COVID-19 Learner Hardship Response Hearing, Responding, Empowering

Nine month snapshot

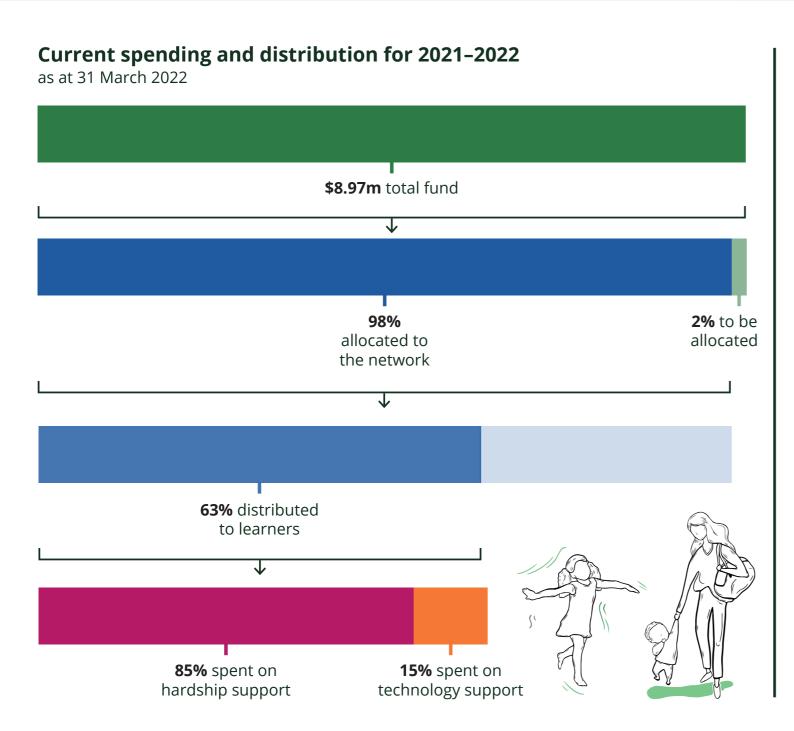
Te Pūkenga Hardship spending aims to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on ākonga (learners) and support their hauora as they recover. Hauora is defined as a balanced state of wellbeing encompassing multiple interconnected dimensions that enable everyone to thrive personally and in the context of their whānau and the wider environment.

Hardship Fund provides temporary financial assistance for learners who face barriers to continue their study or training as a result of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Technology Access Purpose: there to support learners and prevent them from experiencing technology-related financial challenges, by providing funding for technology-related costs that occur when COVID-19 restrictions remove the option for face-to-face study.

Te Pūkenga Hardship and Technology Access funding spend aims to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on learners and support their wellbeing.

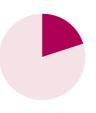
Funding period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022. This snapshot covers the period up to 31 March 2022.



Learners who received hardship support



39%
Māori learners



18%
Pacific learners



12%

disabled learners

Hardship spending went towards



20% housing costs



19%



13% utilities



7% transport



41⁹

other (includes sanitary packs, winter warmer packs, health care rebates, doctors' visits, petrol vouchers support, bill payment support)

Technology Access spending went towards



87% hardware support



10% internet access /connections



3% software