

Community Projects 2018/19

Community Projects mid-year report

Application CP0001 From Mr Keld Hunia

Instructions for Grantees

This form is designed to help us understand the challenges, triumphs and insights you experienced and gained while running your funded project/program. Please be frank - while we absolutely want to know about and celebrate your successes, it's just important to us that we understand what did not work so well. This will help us to learn what we and others could do differently next time.

You must complete and submit this form no later than the date stipulated in your funding agreement. However, should you not be able to meet the deadline please contact Gertrud to arrange an alternative date. If you fail to do so you may not be eligible to apply for further grants from **InternetNZ**.

The completion of this form should be overseen by someone with an intimate knowledge of the funded project/program.

Mid-project Report

Project Title

Help Underprivileged Students with Learning Online

This question is read only.

Amount of funding granted from InternetNZ?

\$30,000.00

Must be a dollar amount.

Please provide a short summary of the work that has been completed as part of this project/research

An network of towers with antenna have been erected in the Murupara district that has allowed for the wifi signal to be transmitted throughout the district and its residents.

Testing was carried out with the signal to ensure the town has coverage with a strong signal and to ensure the filters in place are successfully blocking inappropriate sites.

Additional funding to complete phase 1 of "Connected Murupara" has been achieved.

A community information evening in the township of Murupara took place on the 9th of May.

Pamphlets, billboards, Internet use agreement form and evaluation forms were created and distributed for the whanaū that have signed up.

Installation of the first lot of dishes on the roof tops and router in the homes began on the 28th of May.

A number of funding applications have been submitted in order to continue with stage 2 Connected Kawerau.

A working party of engineers technicians and council members have conducted a scoping exercise of the Kawerau township visiting numerous locations to determine suitability with line of sight and access for the construction of towers

Describe the 'who, what, where, when and why' of your initiative

When do you anticipate that your project will be completed?

31/03/2020

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Must be a date.

Milestones

What have been the major achievements/steps (i.e. milestones) involved in delivering your project to date?

Milestone	Description
49 new connections	Initial progress has seen 49 households and their families in Murupara connected to the Internet.
Stronger council and Iwi relationship	The council and local Iwi both saw the benefit of this project to the community and came out strongly in support initiating meeting with like minded organisations, support from a cultural perspective, and with the contribution of funds
Funding applications	Funding applications submitted to Bay Trust were approved to cover wages and salaries plus infrastructure costs. Round two has just been submitted with the outcome to be determined Jan 2020.
Tower and antenna install	Murupara and the surrounding rural district now have extensive wifi coverage with the completion of a network of towers antenna and repeaters.
Pilot	The ministry have been heavily involved with the setup of the project in its schools and see this a pilot. One of four they will monitor and evaluate as they search for a national solution to digital equitable access.
e.g. planning; major activities; evaluation	

What findings have you made so far?

Some parents have resisted signing up skeptical about a project that offered something for nothing and wanted to know what the catch was or what the hidden costs were.

The wifi connection is only effective when there are suitable devices for the children to access the education suites and for many families with limited funds this is an issue. We had to come up with a strategy that enabled families to get affordable device/s into the home.

Creating a project plan roles responsibilities and timeline is essential to the success of a project.

What (if anything) did you change in your approach and practices as your project/program/initiative proceeded, and why?

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We had to change to way we spoke to the householder when it came to the evaluation form. This was due to suspicion around the information being gathered and who it was shared. Despite reassurances that the data gathered did not contain any personal information.

The funding applications shifted away from the likes of Lion, Pub Charities etc. While we did have some success with partial funding of the project manager salary, a number of applications were declined due to not funding capital items such as antenna, CPE dishes our focus shifted to council Local iwi and private enterprise.

We had to amend some of the processes and procedures given the rural isolation no bank in the township with the nearest branch and device supplier 50 kilometers away.

We may use this information to help inform others undertaking similar work

Financial Report

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Project Income & Expenditure

Please provide details of any project income (funds received) and project expenditure (funds spent) to date.

Use the 'Notes' column to provide any additional information you think we should be aware of.

Income Description	Income Type	Confirmed Funding?	Income Amount (\$)	Notes
Runanga and Iwi trusts'	Donations *	Confirmed *	\$19,500.00	.
InternetNZ and Bay Trust	Philanthropic Grants	Confirmed	\$120,000.00	
District Council	Government Grants	Confirmed	\$9,500.00	

Expenditure Description	Expenditure Type	Expenditure Amount (\$)	Notes
Project Manager	Salaries and Wages *	\$38,500.00	
Towers/Antenna	Infrastructure and/or Hardware	\$15,500.00	
CPE Dish	Infrastructure and/or Hardware	\$15,000.00	
Administration	Administrative and Infrastructure	\$14,700.00	

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Billboard/phamplet/e valuations	Advertising and Promotion	\$950.00	

Income and Expenditure Totals

Total Income Amount	Total Expenditure Amount	Income - Expenditure
\$149,000.00	\$84,650.00	\$64,350.00
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Have you experienced any issues with your intended project budget to date? If so, please explain reasons for any major variances or for providing incomplete information:

The total expenditure \$84,650 is what has been consumed to date.

We project salary costs, additional invoices from the supplier for CPE dishes, routers and installation in Murupara and Kawerau, invoices for tower upgrades radio equipment plus construction and installation for the network yet to be submitted by the supplier will reduce the income by an estimated \$35,000.

We are currently talking with the Industry sector of Kawerau to secure an additional \$50,000 to ensure we can connect the estimated number of households in Kawerau without an Internet connection.

We will reassess the \$50k figure once we have better data from the surveys that the schools are undertaking and interest from the parent information evenings.

Certification and Feedback

Feedback

You are almost at the end of our application process. Before **Submitting** your application, please take a few moments to provide some feedback.

Please indicate how you found the acquittal process:

Very easy Easy Neutral Difficult Very Difficult

How many minutes in total did it take you to complete this form?

900

Estimate in minutes (i.e. 1 hour = 60 minutes)

Please provide us with your suggestions about any improvements and/or additions to this form that you think we need to consider: