

OFFICE OF TREATY SETTLEMENTS

SUB GROUP CLAIMANT FUNDING

Funding of up to \$150,000 is available for any one sub group to seek legal or specialist assistance to resolve issues and advance the progression of their settlement negotiations

A sub group can include:

- Separately mandated groups within a region.
- Hapū, whānau or WAI claim groups within a mandated entity.

Funding for specific legal or specialist advice is available for sub groups unable to access funding for this purpose under the existing Crown claimant funding policy. For example legal or specialist assistance may be required for:

- Separately mandated groups within a region to come together as a forum or collective to make decisions about overlapping claims.
- A hapū, whānau or Wai claim group within a mandated entity to resolve issues about internal representation in order to maintain a mandate.

How to apply

Requests from sub groups will be considered on a case by case basis. 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 funding for legal or specialist advice would resolve issues and advance the progression of their settlement negotiations.
- 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.

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).

- The name of the nominated representative body or member with authority to receive the funding on behalf of the sub 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