

MARAE DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY PROJECT

INFORMATION SHEET

Tēnā koe! Tēnā koutou!

Thank you for your interest in the Marae Digital Connectivity project, which is funded through the Provincial Growth Fund (“PGF”).

Applications for the Marae Digital Connectivity project are now open. To be eligible for the Marae Digital Connectivity project your Marae must complete the four-stage assessment process outlined below. The outcome of that assessment will determine the eligibility of your Marae.

As there is limited funding for the Marae Digital Connectivity project, completing the four-stage process does not guarantee that your Marae will receive funding under the Marae Digital Connectivity project. The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (“MBIE”), The Provincial Development Unit (“PDU”), Te Puni Kōkiri (“TPK”) and Crown Infrastructure Partners (“CIP”) will make the final decisions regarding funding.

The four-stage assessment process is explained below:

Stages	Assessment Stage
Stage 1:	Māori Reservation Status
Stage 2:	Consent Form
Stage 3:	Social and Cultural Readiness Survey
Stage 4:	Technical and Principles Assessment

Stage 1: Māori Reservation Status

Your Marae will need to be a Māori Reservation that has been set aside for the purposes of a Marae under section 338 Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993. The Māori Land Court is responsible for this process and you can find out more information about how land is set aside as a Māori Reservation here:

<https://maorilandcourt.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/MLC-maori-reservations-english.pdf>

All that is required at this stage however, is to identify which Marae you are applying on behalf of, the name of the Trust that administers the Māori Reservation and then complete and return the Consent Form below. A list of Marae that we know of is listed here. Please note that the list is not exhaustive and may include Marae that are not Māori Reservations.

Stage 2: Consent Form

Two responsible Trustees of the Māori Reservation Trust will need to sign the Consent Form, indicating the Marae would like to be part of the Marae Digital Connectivity project.

By signing the Consent Form, you are indicating that your Marae is willing to:

1. Participate in the Marae Digital Connectivity project;
2. Permit Marae Digital Connectivity project Service Providers access to Marae land and buildings, to install the necessary hardware equipment to complete the Marae Digital Connectivity project; and

3. Take responsibility for the ongoing management of the installed equipment, manage how the broadband connection is used and be responsible for the ongoing broadband connection costs.

Stage 3: Social and Cultural Readiness Survey

You will need to fill out the Survey here to provide the additional information required to assess the Social and Cultural Readiness of your Marae.

Your Marae will be assessed by Te Puni Kōkiri for Social and Cultural Readiness, based on the following criteria:

- Your Marae is a place where business activities or skills development will lead to improved employment opportunities for your community;
- Your Marae has a stable governance structure and membership;
- Your Marae buildings are fit for purpose and the facilities are safe and healthy;
- Your Marae is easily accessible by road; and
- Your Marae are involved in activities such as Te Kōhanga Reo, Papakāinga, Kura Kaupapa and/or Kaumātua flats.

Stage 4: Technical and Principles Assessment

Crown Infrastructure Partners will carry out the Technical Assessment.

The Provincial Development Unit (PDU) will carry out the Principles Assessment.

This will cover matters such as:

- Whether your Marae is covered under the Rural Broadband Initiative Phase 2 (RBI2) and Mobile Blackspot Fund (MBSF) programme;
- Whether Broadband coverage is available for your Marae;
- The existing power supply to your Marae;
- Requirements for consent and access to install broadband and hardware;
- Requirements of Marae Digital Connectivity service providers.

Contact

All correspondence concerning the Marae Digital Connectivity project will be communicated to the Trust-nominated contact person provided in the Survey.

Opt Out or Withdraw from Marae Digital Connectivity project

If you and your Marae wish to withdraw from consideration under the Marae Digital Connectivity project at any time, please email: maraeconnectivity@mbie.govt.nz and provide the name of your Marae and the responsible Trustees that signed on behalf of your Marae.

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CONSENT FORM

We _____ (*Name of the 1st Trustee*) and
_____ (*Name of the 2nd Trustee*)

Responsible Trustees of _____ (*name of Trust*) have the authority and mandate to act on behalf of our Marae Trust for _____ (*name of Marae*) Marae and agree to participate in the Marae Digital Connectivity project.

We understand that by signing this Consent Form:

- Our Marae is a willing participant in the Marae Digital Connectivity project;
- We will complete Stages 3 and 4 of the Assessment for eligibility;
- We will be required to provide permission and access to our land to Service Providers to complete the necessary work to complete the Marae Digital Connectivity project;
- In giving access to Service Providers, we will be allowing access to Marae buildings to install the necessary hardware equipment to complete the Marae Digital Connectivity project;
- Contact details for our nominated contact person will be provided in the Survey. The nominated person will be the primary contact for the Marae concerning the Marae Digital Connectivity project and will engage and interact with Government officials and Service Providers;
- We understand that our Marae Trust will be responsible for the ongoing management of the installed equipment, manage how the broadband connection is used and be responsible for the ongoing broadband connection costs.

PRIVACY ACT 1993

The personal information you provide as part of this Consent Form will be used only for the purposes of the Marae Digital Connectivity project, including internal reporting and monitoring.

Your information may be stored in cloud storage and accessed by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (“MBIE”), The Provincial Development Unit (“PDU”), Te Puni Kōkiri (“TPK”) and Crown Infrastructure Partners (“CIP”) in order to process your application.

If successful, your information may also be passed onto Marae Digital Connectivity project Service Providers in order to complete the Marae Digital Connectivity project.

You have the right to request access to your personal information, and to have your personal information corrected.

Signatures and Contact Details

Please confirm your agreement to your personal information being collected and used for these purposes by signing below. Please send the completed Consent Form to: maraeconnectivity@mbie.govt.nz.

Signature: _____

Trustee one: _____ (*printed name*)

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Dated: _____

Signature: _____

Trustee two: _____ (*printed name*)

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Dated: _____