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Dear

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 26 October 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I would like to make an official request for information pertaining to the amount of government funding that was allocated to Whanganui District Council for the Innovation Streets for People 2019-2021 programme, specifically for the Drews Avenue project, which 90% was provided by the Ministry of Transport (NZ Transport Agency)

The 2019-2021 Innovating Streets for People programme aimed to make it faster and easier to transition our streets to safer and more liveable spaces. The programme delivered 89 kilometres of street changes in 32 towns and cities across Aotearoa. Funding for the projects came from the National Land Transport Programme, with a Funding Assistance Rate of up to 90 percent. The remainder for the funding for the projects came from the council's local share.

A total of \$813,375 excluding GST was allocated to Whanganui District Council from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency for the Innovating Streets for People projects. Of this, \$411,300 was allocated to the Drews Avenue Arts Quarter Living Street project and \$402,075 was allocated to the Lower and Upper Victoria Avenue Food Zones project.

In line with Waka Kotahi policy, this response will soon be published on our website, with personal information removed.

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact Ministerial Services by email to official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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