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Tēnā koe

### **Official information request for information related to Creative New Zealand grants to overseas artists**

I refer to your official information request dated 27 October 2020 for the following:

- 1.1 *A list of grants given to individuals and groups based overseas by Creative New Zealand in the past 12 months.*
  - 1.1.1 *For each grant, please note the name(s) of the individual or group and the brief description of the relevant project (as provided on your website).*
  - 1.1.2 *For each grant, please note the fund from which the grant was paid — for example, the Arts Continuity Grant.*
  - 1.1.3 *For each grant, please note the amount given.*
- 1.2 *Information regarding how Creative New Zealand determines whether a given individual or group is based in New Zealand or a grant is likely to benefit New Zealand (for the purpose of considering his/her/their eligibility for a grant) — for example, declarations or tax residency.*
- 1.3 *Justification for not collecting information regarding the country of residence of its grant applicants/recipients, in the event Creative New Zealand does not do this.*

We've considered your request under the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982 ('the Act'), which is based on the principle that information held by government agencies should be made available on request unless there is good reason for withholding it. The information you have requested is enclosed.

The information requested is attached as **Appendix 1**. Eligibility and assessment criteria are available on our website at: <https://www.guidelines.creativenz.govt.nz/help/who-can-apply>

We accept applications from:

- individuals who are New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- New Zealand-based organisations (including groups and collectives)
- international arts organisations, but the application must show direct benefit to New Zealand arts.

Applicants register and submit applications via the Creative New Zealand Portal where they provide information about themselves including residency status and location. To apply for Creative New

Zealand support, applicants must outline details of the project and the expertise of those involved. This allows us to determine if an applicant meets our track record requirements and how their project benefits New Zealand arts or artists.

All applications must align with Creative New Zealand's strategic outcomes. Our outcomes, set out below, describe the difference we want our work to make (ie, the benefits for New Zealanders).

- New Zealanders participate in the arts.
- High-quality New Zealand art is developed.
- New Zealanders experience high-quality arts.
- New Zealand arts gain international success.
- New Zealand's arts sector is resilient.

More information about our outcomes is set out in our Statement of Intent 2019–2029, available on our website at: <https://www.creativenz.govt.nz/about-creative-new-zealand/corporate-documents/statement-of-intent-2019-2029>

If you wish to discuss this information request, please get in touch with Pip O'Flaherty on 04 498 0737 or via email to: [pip.oflaherty@creativenz.govt.nz](mailto:pip.oflaherty@creativenz.govt.nz)

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Pannett', written in a cursive style.

David Pannett  
**Pou Whakahaere Matua, Rautaki me te Tūhono**  
**Senior Manager, Strategy & Engagement**