

CDEM Resilience Fund project application form

This form provides the minimum of information for the application; a detailed project plan should be developed to inform this application and may be attached.

Project title	Strengthening Maori engagement and relationships in Te Ta Tokerau.	
Date of application	12 January 2021	
Details on application		
Applicant	Northland CDEM Group	
CDEM Group/s affected	Northland CDEM Group	
Other local authorities, Groups or organisations supporting this proposal		

Project description

Executive summary

In 2018 the Government report 'Delivering better responses to natural disasters and other emergencies' identified the governments commitment to ensuring people and communities are well taken care of and supported in any emergency or disaster, wherever and whenever it happens. The report is the government's response to an earlier Technical Advisory Group report that identified a number of changes needed to emergency management.

One of the key findings in the report was recognising the capability that iwi brings to emergency management, and the report called for greater recognition, understanding and integration of iwi/Māori perspectives and tikanga in emergency management – before, during, and after an event. Additionally, it recognises the support role of marae who look after people in an emergency.

The Northland CDEM Group is committed to strengthening relationships and engagement with iwi throughout Te Tai Tokerau and delivering on the governments recommendations in the report.

The purpose of this application is to obtain funding to support the appointment of a specialist to engage with Māori/iwi in Te Tai Tokerau with a view to strengthening emergency management arrangements specifically with iwi. The employment of a specialist is a priority for the Northland CDEM Group.

Challenge/opportunity

Māori make up 36% of the population in Te Tai Tokerau, they have a wealth of knowledge and understanding (mātauranga Māori) regarding our collective stewardship of resources and the environment and are key in the regional social, cultural and economic development. Northland has approximately 180 maraes spread across the region.

The Northland CDEM Group are committed to growing meaningful partnership with iwi and Māori through considered collaborative engagement befitting a true partner. We aim to strive towards enhancing the readiness and resilience across Te Tai Tokerau and to ensure Northland CDEM is best placed to support the community's response to and recovery from emergencies.

While the recognition of the importance of iwi/Māori perspectives and tikanga in emergency management has been identified there has been little guidance or development of practical resources on how to engage with iwi, hapū and iwi providers and integrate their emergency management priorities into an emergency management framework. This is an area of work that needs to be progressed within Te Tai Tokerau.

The Northland CDEM Group has co-opted two iwi representatives onto the Coordinating Executive Group (CEG) and the Welfare Coordination Group (WCG) in the past 12 months, to ensure a level of iwi involvement at an operational level, however there is still more work to be undertaken to understand how iwi want to engage in

Northland emergency management, particularly at the strategic governance level, and during response and recovery.

We are seeking to employ an emergency management specialist who will specialise in and focus upon the following -

- Developing a robust iwi engagement strategy
- Developing a work programme that incorporates and strengthens Maori engagement and relationships
- Delivering on the TAG report outcomes for the Role of iwi.

Alignment with identified goals and objectives identified in the CDEM sector

The Government's response to the Technical Advisory Groups recommendations are very clear on expectations of iwi's role in emergency management. We recognise that iwi have a major role to play in emergency management arrangements and support the recommendations made in the report.

Goals/Objectives

Treaty of Waitangi

Working in a way that supports, acknowledges and protects māori culture.

National Resilience Strategy

Working together to manage risk and build resilience through;

2. Effective Response to and Recovery from Emergencies

With the objective being;

8. Build the relationship between emergency management organisations and iwi/groups representing Māori, to ensure greater recognition, understanding, and integration of iwi/Māori perspectives and tikanga in emergency management.

The guiding principles incorporate;

- Manaakitanga
- Whanaungatanga kotahitanga
- Kaitiakitanga tūrangawaewae
- Matauranga
- Tikanga
- Rangatiratanga

National CDEM Plan

There is currently very little reference to iwi in this plan which is due for review along with the guidance in 2021.

Northland CDEM Group Plan;

Kia mahi tahi, kia hangaia he pakaritanga ki roto inga rohe o Te Taitokerau.

Vision: 'Working together to create resilient communities in Northland'

Goal 1. Increased community awareness, understanding, preparedness and participation in civil defence emergency management

Goal 3: 'Enhancing capability to manage civil defence emergencies (Response)'

Alignment

Treaty of Waitangi

Developing partnerships opportunities for participation and protection of culture.

National Resilience Strategy

Recognises the importance of Māori in emergency management and ensures that Northland is leading the way in integrating iwi/ Māori at all levels of emergency management in a way which is most suitable for iwi/ Māori

National CDEM Plan

Incorporates the need for recognising the diverse and dynamic nature of all communities including māori communities, strengthening resilience and ensuring welfare services address the specific needs of iwi, hapū and whanau.

Northland CDEM Group Plan

Supports the direction of the Northland CDEM group in promoting community resilience especially for maori and ensuring a higher level of overall preparedness and/or access to preparedness resources.

Ensuring effective response and recovery for iwi, hapū and whanaū and improving iwi and emergency management relationships.

Goal 4: 'Enhancing capability to recover from civil defence emergencies (Recovery)'

Increased collaboration with respect to developing the new chapter on iwi partnerships, engagement and outcomes for the 2021-2026 Northland CDEM Group plan.

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1. Putting the safety and wellbeing of people at the heart of the emergency response system *TAG recommendation;*

Facilitates identification and development of resources that will assist CDEM Groups to engage with iwi and develop longer term planning, actions and outcomes for Māori.

- 4.1 Recognise the capability that iwi bring to emergency management.
- 4.2 Legislate to enable iwi to participate in planning for and responding to a natural disaster or other emergency, and to bring more clarity to their role.

Dissemination of benefits to sector

The benefits of creating this position relate mainly to the Te Tai Tokerau region and its people.

Strengthening and enhancing capability at the local and regional level within iwi.

Project design			
Project manager	Graeme MacDonald		
Other project members	Northland CDEM Group members		
External providers/contractors	Nil		
Deliverables			
Milestones	Date for completion	Cost	
Application approved Recruiting and employment commenced. Work programme developed and delivered.	February 2021 March 2021 March 2021 onwards.	Total cost of employment and opex costs \$130,000. (\$50,000 from CDEM Group \$80,000 ex fund).	
Identified risks			
Risks	Suggested management		
Difficulty in engaging with iwi as their focus may be on issues that have a higher level of importance to them.	Involve a diverse range of iwi governance (i.e. iwi chairs, CE's, operation managers, existing council committees etc)		
Lack of buy in to participate by iwi leaders	Specially outline the important of iwi to participate and develop a top dow and bottom up approach to reduce the risk.		
Unplanned responses of a considerable duration	Re-reprioritisation of existing work programmes to ensure the project is completed.		
Funding request and use			
CDEM resilience fund contribution	\$80,000		

Local authority/organisation	In-kind staff time from TLA's, iwi social agencies, iwi CE's and chairs, Te Puni		
contribution	Kokiri and Department of Internal Affairs.	e ⁻¹ o kil y . z	
Other sources of funding or support	Northland CDEM Group \$50,000		
Budget	Total cost of position \$130,000, less CDEM contribution \$50000. \$80,000 application.		
Applies if application exceeds \$100,000 over the life of the project	Do you wish to attend a hearing in support Yes of this application?	No ⊠	
Application confirmation			
Approval of CEG Chair	Toky Phipps Northland CDEM Coordinating Executive Group Chair. 14 January 2021		

CDEM Group comment

Establishing rigorous relationships with Māori in Te Tai Tokerau is integral to the effective and efficient emergency management. Creating this position facilitates that intent.