

Learning Community Cluster Support

With more than 60% of schools in Learning Community Clusters established in Greater Christchurch after the earthquakes now involved in a Community of Learning | Kāhui Ako, we have needed to review budgets. We have previously advised that funding for cluster leadership or to support cluster projects will end on **30 June 2017**.

Significant resourcing for leadership and support is available to schools in Communities of Learning | Kāhui Ako, including:

- Lead Principal – 0.4 FTTE release to lead collaboration across the community to meet its achievement challenges
- Across Community Teacher roles – 0.4 FTTE release to work with teachers across the community to focus on teaching practices to meet achievement challenges
- Within School Teacher roles – 0.08 FTTE to work with teachers within a school to promote best teaching practice
- Inquiry time – a minimum of 0.05 FTTE release to enable teachers to work together on collaborative projects

For schools seeking to establish a Community of Learning with neighbouring schools or wanting to join an existing Community of Learning to access these resources, please contact your Education Advisor.

From 1 July 2017, the Ministry will continue to support your LCC through other mechanisms or programmes rather than directly funding clusters for leadership or to support cluster projects.

You might also want to consider applying for:

Teacher Led Innovation Fund (TLIF)

TLIF supports teams of qualified teachers from Early Childhood Education Services me ngā Kōhanga Reo (early learning services), schools and kura, to collaboratively develop innovative practices that improve learning outcomes.

Early childhood services, schools and kura do not have to be in a Community of Learning | Kāhui Ako for teachers to have access to the funding. You can access the TLIF funding guide [here](#).

The next funding round opens in November 2017.

For further information please phone 0800 IES INFO (0800 437 4636) or email teacherled.innovfund@education.govt.nz

Grow Waitaha

Grow Waitaha is a programme designed to help schools with change, in particular moving towards collaboration and learner agency.

All schools entering the Christchurch Schools Rebuild programme have access to a navigator to assist in the change process. Any other schools in the region can attend capacity building opportunities and access online resources.

Through Grow Waitaha, individual schools, clusters and Kāhui Ako can access customised development activities that meet their specific needs.

To find out more, please visit the website at www.growwaitaha.co.nz

Manawhenua facilitators

Clusters can still access Manawhenua facilitators, who can help with the interpretation of their cultural narrative, building culturally responsive practice and place based curriculum development.

For more information about the work of Manawhenua Facilitators in your cluster, please contact Gemma Stewart by email at gemma.stewart@ngaitahu.iwi.nz

JSIF and EDI Funding

Many clusters or schools within clusters have an allocation of these funding sources from the closure and merger of Christchurch schools. Both funding sources support projects that improve educational opportunities for students.

EDI funding is for individual school projects and is allocated to individual schools.

JSIF funding is allocated to clusters and supports collaborative projects that include more than one school.

To find out if your school or cluster has access to this funding or if you want to talk through how you might use your allocation, please contact your Education Advisor.