

OFFICE OF TREATY SETTLEMENTS

PRE-MANDATE CLAIMANT FUNDING

Funding of up to \$50,000 for any one group is available as a contribution towards pre-mandate phase activities including:

- **Treaty settlement education and awareness** – provision of information about the settlement process to enable informed decisions to be made.
- **Claimant communications** – hui-a-iwi and smaller local hui (e.g. catering, venue hire, accommodation, travel and advertising).
- **Facilitation, legal or specialist advice** – assistance with internal disputes over representation or overlapping claims.
- **Project management** – assistance with developing organisational capability and a mandate strategy.

The pre-mandate phase is the period between beginning the mandating process and having a Deed of Mandate recognised by the Crown.

Pre-mandate claimant funding is in addition to funding claimant groups receive once their mandate has been recognised by the Crown.

How to apply

Contact the Office of Treaty Settlements *BEFORE* the activity takes place to confirm whether funding will be available. Any funding approved will generally be made available after the expenditure has taken place. Your request will be assessed to determine:

- How the funding would assist a claimant group advance towards the mandating process.
- The amount of funding to be allocated.

Any previous legal aid funding and funding received from the Crown Forestry Rental Trust will be taken into account when considering your request.

Provision of pre-mandate funding does not pre-determine that you are a Large Natural Grouping with whom the Crown will negotiate or guarantee that the Crown will recognise your mandate.

Invoices for litigation will not be reimbursed.

What happens next?

Should your funding be approved, you'll receive a letter from the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations. To receive reimbursement of the funds approved, please provide the Office of Treaty Settlements:

- Evidence of expenditure (e.g. itemised invoices or receipts).
- A report on how the pre-mandate activities assisted with the mandate process.
- The name of the nominated representative body or member with authority to receive the funding on behalf of the group.
- A systems generated bank deposit slip or bank statement header showing the name and number of the bank account.

For further information contact your Office of Treaty Settlements Negotiation Team or ring (04) 494 9800 or email reception.ots@justice.govt.nz