# Kai Ora Fund

# A collaborative effort to improve local food supply in Northland

















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# Background

Local Food Movement Meeting
Endless challenges
(lack of growers, costs of starting)
Unemployment, poverty, food deserts

Food for health, wellbeing, income, connection, trade, reciprocity, resilience.

Fertile soils and a great climate for growing Passionate and motivated people

An idea is formed....



#### **Original Vision:**

# Healthy Kai, Healthy Whanau, Healthy Communities

Food security =



Far North
District Council
Te Kaunihera o Tai Tokerau ki te Raki

**Healthy Kai** 

**Civil Defence** 

# Passionate People Our communities have the solution



## Funding is a tool of support

We have this idea...
 we can do this

- Did you know?
  - Networks and connections
  - Advice mentoring
  - Access to a system you are not part of
  - Problem solving



### The Kai Ora Fund

- Far North District Council Te Tai Tokerau PHO
- Small grants process up to \$5000
- 2015-2017 Far North only
- Learn and develop year upon year



# Developing Collaborative Partnerships

- Everyone's purpose is equally important
- Regular communication
- Positive media coverage
- Inclusive of others (invited TPK to funding decisions meeting, consulted with NDHB)
- Learn and develop year upon year
- Invite relevant organisations to workshops
- Share contacts/ information and reports



#### **Current Vision:**

He whenua taurikura, he whānau houkura In Tai Tokerau we care for the land; growing, harvesting and sustaining our communities so that whenua and whānau are healthy and well.

Abundant whenua, prosperous whānau.

















#### Values:

Whanaketanga - cooperation, regional development

**Equity** – prioritise lower socio-economic communities or people with food security and accessibility issues.

Whakapapa – Strengthen whānau, hapu, iwi and Māori communities

#### Purpose:

# Enabling Northlanders to grow and eat nutritious and sustainably grown local food.

Increased availability, promotion, or utilisation of local healthy food to Increase health and wellbeing (oranga)

Increased self-sufficiency and community resilience (rangatiratanga)

The sharing of food and gardening knowledge, including customary techniques (kaitiakitanga and mātauranga)

Community cooperation and connection and benefits for the wider community (whanaungatanga)

Increased regional economic development and local employment opportunities.

Environmental sustainability and stewardship (kaitiakitanga)

# Partnership between projects

Intentional about working together

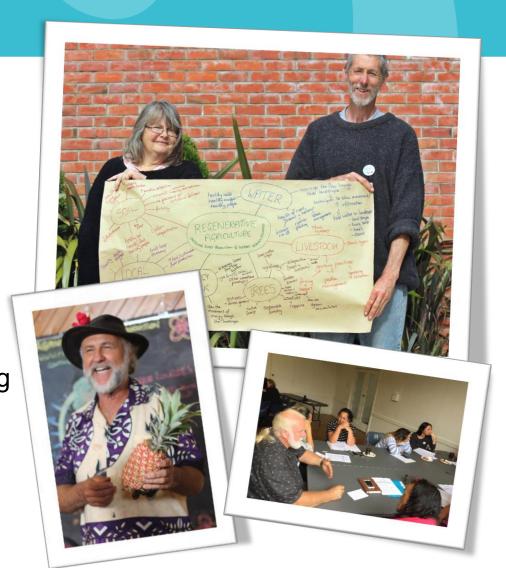
- community groups
- stakeholders

Workshops

**Encourage Collaboration** 

Relationship doesn't end with funding (capacity building, support, connection)

Growing a Kai Ora network



## The Value of Connecting

Magic Happens at the









### Outcomes

- 5 years of granting
- 91 funded projects
- Started with \$40000 now \$100000+
- From 2 to 8 partners
- Diverse spread of projects; geography, sector, type, population
- Continuing to learn and grow



## Try it. Learn. Try something else.

Communities want to act...

- Building capacity 'speed it up'
- Partners offer tools to support the network

TPK, Northland Inc.

Business planning Whenua development





Evaluation and story telling

Capacity building

Participatory grant making

Wai Ora

#### www.tttpho.co.nz/health-services/kai-ora-fund