

Appendix One – Improved Employment and Social Outcomes Support MCA

Programme / service	2024/25	2025/26	Reduction in funding	Description of time-limited funding
Education to Employment	\$3.879m	-	(\$3.879m)	Funding is expiring for the full programme. The Education to Employment (E2E) is a collaboration between MSD and the Ministry of Education to help provide school students with pathways to employment. E2E is available nationwide and is targeted towards year 9 to year 13 secondary students, with an aim to strengthen connections between schools and employers to raise awareness of young people of trades as a career pathway and support students in the transition to higher education, training, and employment in their local labour market.
Transition to Work ¹	\$22.797m	\$15.927m	(\$6.870m)	Funding is expiring for only part of the programme. Transition to Work grants are paid to clients to help them with reasonable costs associated with starting a job such as clothes, travel and living expenses. The assistance is eligibility based and clients can claim up to \$1.5k in a 52-week period.
Relocate for Work (formally \$5k to Work)	\$7.464m	\$1.262m	(\$6.202m)	Funding is expiring for only part of the programme. From 31 March \$5K to work was replaced by Relocate for Work. Relocate for Work is a payment to help eligible clients with travel and moving costs if they are relocating for a new job, where the commute is not viable. The purpose of the payment is to support clients who face barriers to relocate for an employment opportunity if there are no suitable opportunities available locally.
Māori Trades and Training Fund	\$20.911m	-	(\$20.911m)	Funding is expiring for the full programme. The Māori Trades and Training Fund (MTTF) was established in the COVID Budget (2020) and given a further 3 years of funding in Budget 2022. It is designed to encourage Māori organisations to try different approaches to engaging and keeping Māori in employment-focused training opportunities. The MTTF funds Kaupapa Māori projects so they can offer

¹ The allocation of funding to the Transition to Work grant is determined by MSD. Next year's funding is based on forecasted spend for 2024/25 and the expectation that this level of spend continues in 2025/26.

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				employment-based training alongside support services, such as pastoral care.
Whakawātea te ara Poutama	\$5.866m	-	(\$5.866m)	Funding is expiring for the full programme. Whakawātea te ara Poutama is a subset of He Poutama Rangatahi. It's specifically to help young people at risk or involved in criminal activity or with gang affiliations to overcome related and interconnected barriers so they can achieve employment, education, or training outcomes.
Connected	\$5.500m	-	(\$5.500m)	Funding is expiring for the full programme. Connected is an all-of-government service led by the Ministry of Social Development. Connected helps New Zealanders connect to the wide range of Employment, Education and Training supports and advice available through government agencies. Connected includes a website, phoneline and face-to-face service to help people access support. Connected was set up in response to COVID-19 as a joint initiative involving 17 government agencies led by MSD. It was established to help people affected by the pandemic navigate programmes being set up across government, helping to reconnect people to work. Since it's establishment, many of the COVID-era services Connected supported have been wound down. MSD will continue to operate the website as a wayfinding service and continue to assist people looking for training and employment support to find appropriate government services.
North Island Weather Events (NIWE)	\$8.020m	-	(\$8.020m)	Funding is expiring for the full programme. North Island Weather Event (NIWE) funding was established for 2 years in response to the 2023 Auckland Anniversary weekend floods and Cyclone Gabrielle which impacted communities and businesses in affected regions (Northland, Auckland, Waikato, Central and East Coast). The funding was used in various ways such as helping establish the Tairāwhiti Jobs and Skills Hub, regional contracted services, and Flexi-wage.
Vocational Rehabilitation	\$1.379m	-	(\$1.379m)	Funding is expiring for the full programme, note that \$393k is held nationally and the remaining \$986k is allocated regionally. Vocational Rehabilitation is a free

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				programme that supports people on a Job Seeker benefit, who are affected by musculoskeletal pain or impairments to transition back in to work, if they are not eligible for ACC services. The service helps participants identify their barriers to work and provide the right support to address these. The providers will arrange rehabilitation and treatments to improve their conditions, support them to manage pain, and provide vocational services to enable a transition to or return to work.
Oranga Mahi	\$13.771m	\$12.000m	(\$1.771m)	<p>The employment invest-to-save initiative will provide funding of \$12m per annum, over 2 years, for Oranga Mahi Individual Placement Support (IPS) and Here Toitu to continue funding these services.</p> <p>Funding for Whitiki Taua, Puawaitanga and Rakau Rangatira will be discontinued as of 30 June 2025.</p> <p>Whitiki Taua is a free mentoring service for 18-24 year olds and Mana in Mahi participants that provides a consistent, reliable, and safe person for people to seek advice from.</p> <p>Puawaitanga is a free phone and online counselling service which connects people with a consistent, qualified counsellor to improve their emotional wellbeing.</p> <p>Rakau Rangatira is a Whanau Ora based integrated social and health innovation service, delivered by Te Hau Awhiowho o Otangeri Trust in partnership with MSD. It aims to increase opportunities for employment and recovery of people living with mild to moderate mental health and substance additions in Whangarei.</p>
Total			(\$60.398m)	

Note that regional contracts through the purchase plan are also excluded. MSD conducts a yearly purchase plan and as part of this contracts will be ended with providers for a range of reasons such as performance.

Appendix Two – Community Support Services MCA

Programme / service	Description of programme / service	2024/25	Reduction in funding from 24/25 to 25/26, and implications
Maintaining Momentum Across Te Aorerekura – Accessible Family Violence and Sexual Violence Services for Disabled People	Funds family and sexual violence (FV/SV) providers to increase their accessibility for disabled people. This supports the delivery of the National Strategy to Eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence (Te Aorerekura).	\$1.703m	(\$1.503m) MSD intends to use \$0.200m in 2025/26 from a Budget 2025 technical initiative to fund the roll out of Phase 2 of Disability Awareness Training. This phase will target senior leadership and managers within MSD-funded providers.
Supporting victims and perpetrators of family and sexual violence	Funds initiatives to support victims and perpetrators of family and sexual violence.	\$26.990m	(\$19.000m) MSD intends to use \$7.990m from a Budget 2025 technical initiative to support the continuation of the below programmes 2025/26, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 4 of Love Better • insights to inform the future Change is Possible website • the ongoing development of a community-based prevention prototype in Kaikohe • the ongoing roll-out of Pacific Community Plans • establishing and enhancing Pacific Collectives.
Relational approach and building partnership with Māori – He Tapuae: Tūhoe Service Management Plan	Funds the implementation of the Tūhoe Service Management Plan (He Tapuae) which forms part of the Tūhoe Deed of Settlement of Historical Claims. MSD leads this on behalf of the Crown.	\$1.000m	(\$1.000m) The full \$1m will cease. s9(2)(g)(i) [REDACTED] s9(2)(g)(i) [REDACTED]

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Resilience to Organised Crime in Communities (ROCC) work programme	Funds community-led responses to the drivers of organised crime in seven regions, through MSD's ROCC Community Resilience and Whānau Support Fund. ROCC is led by NZ Police, with support from a range of other agencies.	\$29.000m	(\$20.500m) MSD intends to use \$8.500m from a Budget 2025 technical initiative to enable the continued development and implementation of the community plans.
Community Connectors	Funds 50 Community Connector FTEs in areas most affected by the North Island Weather Events (Northland, Auckland, East Coast, Hawkes Bay, and Thames/Coromandel). Community Connectors supports people experiencing hardship by triaging and connecting them to government and community services and supports.	\$9.096m	(\$9.096m) The full Service will end, and providers are aware of this. MSD has been consistent and proactive in communications and messaging about the time-limited nature of this funding. This service was valued by providers and communities, as an effective connecting and triaging service.
Ākonga Youth Development Community Fund	Funds targeted support for 2,750 at risk ākonga (students/learners) aged 12 to 24. The Minister for Youth Development is responsible for this appropriation.	\$5.345m	(\$2.920m) MSD has \$2.425m of funding in 2025/26 from an OBU transfer to cover provider contracts ending 31 December 2025. The expiry of this funding is likely to cause concerns in the sector toward the end of 2025. MSD is working with the Minister for Youth Development on options to use unallocated baseline funding for the remainder of the 2025/26.
		Total	(\$54.019m)

Note that the above table does not include the following initiatives:

- Employment Service in Schools (MSD has reprioritised funding to extend this service temporarily until 30 June 2026 to align with service design work underway for our disability employment supports)
- Food Secure Communities (\$15m of funding secured for 2025/26 through Budget 2025).

All providers whose funding is expiring are aware of this.

MSD does not have a sector-wide view of time limited funding that may be expiring, and as such, we don't understand the full impact this might have on providers and communities.