Your personal details will be deleted, and the Ministry 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@msd.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui



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