

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated
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COVID-19 BUDGET BRIEF 2020

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Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi has viewed the available information on the budget, and we are pleased that it is infusing resources into areas such as Trade Training, Housing, Whānau Ora, and Health.

In terms of Trade Training, the Iwi has advocated for this over the last two years, based on the announcement of Minister's Nanaia Mahuta and Megan Woods at Waipatu Marae in 2019 for an increase in social housing in our rohe. Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi, local government agencies, post settlement groups, private sectors, and whānau will collectively focus on housing/building, Trade Training, small to medium enterprises in business facilitation, and growth over the next ten years. The budget indicates that this will become a reality rather than just a strategy. Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi have designs for prefabricating in the Trade Training School that can cater for up to one hundred and fifty Trade Trainees per year for the next ten years. This new type of apprenticeship allows trainees to develop skills over the next six months in the Building industry and will also enable them to become employable within eighteen months.

In terms of health, the details of the budget have not been revealed, but Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi expects that the resources would go down the same rabbit hole that has failed Māori in the past. The innovative approach would be to initiate the Native Alaskan model of health, 'Nuka', that has been studied by the Hawke's Bay District Health Board for so long. This is the perfect opportunity to use whānau eccentric models of service delivery.

In terms of the increase in Whānau Ora; the original expectation was a holistic approach rather than an agency driven approach to whānau empowerment. Iwi expect that services will be procured from the Māori community opposed to current systems that have not worked.

The Iwi is pleased that wage subsidy has been extended for a further 8 weeks, particularly to small businesses, as our focus is employment at all sectors and all levels with continued improvement in economics, social and environmental uplifts.

We are working alongside local and central government agencies, private sectors, post settlement entities, whānau and hapū to ensure cohesion in our regional recovery that has proven we can work through the lockdown 3 & 4 stages.

He kai kei aku ringa - We have the solutions in our own hands. As we work together we can achieve our ambitions.

Ngāti Kahungunu is the third largest Iwi with 35,000 registered members. Geographically the tribe has the second longest coastline in the country from Paritū in the North to Turakirae in the South. Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated maintains an independent position to provide research, advice and advocate for the interests, rights, values, beliefs and practices of Ngāti Kahungunu alongside our whānau and hapū. Our mission is to enhance the mana and well-being of Ngāti Kahungunu.