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Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 31 October 2022. You requested:

“I am curious to know how the \$1.2-million was spent, and how decisions were made for the Mental Wellbeing Innovation Fund pilot in 2021. Is it possible to know:

For your reference, in 2021 Manatū Hauora – the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) was regularly receiving a number of requests for financial assistance from non-governmental organisations, iwi and other organisations to support mental wellbeing initiatives. The Mental Wellbeing Innovation Fund (the Fund) was a pilot created by the Ministry in July 2021 to identify and support unique mental wellbeing service proposals that fell out of scope of planned mental health and addiction procurements.

Who applied for funding?

As this was a pilot, the Ministry selected and invited two organisations to apply for funding as part of a closed procurement process. These organisations were Mates in Construction New Zealand and Key to Life Charitable Trust.

Who received funding?

Key to Life Charitable Trust and Mates in Construction New Zealand. Each organisation received \$600,000.

How decisions were made to fund?

Key to Life Charitable Trust and Mates in Construction New Zealand were each invited to submit proposals for funding. The procurement process followed Government procurement rules and Ministry procurement requirements and all proposals were assessed against high-level criteria to ensure they fit to the Ministry's strategic outcomes and to ensure that safety to mental health consumers is maintained.

I trust this information fulfils your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Manatū Hauora website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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