

Expression of Interest

This Expression of Interest outlines your proposal to access funding from the Provincial Growth Fund for the purpose of lifting productivity potential in one or more regions. It will help the officials administering the Fund to work with you to develop a full proposal, so please provide as much detail as you are able to.

If your proposal has the potential to be funded, you will be invited to submit a formal application. You will then need to provide further detailed information, as appropriate to the size and complexity of your proposal. This Expression of Interest form gives you an idea of the criteria that your proposal would be assessed against, and the type of information that would be needed.

<p>Proposal name</p>	<p>New Zealand Chinese Association (NZCA) Ventnor Memorial Project</p>
<p>Applicant(s) and contact details</p>	<p>New Zealand Chinese Association Inc (NZCA) PO Box 6008 Wellington President: Privacy of natural persons</p>
<p>Outline of proposal</p> <p><i>Please specify exactly how the funding will be used within this, the key outcomes of the project, the need for the project, and expected timeframes for completion.</i></p>	<p>The NZCA is building a memorial to commemorate the 1902 sinking of the SS <i>Ventnor</i> off the Hokianga coast. [For more background see Appendix A: SS <i>Ventnor</i> project history.]</p> <p>The memorial is expected to be a distinctive cultural site in the Hokianga, enabling:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • future generations of Chinese New Zealanders to affirm their history and connection with their ancestors • tangata whenua and other New Zealanders to pay their respects and celebrate shared values and common history • ongoing public education on Chinese New Zealand history and historic Chinese Māori relations • economic benefits to Rawene and other areas in Northland, through increased visitor numbers.

	<p>A key outcome will be anticipated economic benefits to the Hokianga west coast. The Northland Regional Council is developing a Ventnor-themed “Wandering with Ancestors” tourism trail. This extends from the Waipoua forest in the south to Mitimiti in north. The memorial will be the central feature of the trail which is to be launched at the memorial’s unveiling. The trail contributes to a cornerstone project within the Northland Economic Action Plan: “Northland Journeys – the Byways”.</p> <p>The memorial will also complement other visitor attractions in the area, such as the planned Manea Footprints of Kupe Cultural Heritage Centre and Education Centre in Opononi. More specifically, it will provide a unique point of connection between Chinese and Māori, potentially boosting overseas Chinese visitor numbers.</p> <p>Funding is being sought to complete the memorial build, which features a span of arched steel panels atop a series of concrete steps embossed with Chinese, Māori and English text. The memorial is completed by three large panels featuring the names of the lost, and a dedication of appreciation to the people of the Hokianga. All text is in Chinese, Māori and English.</p> <p>We are in discussion with the Far North District Council on the ongoing care and upkeep of the memorial. <small>Commercial Information</small></p> <p>The impetus for the memorial comes from a surge of public interest in the Ventnor history. Extensive international media coverage on the discovery of the wreck contributed to this. In New Zealand, profile has continued to build following the disputed ownership of salvaged artefacts and subsequent government claims process. Interest has been kept alive by a joint venture documentary “The lost voyage of 499” screened on national Chinese and New Zealand television, and an Ventnor opera performed at last year’s Auckland Arts Festival.</p>	
Total cost of proposal	We expect build costs to total \$ <small>Commercial In</small>	
Government funding sought	\$ <small>Commerc</small>	
Breakdown of other funders <i>Specify contributor and contribution (including central government, regional, private trust etc)</i>	<i>Funder</i>	<i>Amount (\$)</i>
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<p>How does your proposal align with regional priorities?</p> <p><i>Specify all regional stakeholders that have been engaged with, and the process of engagement.</i></p>	<p>The memorial will be a key feature of Northland Inc’s “Wandering with Ancestors” tourism trail. The trail, to be launched at the unveiling of the new memorial, contributes to a cornerstone project within the Northland Economic Action Plan: “Northland Journeys – the Byways”.</p> <p>In establishing the project we are working with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northland Inc – developing “Wandering with Ancestors” tourism trail and contributing to publicity materials • Far North District Council and Rawene Community Board – securing resource consent and ongoing community consultation processes • Commercial Information • NZ Māori Tourism – supportive of the project Commercial Information <p>We also have support from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Te Rarawa and Te Roroa – we have longstanding relationships with these iwi whose ancestors buried and cared for the remains of our Chinese ancestors. Te Rarawa has direct links to the Chinese remains said to be in Rawene cemetery. Two consultation and information sessions were held at Te Rarawa’s Matihetihe marae. Te Roroa were also kept updated. • Rawene community – week-long consultation / “open home” at the No 1 Parnell Street Gallery and Café, and regular updates in the Rawene newsletter • Hokianga Business Association – personal day-long tour of the proposed tourism trail, and ongoing updates. • Heritage New Zealand (Northland Office) – protection of the shipwreck and designation of the area as an “Archaeological Site” • NZ Police – enforcement of the Archaeological Site status <p>Central agency support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Culture and Heritage – protection of the artefacts taken from the wreck and process to establish their legal ownership. Regular contact with officials who have provided advice on the memorial and useful contacts in other agencies, for example MFAT and MBIE. • Te Papa / New Zealand Police Museum – contact over safekeeping of the artefacts. 	

How does your proposal align with the objectives of the Provincial Growth Fund?

The proposal should contribute to one or more of the following:

- *more jobs and economic activity*
- *benefits to the community, and different groups in the community*
- *increased utilisation and returns to Māori from their asset base*
- *sustainability of natural assets (e.g. water, soil integrity, the health and ecological functioning of natural habitats)*
- *mitigating or adapting to climate change effects, including transitioning to a low emissions economy*

- *More jobs and economic activity*

We expect the memorial to be of sufficient cultural merit to be an attraction in its own right. Once built, the memorial will provide further incentive for people to visit the Hokianga, complementing other visitor attractions such as the planned Manea Footprints of Kupe Cultural Heritage Centre and Education Centre in Opononi.

- *increased utilisation and returns to Māori from their asset base*

The memorial celebrates a unique point of connection between the Māori and Chinese cultures, and provides further ground on which to cultivate relationships. The history has already attracted the attention of Chinese media and tourism promoters. In 2014, for example, a documentary on the Ventnor. "The Lost Voyage of 499" was released in New Zealand and China. This was co-produced by National History New Zealand, China International Communication Centre and China Central Television.

Outline how your project will be managed

Do you have the necessary people and processes to deliver what you propose? If not, do you have a plan to get them?

The Ventnor project is being managed by the New Zealand Chinese Association and overseen by President, ^{Privacy of natural persons} [redacted], and the Executive team. The project is supported by a dedicated communications and project co-ordinator.

The memorial has been designed by TT Architects, the designers, which is also administering the contracts. Engineering work is being done by [redacted] Commercial Information [redacted].

The memorial build

We are using industry standard contracts (the NZIA Standard Conditions of Contract (SCC SF 2016)), that reflect clear lines of professional responsibility, and have selected high quality suppliers.

[redacted] Commercial Information [redacted] is our main contractor. It is a well-established company [redacted] Commercial Information [redacted]

[redacted] It has a very sound reputation in the industrial, agricultural and specialist residential markets.

In addition to [redacted] Commercial Information [redacted] [redacted] reputable companies. Suppliers were selected after a significant amount of research and inquiry in the market.

Is your proposal in support of a larger initiative/project?

Please specify intended project and connection, and explain whether any further proposal for government funding will be made that is relevant to this proposal

No

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Application Declarations

About this form

This form enables Provincial Development Unit (PDU), part of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, to progress applications to the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) through the system to reach a decision.

The form requests the high level detail of the project and applicant, then seeks the applicant's declarations against the terms and conditions. This form is to be used where the PDU has been previously provided information by the applicant.

Part A: Key Details

Please note that if the funding agreement will not be held with the applicant (i.e. applying on behalf of another organisation), then we require the details of that organisation.

1. Proposal Title:

2. Please provide the details of the applicant organisation/entity for which funding is being requested:

Legal Name:	New Zealand Chinese Association Inc
Entity Type:	Incorporated Society
Registered Offices / Place of Business:	23-35 Marion St, Wellington, PO Box 6008
Identifying Number:	215699
Organisation's Website:	www.nzchinese.org.nz

3. Please provide the contact details for a person as a key point of contact):

Contact Name and Role:	Kirsten Wong, Project Coordinator		
Email Address:	<input type="text" value="Privacy of natural persons"/>	Telephone:	<input type="text" value="Privacy of natural persons"/>

4. What is the activity / funding start and end date? **As yet we haven't confirmed a start date as we're still working with Council on the requirements.**

Start Date:	Click here to enter a date.	Completion Date:	Click here to enter a date.
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5. Please provide details of the project team (including the Applicant's Leadership Team, directors, partners, or trustees, or any key members of the project):

Executive leadership team – Richard Leung, NZCA President; Linus Chin Vice President; Meng Foon past President; David Wong past Vice President; Mark Ngan Kee, Treasurer; Project team – Kirsten Wong project coordinator and comms, Richard Tam architect, Wong Liu Shueng stakeholder relations

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Part B: Declarations

Commercial Information

6. The contracting entity is compliant and will continue to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, rules and professional codes of conduct or practice including but not limited to health and safety and employment practices
7. Has this activity ever been declined Crown Funding in the past?
8. Has the applicant or the contracting entity ever been insolvent or subject to an insolvency action, administration or other legal proceedings?
9. Has any individual in the Project Team (including the Applicant's Leadership Team, directors, partners, or trustees, or any key members of the project) ever been insolvent or subject to an insolvency action, administration or other legal proceedings, or actively involved in any organisation which has?
10. Has any individual in the Project Team (including the Applicant's Leadership Team, directors, partners, or trustees, or any key members of the project) ever been adjudged bankrupt or is an undischarged bankrupt?
11. Has any individual in the Project Team (including the Applicant's Leadership Team, directors, partners, or trustees, or any key members of the project) ever been under investigation for, or been convicted of any criminal offence?
12. Are there any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest that the applicant or any of the key personnel have in relation to this project.
"In a small country like ours, conflicts of interest in our working lives are natural and unavoidable. The existence of a conflict of interest does not necessarily mean that someone has done something wrong, and it need not cause problems. It just needs to be identified and managed carefully..."
<https://www.oag.govt.nz/2007/conflicts-public-entities>

If you answered "Yes" to any question from 7 to 12, please provide a description below:

By completing the details below, the applicant makes the following declarations about its application for Provincial Growth Fund funding for the project ("application"):

I have read, understand and agree to the Terms and Conditions of applying for Provincial Growth Fund funding which are attached as Appendix 1;

The statements in the application are true and the information provided is complete and correct, and there have been no misleading statements or omissions of any relevant facts nor any misrepresentations made; ***[This application was made 10 months ago. Some of the information, including the budget, has changed during this time but it was accurate at the time of writing.]***

I have secured all appropriate authorisations to submit the application, to make the statements and to provide the information in the application;

I have obtained the permission of each member of the Project Team to provide the information contained in this application and those individuals are aware of, and agree to, the Terms and Conditions of applying for Provincial Growth Fund funding which are attached as Appendix 1;

I consent to this application being publically released if funding is approved. I have identified the commercially sensitive and personal information.

The applicant warrants that it has no actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest (except any already declared in the application) in submitting the application, or entering into a contract to carry out the project. Where a conflict of interest arises during the application or assessment process, the applicant will report it immediately to the Provincial Development Unit by emailing PGF@mbie.govt.nz.

I understand that the falsification of information, supplying misleading information, or the suppression of material information in this application, may result in the application being eliminated from the assessment process and may be grounds for termination of any contract awarded as a result of this application process.

The applicant consents to the Provincial Growth Fund undertaking due diligence including any third party checks as may be required to fully assess the application.

Full name:

Richard Leung

Title / position:

President, New Zealand Chinese Association

Signature:

Privacy of natural persons

Date:

19 March 2019

Appendix 1 – Terms and Conditions of this Application

General

The terms and conditions are non-negotiable and do not require a response. Each applicant that submits a request for Provincial Growth Fund (“PGF”) funding (each an “application”) has confirmed by their signature on the application that these terms and conditions are accepted without reservation or variation.

The Provincial Growth Fund is a government initiative which is administered by the Provincial Development Unit, a unit within the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. Any reference to the Provincial Development Unit in these terms and conditions, is a reference to MBIE on behalf of the Crown.

Reliance by Provincial Development Unit

The Provincial Development Unit may rely upon all statements made by any applicant in an application and in correspondence or negotiations with the Provincial Development Unit or its representatives. If an application is approved for funding, any such statements may be included in the contract.

Each applicant must ensure all information provided to the Provincial Development Unit is complete and accurate. The Provincial Development Unit is under no obligation to check any application for errors, omissions, or inaccuracies. Each applicant will notify the Provincial Development Unit promptly upon becoming aware of any errors, omissions, or inaccuracies in its application or in any additional information provided by the applicant.

Ownership and intellectual property

Ownership of the intellectual property rights in an application does not pass to the Provincial Development Unit. However, in submitting an application, each applicant grants the Provincial Development Unit a non-exclusive, transferable, perpetual licence to use and disclose its application for the purpose of assessing and decision making related to the PGF application process. Any hard copy application or documentation supplied by you to the Provincial Development Unit may not be returned to you.

By submitting an application, each applicant warrants that the provision of that information to the Provincial Development Unit, and the use of it by the Provincial Development Unit for the evaluation of the application and for any resulting negotiation, will not breach any third-party intellectual property rights.

Confidentiality

The Provincial Development Unit is bound by the Official Information Act 1982 (“OIA”), the Privacy Act 1993, parliamentary and constitutional convention and any other obligations imposed by law. While the Provincial Development Unit intends to treat information in applications as confidential to ensure fairness for applicants during the assessment and decision making process, the information can be requested by third parties and the Provincial Development Unit must provide that information if required by law. If the Provincial Development Unit receives an OIA request that relates to information in this application, where possible, the Provincial Development Unit will consult with you and may ask you to confirm whether the information is considered by you to be confidential or still commercially sensitive, and if so, to explain why.

Use and disclosure of information

The Provincial Development Unit will require you to provide certain information, including personal information, on application forms if you wish to apply for funding. If you do not provide all of the information that is required on an application form, the Provincial Development Unit may be unable to process or otherwise progress your application.

MBIE will generally only use personal information provided in the application process for the purpose of administering the PGF which includes assessing an application you have submitted, contracting, monitoring compliance and reporting.

We may use personal information provided to us through the application for other reasons permitted under the Privacy Act (e.g. with your consent, for a directly related purpose, or where the law permits or requires it).

The Provincial Development Unit may disclose any application and any related documents or information provided by the applicant, to any person who is directly involved in the PGF application and assessment process on its behalf including the Independent Advisory Panel (“IAP”), officers, employees, consultants, contractors and professional advisors of the Provincial Development Unit or of any government agency. The disclosed information will only be used for the purpose of participating in the PGF application and assessment process, including assessment and ongoing monitoring, which will include carrying out due diligence. Due diligence may involve MBIE disclosing information to another MBIE business unit or relevant agency in order to

assess the application and verify the information contained in the application and accompanying documents.

MBIE will generally not otherwise disclose personal information provided or collected through this application unless required or otherwise permitted by law. For example, we may seek your consent to undertake additional due diligence checks and request information from other relevant third parties. If an application is approved for funding, information provided in the application and any related documents may be used for the purpose of contracting.

In the interests of public transparency, if an application is approved for funding, the application (and any related documents) may be published by the Provincial Development Unit. Commercially sensitive and personal information will be redacted by reference to the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.

Limitation of Advice

Any advice given by the Provincial Development Unit, any other government agency, their officers, employees, advisers, other representatives, or the IAP about the content of your application does not commit the decision maker (it may be Senior Regional Officials, Ministers or Cabinet depending on the level of funding requested and the nature of the project) to make a decision about your application.

This limitation includes individual members of the IAP. The IAP's recommendations and advice are made by the IAP in its formal sessions and any views expressed by individual members of the IAP outside of these do not commit the IAP to make any recommendation.

No contractual obligations created

No contract or other legal obligations arise between the Provincial Development Unit and any applicant out of, or in relation to, the application and assessment process, until a formal written contract (if any) is signed by both the Provincial Development Unit and a successful applicant.

No process contract

The PGF application and assessment process does not legally oblige or otherwise commit the Provincial Development Unit to proceed with that process or to assess any particular applicant's application or enter into any negotiations or contractual arrangements with any applicant. For the avoidance of doubt, this application and assessment process does not give rise to a process contract.

Costs and expenses

The Provincial Development Unit is not responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by you in the preparation of an application.

Exclusion of liability

Neither the Provincial Development Unit or any other government agency, nor their officers, employees, advisers or other representatives, nor the IAP or its members will be liable (in contract or tort, including negligence, or otherwise) for any direct or indirect damage, expense, loss or cost (including legal costs) incurred or suffered by any applicant, its affiliates or other person in connection with this application and assessment process, including without limitation:

- a) the assessment process
- b) the preparation of any application
- c) any investigations of or by any applicant
- d) concluding any contract
- e) the acceptance or rejection of any application, or
- f) any information given or not given to any applicant(s).

By participating in this application and assessment process, each applicant waives any rights that it may have to make any claim against the Provincial Development Unit. To the extent that legal relations between the Provincial Development Unit and any applicant cannot be excluded as a matter of law, the liability of the Provincial Development Unit is limited to \$1.

Nothing contained or implied in or arising out of the PGF documentation or any other communications to any applicant shall be construed as legal, financial, or other advice of any kind.

Inducements

You must not directly or indirectly provide any form of inducement or reward to any IAP member, officer, employee, advisor, or other representative of the Provincial Development Unit or any other government agency in connection with this application and assessment process.

Governing law and jurisdiction

The PGF application and assessment process will be construed according to, and governed by, New Zealand law and you agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of New Zealand courts in any dispute concerning your application.

Public statements

The Provincial Development Unit and any other government agency, or any relevant Minister, may make public in whole or in part this application form including the following information:

- the name of the applicant(s)
- the application title
- a high-level description of the proposed project/activity
- the total amount of funding and the period of time for which funding has been approved
- the region and/or sector to which the project relates

The Provincial Development Unit asks applicants not to release any media statement or other information relating to the submission or approval of any application to any public medium without prior agreement of the Provincial Development Unit.

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Appendix A: SS *Ventnor* project history

The original event

- The SS *Ventnor* sank off the Hokianga Heads in October 1902. The boat had been chartered by the charitable association Cheong Sing Tong, a Chinese New Zealand community group set up to send the remains of those who had died in New Zealand back to China for reburial in their home villages (mostly in the Poon Yu county of Guangdong).
- The sinking took the lives of 13 crew and passengers, and the remains of around 500 Chinese men were thought to have been lost in wreck. Although most of those whose remains were on board came from Poon Yu, a small number came from the nearby county of Jung Seng.

Modern times

- In 2007 members of the early settler Chinese community were told the history of the *Ventnor* sinking from the Hokianga point of view. They were told that for some time after the sinking in 1902, remains had washed ashore and locals had carefully gathered them up. Some were destined to be sent to Auckland but ended up at the Rawene Police Station and from there, according to local history, the Rawene cemetery. Other sets of remains were collected by Te Roroa and Te Rarawa, who buried them in their own ancestral burial grounds. A meeting with iwi representatives confirmed this was the case, and that knowledge of the remains and responsibility for care had been passed down from generation to generation to this present day.
- On the Chinese side, attempts were made to track down the descendants of those lost. A consultation began with the descendant organisations and families of those originally involved: the Poon Fan Association (representing the Cheong Sing Tong and the Poon Yu men), the Otago Southland branch of the NZCA (representing the Otago goldminers), the Tung Jung Association (representing the Jung Seng men), and representatives of descendants of Choi Sew Hoy (whose son Kum Poy had organised the shipment), and Chan Fook On (who organised the Wellington part of the shipment).
- A core group was formed in 2008 from these initial consultations. The initial aims were to:
 - acknowledge and thank local iwi for looking after the remains for the past 100-plus years
 - perform the traditional rites for those lost
 - make the history more widely known and accessible to all.