

The Māori Housing Network (the Network) is established within Te Puni Kōkiri to help Māori individuals, whānau and roopu with practical support and financial assistance for a range of housing activities.

In the 2015-16 financial year, the Network will invest \$14.491 million into improving Māori housing circumstances, having taken responsibility for some funding from MBIE and with some increases in the May 2015 Budget.

The Network emphasises that its approach is very much based on kanohi ki te kanohi (*face to face*) engagement and looks to support whānau and roopu in the most appropriate way. This may include practical support and referral to other agencies or, where some investment is required, the Network will package the most appropriate form of funding from within its own resources or in conjunction with other agencies. The Network is part of the broader Māori and general housing sectors and while the Network doesn't have sole responsibility for Māori housing it seeks to be to be an active participant in partnerships with other Government agencies and other housing related organisations.

The Māori Housing Network Investment Strategy for 2015-18 sets out the approach of the Network and its medium term priorities. It is available on the Network's website: <a href="http://www.tpk.govt.nz/en/whakamahia/maori-housing-network">www.tpk.govt.nz/en/whakamahia/maori-housing-network</a>.

The annual funds available are summarised below:

# **Special Housing Action Zones - \$1.9 million**

- Supports Māori organisations and communities to build their ability to deliver affordable housing solutions
- Focus on community initiatives rather than individual households

## Kainga Whenua Infrastructure Grants - \$2.8 million

- Funds for infrastructure (power, water, sewerage system, roading, gas, telecoms) for new housing on Māori Land
- Can assist individual households and land trusts developing papakāinga, social and affordable housing on Māori land

## Māori Housing Fund - \$4.0 million

• Assists Māori organisations and communities increase new housing, especially on land with multiple owners and social and affordable rental housing on papakāinga

## Whānau Housing Response Fund - \$3.3 million

- Supports community housing repair programmes
- Supports emergency housing pilots for whanau with housing crises

## Whānau Housing Support Fund - \$2.4 million

 Purchase of specialist practical and technical advice to advance whānau and Māori organisations' housing aspirations

For individuals or roopu wanting to bring their ideas and questions to the Network please refer to our website above or contact: Phone: (04) 819 6766 or 027 555 2266 Email: <u>maorihousing@tpk.govt.nz</u> Visit any Te Puni Kōkiri office