

17 April 2025



Our ref: OIA 2425-0968

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### Response to your Official Information Act request

I refer to your request of 21 February 2025 to the Minister of Finance, Hon Nicola Willis. On 7 April 2025, part five of your request was transferred to the Ministry for Ethnic Communities (the Ministry) for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*"...Please provide details of all minority funding (including all lgbtqia++) funding from 15 October 2023-20 February 2025."*

The Ministry administers the Ethnic Communities Development Fund (ECDF) which has NZ\$4.2million available each year for projects. The ECDF is intended to support projects that align with the Ministry's strategic priorities to support ethnic communities grow their skills, celebrate culture and take part in society. Further information on the fund, including eligibility criteria and application guidance is available on the Ministry's website at: [www.ethniccommunities.govt.nz/funding/ethnic-communities-development-fund/about-the-fund/](http://www.ethniccommunities.govt.nz/funding/ethnic-communities-development-fund/about-the-fund/)

In response to your request, details of all minority funding provided by the Ministry (including information on the organisation, funding decision, amount, project name and location) from 15 October 2023 to 20 February 2025 are available on the Ministry's website at: [www.ethniccommunities.govt.nz/funding/ethnic-communities-development-fund/projects-we-have-funded-in-the-past/](http://www.ethniccommunities.govt.nz/funding/ethnic-communities-development-fund/projects-we-have-funded-in-the-past/). As such, your request is refused under section 18(d), as the information requested is publicly available.

Under section 28 of the OIA, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my response relating to this request. The relevant details can be found on their website at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

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:

Ministerial@ethniccommunities.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Edward Firth", is written over a faint, diagonal watermark that says "Proactively released by the Ministry for Ethnic Communities".

Edward Firth  
Director of Ministerial Services