

**From:** [BDC Lgoima](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Official Information Request for Master Planning Costs Ref: OIA 151/24  
**Date:** Monday, 13 January 2025 2:29:40 pm

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Dear [REDACTED]

We refer to your official information request dated 28 November 2024, your query was as follows:

*It has been reported that the budget for the Master Plan is \$500,000, please confirm this total and advise the source of the funds.*

*Please also advise if there are any ancillary costs for this project such as staff time that will be a cost to ratepayers.*

*If there are costs to the ratepayer please quantify them for the duration of the project.*

Buller District Council's Response:

As reported the master plan cost for external consultancies is \$500,000– the funding has been provided by way of Resilient Westport, which is a DIA funding allocation as per the Kawatiri Business Case.

A further \$250,000 allocation from the same source as above has been allocated to all local costs to run the project – this includes but is not limited to Project Management, Engagement, Venue hire, Design week workshops, youth engagement, and all other associated costs incurred in running this work.

There has been no cost to the ratepayers in either monetary or staff time allocation – all costs incurred are externally funded.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact the Buller District Council by return email to [lgoima@bdc.govt.nz](mailto:lgoima@bdc.govt.nz).

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request may be published at <https://bullerdc.govt.nz/district-council/your-council/request-for-official-information/responses-to-lgoima-requests/> with your personal information removed.

Kind regards

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