



14 October 2025

Tēnā koe

**Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your request, transferred to the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) from Te Puni Kōkiri (TPK) on 16 September 2025, for funding granted to Etu Pasifika Limited for mental health and wellbeing services.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision on each part of your request set out separately below.

- *Funding provided to Etu Pasifika Limited for mental health or wellbeing services in Counties Manukau or Canterbury between July 2022 and June 2024.*

The Ministry previously funded Etu Pasifika Ltd to provide Community Connection Service, which began in February 2022 and ended in September 2023.

The Community Connection Service provided an integrated package of welfare and community supports for people who were COVID-19 positive, their households and others directed to self-isolate.

More information around the Community Connection Service is available on the Ministry's website, at the following link: [www.msd.govt.nz/what-we-can-do/community/community-connection-service/index.html](http://www.msd.govt.nz/what-we-can-do/community/community-connection-service/index.html).

The below table outlines the financial value of the contract with Etu Pasifika, broken down by financial year:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Amount paid to Etu Pasifika</b>
2022 - 2023	\$365,360
2023 - 2024	\$330,000
2024 - 2025	\$60,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$755,360</b>

All Community Connector funding was time limited and has now ended. As such, the Ministry has no current contracts with the Pasifika Medical Association, or its entities such as Pasifika Futures and Etu Pasifika.

The Ministry has provided you with funding information for Etu Pasifika as this was the only section of your request transferred to our agency for response. I note that you have submitted a request for information to TPK for additional documents relating to these contracts. If you are interested in any further information, please let us know and we will be happy to log this as a new request.

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

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 my decision on your request, 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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