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RE Official information request WCD 9731 / HNZ 3374

I refer to your email dated 26 August 2022, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Te Tai o Poutini West Coast. This relates to a story published by the Greymouth Star in July 2021 referring to this report:

<https://www.mbie.govt.nz/immigration-and-tourism/tourism/tourism-recovery/tourism-communities-support-recovery-and-re-set-plan/>

- **With regard to how the money has been spent in Westland. I am not sure how the original \$4.5mil was split between the five communities.**

1. How much has been spent?

As previously advised, Te Mana Ora employed a dedicated resource in March 2022 to support this work. The total amount spent to date (\$78,682) therefore includes a portion of salary already paid as well as costs already paid for the events and activities previously advised to you.

The Steering Group that has been established are committed to ensuring there is equitable benefit from these funds across each of the small communities within South Westland and that the benefits of the funding last beyond single one-off events or purchases. The Te Mana Ora Coordinator is continuing to work with the Steering Group to encourage community engagement and collaboration in ensuring the events and activities identified are those that matter most to the community.

A further approximately \$5,400 has been committed to future events or projects that have not yet been invoiced and further initiatives are being considered by the Steering Group this week totalling around \$49,000.

2. Is there a date you have to use the money by (use it or lose it)?

The funding for this initiative is due to run until 30th June 2023, however, Te Mana Ora, National Public Health Service, has committed to ensuring the entirety of funds are used for the benefit of the South Westland community. This may mean that activities and events will continue beyond this date.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Te Tai o Poutini West Coast website after your receipt of this response.

Ngā mihi / Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ras', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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