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Request: OIA-1335

Original LGOIMA Request:

1. What funds have been provided to you related to the three waters proposal.
2. What funds are promised but not yet provided.
3. What has been done or is proposed to be done with either of these categories.
4. Copies of any correspondence you have between yourself and the previous government concerning any money proposed or made available to your council relating to the three waters proposal.
5. What mechanisms are there or were there to ensure that any funds expended were spent as agreed to.

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Official LGOIMA Response:

Council Officers reviewed the request with collated answers below. Documents and emails were also provided to the requester.

1. What funds have been provided to you related to the three waters proposal.

Stimulus funding - \$7.46M early on.

Better Off funding – WDC has been granted \$3,710,000 under the BOF programme. We have received a 10% advance of that sitting at \$370,000. The remaining funds are claimed by WDC as we go, based on the amount of money we have spent.

Working on Reforms – we received and recognised as income in 2023, of \$390k.

2. What funds are promised but not yet provided.

Stimulus funding – All received.

Better Off funding – WDC is still able to claim \$3,340,000 under the BOF programme.

Working on Reforms – All received.

3. What has been done or is proposed to be done with either of these categories.

Stimulus funding [report supplied to requester].

Better Off funding – Under the BOF programme, WDC is running the following projects:

- Delivering Healthy Affordable Homes for All
- Forward Waitaki Programme
- Integrated Health Partnership Development
- Placemaking:
- o Oamaru CBD revitalization project

- o Oamaru North-End Streetscape review
- o Omarama Town Centre Masterplan development projects
- o Otematata Town Centre Masterplan development projects
- o Palmerston Placemaking and recreational initiatives
- Waitaki Kaitiakitanga Biodiversity project

Working on Reforms [example of report supplied to requester].

4. Copies of any correspondence you have between yourself and the previous government concerning any money proposed or made available to your council relating to the three waters proposal.

[Collated communications provided to the requester].

[WDC Better off Fundings Agreement supplied to requester].

5. What mechanisms are there or were there to ensure that any funds expended were spent as agreed to.

Stimulus funding – Quite stringent request and audit/reporting procedures [final report supplied to requester].

Better Off funding – In order for us to be able and claim the money from Crown Infrastructure, we need to provide invoices and receipts showing that the money has been used for the allocated project. Without that, we can't claim any of that funding. The details of that is being tracked in our BOF Crown Infrastructure portal, where we upload status reports and invoices etc.

Working on Reforms – Quarterly reporting to DIA, through their 'Community Advice and Grants' portal.