

***Request for an update on the status of each of our applications to Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) for the Provincial Growth Fund?***

Kāpiti Coast District Council has had one application approved through the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF), for a Kāpiti Coast Provincial Growth Fund Programme Manager. The purpose of the Programme Manager role is to ensure that Provincial Growth Fund applications are developed and implemented for the benefit of the district.

The Council currently has four expressions of interest with the PGF, all of which were part of the original programme submitted to the Fund in 2018, prior to the Kāpiti Coast becoming eligible for the PGF.

These concepts are:

- The Kāpiti Gateway / Visitor Experience Centre;
- The East-West roading connection;
- Native afforestation in Kāpiti; and Marae Development.

At a high level, these concepts line up with the criteria for the fund and align with the direction given to us by our communities through our 2018 long term plan. Council staff are currently working with partners and stakeholders to explore and develop these concepts further and if they're viable, they could be taken further in the Provincial Growth Fund process, which is managed by MBIE's Provincial Development Unit.