

17 September 2021



By email:



Tēnā koe



Official Information request and response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act ("OIA") which was transferred to us from Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture & Heritage on 14 September 2021.

You have requested:

- *How many news media organizations have applied for and received funding from the Public Interest Journalism Fund*
- *What is the total to date of media organization who have received funding*
- *What are the names of the news organizations such as daily news papers who have received funding from this fund*
- *How much (in dollar terms) have each individual news organization who have applied for funding - received, via this or any other fund MCH administers*

Our response is for the Public Interest Journalism Fund which NZ On Air Administers. For specific details of Manatū Taonga funds you will need to inquire that particular ministry.

To date we have only completed one round of funding and this information is available in a media release on our website [here](#).

To confirm, NZ On Air received 123 applications asking for more than \$44m from a total pool of \$9.6m available in the first round. A panel including independent industry assessors recommended 34 applications for funding. This was for 74 organisations applying for funding of which 27 were successful. You will find a breakdown of the organisations their projects and funding totals in the media release.

For your information, funding provided by NZ On Air for all successful projects is searchable on our website. You can also sign up to receive our industry newsletter via our website.

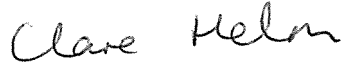
You have the right to refer this response to the Ombudsman if you are dissatisfied with it. More information on how to do this is [here](#). NZ On Air proactively releases information in accordance with the Government's commitment to the Open Government Partnership National Action Plan. This includes

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publishing responses to requests for information under the OIA. 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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clare Helm". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Clare Helm

HEAD OF CORPORATE SERVICES