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Original LGOIMA Request:

'At the Livestream (11<sup>th</sup> April 2023) I asked some questions regarding the 'Better Off' expenditure.

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Whilst the Mayor and Councillor tried to answer this, obviously they could not give/recall exact details 'on the spot'.

Could you please provide where the funds - \$14.5m - have been allocated?'

Official LGOIMA Response:

The Government has recently announced that the second tranche of this funding will no longer be available. Council has yet to consider how this impacts the outcomes it was trying to achieve and if this has an impact on the nature and priority of the projects currently approved. Please see the below presentation for the information you have requested.



# Introduction

- Funding applications must meet one or more of the funding criteria and have Iwi support:
  - Supporting communities to transition to a sustainable and low- emissions economy
  - Delivery of infrastructure and/or services that enable housing development and growth
  - Delivery of infrastructure that support improvements in community well-being
- Tranche 1 funding to June 2027: (\$3.71 million for Waitaki) - applications close 30 September 2022

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## Waitaki placemaking and CBD revitalisation

Allocated amount:  
\$1,765,000  
over 3 years –  
including 7%  
overhead to  
deliver



Ōamaru CBD revitalisation -  
\$841,000



Streetscape review north-end  
Ōamaru - \$75,000



Palmerston placemaking -  
\$225,000



Ōmārama town centre  
(Masterplan) - \$225,000



Otematata placemaking projects  
(Masterplan) - \$225,000

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# Waitaki placemaking and CBD revitalisation

## Approach

- Bring forward LTP place making projects and establish foundations for rejuvenation CBD.

## Outcomes

- Economic activity and vibrancy – Waitaki’s CBD’s support growth of our districts economy
- Safer pedestrian movement in CBD’s and improved accessibility

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# Integrated health partnership development

Allocated amount: \$500,000 over 3 years

## Approach

- Enable Health Service to commence initiatives to improve service delivery by providing capacity (human resources) in Health Service.

## Outcomes

- Integration across aged care services to improve efficiency of service delivery and address inequalities in health and poor health outcomes
- Joined up health provision



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## A sustainable inclusive economy

Allocated amount:  
\$625,000 over 2.5 years

### Delivering components of Waitaki Economic Development Strategy

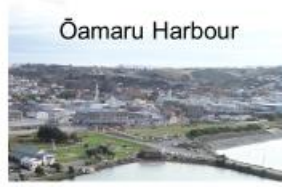
*Co-designed between WDC and  
Te Rūnanga o Moeraki*



Upgrading skills of local workforce



Business incubator scheme



Ōamaru Harbour

Development projects /  
commercial use



Diversified / sustainable  
farming transitions

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## A sustainable inclusive economy

### Approach

- Establishing initial capacity (human resources and funding) to deliver the ambitions of the Waitaki Economic Development Strategy

### Outcomes

- Waitaki's contribution to GDP is above projected
- Increased access to scholarship opportunities
- Increase in number of skilled workers in the workforce of the district
- Increased number of new businesses
- Increased business sustainability (behaviour, growth and people)

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## Waitaki Kaitiakitanga (Biodiversity)

### Summary of project

Allocated amount: \$625,000 over 2.5 years

- Designing a framework guided by Māori knowing, thinking and understanding
- Working with landowners to restore and enhance biodiversity, use land sustainably to sequester carbon, and reduce water rate runoff to reduce flooding impact from increased weather events



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## Waitaki Kaitiakitanga (Biodiversity)

### Approach

- Building capacity (human resources and funding) to act on biodiversity and environmental initiatives.

### Outcomes

- Areas and issues are identified where a coordinated approach would add value in achieving agreed biodiversity outcomes
- Biodiversity provisions in the Waitaki District Plan are given effect to



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## Healthy, affordable homes for all

Allocated amount: \$420,000  
over 3 years



### Delivering components of the Waitaki Housing Strategy 2022

*Developed in partnership with Te Rūnanga o Moeraki*



Healthy Homes Scheme



Affordable Housing  
Development Scheme



Housing Enabling Officer

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## Healthy, affordable homes for all

### Approach

- Housing Enabling Officer – funded for 3 years to manage the programme including identifying and pushing forward sites for development of homes that meet community need but not being delivered by the market with a focus on affordable homes for older/Māori/Pasifika residents
- Affordable Housing Development Scheme – a fund to invest in taking forward sites/developments for housing with a focus on greater residential density eg. through subsidised development contributions and utility connections and living over the shops in historic buildings
- Healthy Homes Scheme – a project targeting the oldest and poorest accommodation, undertaking free energy efficiency assessments and putting together recommendations report for landlords and owners, grants for those on low incomes

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