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### Official Information Request and Response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act ("OIA") dated 12 April 2026.

You have requested:

*All records from 2019 onward relating to agency-wide decision-making processes for funding applicants and projects. My request is for official information on how NZ On Air makes funding decisions. The specific items requested include:*

- *Policies or manuals used in making funding decisions affecting applicants.*
- *Criteria, thresholds or frameworks used by staff and any delegated authority in funding decisions.*
- *Training materials or guidelines for staff evaluating funding applications.*
- *Reports, audits or reviews of the funding decision process.*
- *Internal briefings, memos or communications about funding decision policies.*
- *Templates, forms, checklists or workflow documents used in funding decisions.*
- *Records categorizing types of funding decisions and number of applicants funded vs declined.*
- *Any documents on appeals, quality assurance or complaint process for funding decisions.*

After further consideration, your request has been refused under section 18(f) of the OIA, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation and research. Our request (and subsequent follow-up) to you to refine the information you require has not been responded to, and without further direction, we are unable to respond.

As we have noted, your request spans across several years, all funding types provided by NZ On Air and all funding decisions, encompassing a high volume of information. The time to identify, search, retrieve and compile this material would have a significant impact on the operations of the agency.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate this decision if you are dissatisfied with it. More information on how to do this is [here](#). NZ On Air proactively releases information in accordance with the Government's commitment to the Open Government Partnership National Action Plan. This includes publishing responses to OIA requests for information.

## Connecting and reflecting Aotearoa

For your information, funding provided by NZ On Air for all successful projects is [searchable](#) on our website. Current funding strategies and guidelines are also available on our website. You can also [sign up](#) to receive our regular industry newsletter via our website.

Please note that this response (with your name removed) will be published on the NZ On Air website shortly and will remain on our website for 12 months.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Ngā manaakitanga,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Rasch', with a stylized, cursive script.

Raewyn Rasch

**HEAD OF OPERATIONS, PARTNERSHIPS AND CULTURE**

**KAIHAUTŪ NGĀ WHAKAHAERE, NGĀ RANGIPŪ MAHITAHĪ ME TE AHUREA**