

Rural Provider Fund for Special Interest Training 2025



Funding through Rural Service Level Alliance Team Te Tai Tokerau is available to support the formal training of rural Nurses, NPs, allied health professionals, GPs, GP registrars and staff of NGOs and other Hauora Services to improve and promote sustainable rural primary health outcomes, address gaps in unmet needs and allow top-of-scope practice.

This is a one-off funding opportunity with no guarantee of ongoing financial support. Applications will be accepted and processed until the fund is exhausted.

The fund is for formal training and does not support project costs or delivery of any service. Proposals that focus on physical equipment or bricks and mortar infrastructure are unlikely to be successful.

Mahitahi Hauora recognises Te Tiriti o Waitangi as the founding document of Aotearoa/New Zealand. Alignment with the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi will be considered in assessing proposals. The principles are:

- Tino rangatiratanga: Providing for Māori self-determination and mana motuhake in the design, delivery, and monitoring of health services.
- Equity: Being committed to achieving equitable health outcomes for Māori.
- Active Protection: Protect Māori health and achieve equitable health outcomes for Māori.
- Options: Provide for Kaupapa Māori services. Health and disability services are provided in a culturally appropriate way that recognises and supports the expression of Hauora Māori models of care.
- Partnership: Working in partnership with Māori.

Criteria for applications

Applications are open for individuals and organisations in rural areas of Te Tai Tokerau – Far North, Hokianga, Mid North, Dargaville and rural Whangārei. Applications should address one or more of the following focus areas:

- Equity – Improving access and outcomes for Māori, Pacific peoples, people with disabilities, vulnerable groups and people living in rural communities with socioeconomic disadvantage.
- After-hours and acute care – Improving acute care services in your area.
- Models of care development – Upskilling an employee to improve service delivery.
- Recruitment and retention of local workforce – Building individual skills and maintaining education pathways for our service provider network.
- Applicants should have the written support of their practice or affiliated organisation.

Claimable items

- Course fees/training costs
- Relevant Conference registration fees
- Locum GP costs to release GPs
- Back fill for nurse time if applicable
- Reasonable travel & accommodation costs
- Mileage to attend conferences /training if no company vehicle available.

Outcome measures

You will need to specify outcome measures appropriate to your project.

Outcome measures could include:

- Completion of the appropriate qualification
- Report of service performed (who, what, when, why)
- Patient reported outcomes survey
- Presentation of learning to identified forum to share learning and support the wide workforce learning.

Submission process

Please send proposals to rslat@mahitahihauora.co.nz

Applications received by the 20th of the month will be reviewed by Mahitahi Hauora Education panel and an outcome will be provided by the 20th of the following month.

Where prior approval is requested or timeframes are tight, applications will be managed on an individual basis to ensure timeliness for applicant's application for professional development.

You will be asked to disclose if other funding has been received or applied for, and in some instances, you may be asked to apply through other funding streams first. Every effort will be made to support the workforce to utilise all funding sources available within current resources.

The panel reserves the right to decline or offer partial payment.

All applications must be submitted using the supplied template.

If you wish to discuss your application or need help preparing your application, please contact rslat@mahitahihauora.co.nz we are happy to support you.