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Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request, which was partially transferred to the Ministry of Disabled People - Whaikaha (Whaikaha) on 3 March 2025. You asked for costs pertaining to the Kapa Haka festival, Te Matatini 2025:

- **Could you please advise me of the Governments monetary contribution/costs to the 2025 Kapa Haka festival in New Plymouth.**

Please note, we can only provide information about funding arranged by Whaikaha.

While Whaikaha did not pay any direct costs towards Te Matatini, we agreed to provide a one-off grant of \$35,000 to Te Roopu Waiora Trust to support the disability community's access to, and involvement at Te Matatini. The one-off grant was to be used for:

- the provision of a dedicated accessible space (marquee)
- New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) interpreter costs
- a contribution towards volunteer travel costs.

This one-off grant was aimed at directly benefiting audience members with disability related access needs. The accessible space was staffed by experienced volunteers from the disability sector and a range of supports were provided throughout the 5-day event including: NZSL interpreters, venue guidance for people with vision impairment, and a quiet space to rest for people with sensory or other support needs.

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If you wish to discuss this response with us, or if you are seeking any further information, please contact OIA_requests@whaikaha.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi nui

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