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Response to your Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 20 June 2024 to the Ministry for Ethnic Communities (the Ministry) requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

...administration of funding after it was moved from the DIA.

- 1) The financial relationship with funding administrators; are they employed and paid a salary? or a business paid a commission? I would like a clarification, please.*
- 2) if there is a financial relationship that entails payments from the ministry to the funding advisory body, how much have you already paid, or expect to pay for the administration of the available funds?*

The Corporate Services Directorate of the Ministry for Ethnic Communities administers the Ethnic Communities Development Fund (ECDF). Hāpai Hapori, the Community Operations Branch of the Department of Internal Affairs, makes payments of allocated funds on behalf of the Ministry and provides the grant management system that the Ministry uses to administer the ECDF.

The Ministry's ECDF team includes Community Funding Advisors who are permanent employees of the Ministry and paid a salary. Their role is to assess each application and provide recommendations on funding and to provide support and advice to those looking to make an application to the ECDF.

The Ministry operates a panel of external advisors who assist in the assessment of grant applications and make funding recommendations to the Ministry. ECDF panel members are paid fees for their services, plus reimbursement of actual and reasonable expenses for travel and any other out of pocket expenses. From 1 July 2023 to 25 June 2024 the total amount paid to panel members was \$15,124.

Please note, due to the public interest in our work, the Ministry may publish responses to requests for official information on our website, shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team:

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Ngā mihi



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