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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 18 January 2023 for information regarding the COVID-19 research funding. You requested:

“On 6 Sep 2022, Dr Verrall made an announcement around the successful funding for the COVID-19 research round which said that 23 research projects had been funded.

Please provide a list of the successful applicants/ organisations that were funded along with the topics of the research and the funding amounts allocated to each of them.”

Appended to this letter is a table of the 23 projects funded under the COVID-19 and National Immunisation Programme research round. The table includes the project topics, providers, and funding amounts allocated.

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 noa, nā



Dean Rutherford
Deputy Director-General
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Table of Projects Funded Under the COVID-19 and NIP Research Round

Project Topic	Funding amount	Provider
Impact of the COVID-19 Delta-Omicron outbreak on the health and psychosocial wellbeing of New Zealanders living in aged residential care	\$ 365,858.00	University of Auckland
Pacific Contribution to the NZ Covid-19 Response – Strengths, Weaknesses and Missed Opportunities	\$ 500,000.00	University of Auckland
The Burden of Long Covid in Aotearoa New Zealand: Establishing a Registry	\$ 332,516.00	University of Auckland
Impact of COVID-19 on childhood vaccine uptake and ways forward for equitable immunisation services	\$ 385,000.00	Auckland University of Technology
The Niue community's experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic: an application of the Matalili Framework to inform future COVID-19 and vaccination initiatives in Aotearoa New Zealand.	\$ 372,000.00	Auckland University of Technology
The role of vaccine mandates in New Zealand's COVID-19 response	\$ 340,000.00	Auckland University of Technology
The impact of COVID-19 vaccination on disease burden and transmission and its vaccine effectiveness among participants of SHIVERS/WellKiwis community and household cohorts	\$ 486,000.00	ESR
Whānau, hapū and iwi responses to the vaccination rollout	\$ 443,000.00	Te Atawhai o Te Ao
Clearing the air: Reducing COVID-19 transmission through increased ventilation	\$ 498,000.00	NIWA
Impact of COVID-19 on Pacific peoples vaccination beliefs and behaviours, including Pacific COVID-19 + Well Child immunisation rates	\$ 272,000.00	Moana Research
Post-Marketing safety monitoring of COVID -19 vaccines in NZ populations – A gold standard approach	\$ 486,000.00	Auckland UniServices Ltd
Examining vaccine effectiveness of two and three doses of Comirnaty mRNA vaccine during the 2022 Omicron wave in Aotearoa	\$ 358,000.00	Auckland UniServices Ltd
Turanga Tangata Rite	\$ 500,000.00	Te Hauora o Tūranganui a Kiwa
Tino Rangatiratanga during the COVID-19 Pandemic	\$ 429,578.00	Manawa Ora - Centre for Health

Project Topic	Funding amount	Provider
Child vaccine hesitancy: Predictors of parents' COVID-19 vaccine uptake for their children, impact on vaccine uptake of the national immunisation schedule, and translational findings for equitable immunisation outcomes among children in Aotearoa New Zealand.	\$ 238,000.00	Victoria University of Wellington
COVID-19 Vaccine Evaluation (COVE) in Aotearoa New Zealand	\$ 484,000.00	Victoria University of Wellington
LOGIC study: LOnG term health Impact of Covid-19: Waikato Hospital Cohort	\$ 425,746.00	Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand
The role of digital contact tracing to support improved pandemic responses	\$ 360,118.00	University of Otago
Understanding key epidemiological features of the Covid-19 pandemic in New Zealand to improve the response	\$ 483,167.00	University of Otago
What can we learn from factors underpinning the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccination programme and pandemic response in different rural communities? A mixed methods study.	\$ 486,000.00	University of Otago
Understanding the impact of vaccination on Covid-19 infection and long-term health outcomes	\$ 486,000.00	University of Otago
Does the increased attention to COVID-19 vaccine-related side effects change reporting behaviour for a comparable adult vaccine?	\$ 329,000.00	University of Otago
Māori Solutions for Global Problems: Ngā Hua Akoranga, Learning from MIHI Māori Mobile Vaccination Programme to Achieve Equity	\$ 435,000.00	University of Otago