

SUB GROUP CLAIMANT FUNDING GUIDELINES

Funding of up to \$150,000 is available for any one sub group to seek legal or specialist assistance to resolve issues and advance the progression of their settlement negotiations.

A sub group can include:

- Separately mandated groups within a region
- Hapū, whānau or WAI claim groups within a mandated entity.

Funding for specific legal or specialist advice is available for sub groups unable to access funding for this purpose under the existing Crown claimant funding policy. For example, legal or specialist assistance may be required for:

- Separately mandated groups within a region to come together as a forum or collective to make decisions about overlapping claims, and
- A hapū, whānau or Wai claim group within a mandated entity to resolve issues about internal representation in order to maintain a mandate.

How to apply?

Requests from sub groups will be considered on a case by case basis. Contact Te Arawhiti *before* the activity takes place to confirm whether funding will be available. Any funding approved will generally be made available after the expenditure has taken place. Requests will be assessed to determine:

- How funding for legal or specialist advice would resolve issues and advance the progression of their settlement negotiations, and
- The amount of funding to be allocated.

Any previous legal aid funding received from the Legal Services Agency and funding received from the Crown Forestry Rental Trust will be taken into account when considering requests. Invoices for litigation will not be reimbursed.

What happens next?

Should funding be approved, successful applicants will be notified. To receive reimbursement of the funds approved, the following documents will be required:

- Evidence of expenditure (e.g. itemised invoices or receipts),
- The name of the nominated representative body or member with authority to receive the funding on behalf of the sub group, and
- A system-generated bank deposit slip or bank statement header showing the name and number of the bank account.