

# MACA APPLICANT FUNDING: POLICY AND GUIDELINES

## Part 4B: Funding for the provision of evidence on other applications by applicants and other customary interest groups

This document sets out the Crown's funding policy for applications made under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 and provides a set of guidelines on the availability and use of applicant funding. This consists of 4 parts:

**Part 1:** Overarching funding policy

**Part 2:** Funding for groups in the Crown engagement application pathway

**Part 3:** Funding for groups in the High Court application pathway

**Part 4A:** Funding for appeals

**Part 4B:** Funding for overlapping customary interest groups (this part)

### Funding for overlapping customary interest groups

Funding for provision of evidence is available to customary interest groups to provide evidence to challenge an application in Crown engagement and the High Court that overlaps with their customary interests.

This funding will be limited to a contribution to actual and reasonable costs for research, project management or legal costs incurred in providing evidence.

#### WHO CAN APPLY?

Funding for the provision of evidence against other applications by customary interest groups is available to:

- Customary interest groups who do not have an application; and
- Applicant groups who are not already funded under either pathway.

The funding can only be used to collect and provide evidence to disprove whether an applicant group in Crown engagement and the High Court meets the test under the Act.

#### WHY ARE APPLICANTS FUNDED ELSEWHERE UNABLE TO APPLY?

As part of the funding for their own application, applicants in Crown engagement and the High Court are provided with funding to produce evidence of their own exclusive use and occupation of the common marine and coastal area.

The level of funding provided for this is increased where the application area is significantly overlapped with other groups, as an applicant's evidence will have to address claims of exclusive use and occupation of the same area by other groups.

Additional funding for applicants to provide evidence disputing another group's claim to exclusive use and occupation of an overlapping area will not be provided, as it is expected applicants will be able to use the evidence produced as part of their own application.

As applications progress at different rates, some applicants may not have accessed their evidence gathering funding at the point at which they may wish to provide evidence to disprove another application. The Crown will therefore provide applicants with funding from this funding source in this circumstance.

## HOW TO APPLY?

Contact Te Arawhiti *BEFORE* you start preparing evidence to confirm the amount of funding that will be available:

- email: [maca@tearawhiti.govt.nz](mailto:maca@tearawhiti.govt.nz); or
- phone: 0800 TOMACA (0800 866 222).

Your request will be assessed to determine:

- the type and amount of research required to provide evidence; and
- if any previous funding is already available.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Should your funding be approved, you will receive a letter from Te Arawhiti informing you of the amount of funding available for the specific tasks required to support your provision of evidence. Any funding approved will be available after the expenditure has taken place.

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