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Welcome to the fortnightly newsletter of Community Housing Aotearoa Nga Wharerau o Aotearoa.

Included in this issue – Social Housing Tenants to be gifted native plants from new landlord Ngati Toa, Māori Housing Scorecard, HUD Project-Specific Application for Funding - New form for Providers, Auckland City Mission World Food Day Research, Call for Papers (International Journal on Homelessness), helpful links in the news, and upcoming Events.

Milestone in housing - Ngāti Toa now managing 902 homes

A huge milestone occured earlier this month when the control of 902 houses was transferred from Kāinga Ora to Ngāti Toa on October 3 2020. Congratulations to Ngāti Toa, their former chair Ta Mātiu Rei, and James Te Puni, the manager of the iwi's new housing arm Te Āhuru Mōwai.

The residents are being gifted nearly 1,000 native plants and encouraged to plant their "feet into [their] land". "The native plants were a koha to reflect the values of Te Āhuru Mōwai", Te Puni said.

"It represents planting your feet into your land, and starting a new journey in your home with us. Te Āhuru Mōwai is a Māori entity, and as such, tikanga is important to us."

Click here for the full article

Te Matapihi - Release Māori Housing Issues, Māori Party Housing Policy, Māori Housing Scorecard

The election is behind us now, but the importance of housing is still firmly in front of us. The Te Matapihi released the analysis below after our last newsletter. We think the issues raised in the analysis are important to consider as the new government is formed.

Māori Housing Policy Scorecard

In the lead up to the 2020 general election, Te Matapihi have taken an in-depth look at each of the different political parties housing policies, with a focus on what these all mean for Māori. So, what works, what doesn't, and what's likely to make a difference for Māori?

Te Matapihi provides our scorecard comparison here.

HUD Project-Specific Application for Funding - New form for Providers

HUD has updated and improved the forms for registered Community Housing Providers (CHPs) to apply for funding from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for new public housing projects.

These changes are improvements based on our experience with providers since the original forms were developed. The new forms aim to capture information more efficiently and to cut down on the number of supplementary information requests.

The process continues to be a 2-stage or 'gateway' process. Providers will still need to be registered as CHPs by the Community Housing Regulatory Authority (CHRA) and join our "Strategic Partnering Panel" as stage/gateway one. We have not made any changes to the documents in this Stage. Gateway two is the project specific application, where CHPs can apply for partnership funding from HUD. We have updated this section to better capture the information required for our Value for Money analysis, which is described on the HUD website - here.

- For existing proposals and applications already underway, you will not need to fill in new application forms
- for all new applications you must use the new form

You will need to use this new version for all future applications. Any questions contact us via email.

Auckland City Mission World Food Day Research

At the Mission, we meet people experiencing food insecurity every day. Food security is about having access to enough good food. For many whanau, there simply is not enough food, or enough resources to access food on a weekly basis.

Click here for the full article.

Call for Papers - International Journal on Homelessness

Recognizing the need for scholarly dissemination on preventing and ending homelessness that truly incorporates both the Global North and Global South, an international board has come together to launch a new journal. **IJOH** is based on the values of excellent scholarship, international knowledge sharing, the need for vastly more affordable housing, making space for global knowledge transfer with an emphasis on inclusion of scholarship from the Global South. All articles are published as open access, free of charge. Deadline is 31 January 2021. See their website for <u>details</u>.

In the news

- Green Party Māori Housing Policy
- Housing expert on National Party policy
- Homeless youth 'not able to get the support they need'
- Bernie Smith Chief Executive for The Monte Cecilia Housing <u>Trust - Pacific Breakfast to talk about housing</u>
- <u>A Star Chart For The Parties On Their Promises To Reduce</u>
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Having Money Conversations with Tenants Thursday, 29 October 2020

Accomplished workplace coach Jo Leckie facilitates the <u>Having</u> <u>Money Conversations with Tenants</u> online workshop with the aim of providing participants with the tools and confidence to have those difficult money conversations. The ability to talk about money will enable you to work with your tenants to improve their financial resilience, prevent debt and recover arrears.

Dealing with Complex and DifficultClientsMonday, 09 November 2020

The Dealing with Complex and Difficult Clients online workshop aims to assist people in delivering client services to those whose situations are complex and whose behaviour is, at times, demanding and challenging. It will enable attendees to better understand the

psychology of difficult people and assist in developing strategies and communication skills to deal more effectively in such client situations.