

Funding Options in the Bay of Plenty and Beyond

Community environmental schemes can gain financial support from a variety of sources. This page contains a list of the key funding bodies (listed in alphabetical order) supporting work in the Bay of Plenty, some of which are BOP based, and other are national organisations.

Acorn Foundation

Acorn Foundation has an annual round of distributions. Recipients can either be chosen by specific donors (what we call tagged) or selected by a Distributions Committee, based on the greatest needs in the community as determined by the Vital Signs research. The Acorn Foundation is also the Local Donation Manager for The Tindall Foundation, distributing funds in both the Western and Eastern BOP on its behalf.

<https://www.acornfoundation.org.nz/funding>

Bay of Plenty Energy Trust Funds

Energy Charitable Trust funding works to support the people, places and projects making a difference. There are a number of different funding schemes to assist Bay of Plenty community organisations with their initiatives.

Eastern Bay of Plenty Energy Trust - <https://www.ebet.org.nz/community-funding>

Tauranga Energy Consumer Trust (TECT) - <https://www.tect.org.nz/funding/>

Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust (RECT) - <https://rotoruatrust.org.nz/funding-and-support/grants/>

BayTrust

This fund is to help accelerate bold meaningful change, assisting BOP communities and the environment to flourish.

<https://www.baytrust.org.nz/apply-for-funding>

Canon Oceania Grants

Canon supports schools, not-for-profits and community groups to drive impactful societal, educational and environmental change. New Zealand winners will also receive an equal donation of cash and equipment – to support causes trying to rebuild themselves in a weaker economy.

<https://www.canon.co.nz/about-canon/community/grants>

Community Environment Fund – Ministry for the Environment

Projects supported will empower the community to take practical action to improve environmental quality. Aimed at partnerships between community groups and support agencies.

<https://www.mfe.govt.nz/more/funding/community-environment-fund>

Council Community Funds

Local Councils provide funding to local groups who contribute to the social, environmental, cultural and economic well-being of their community.

[Opotiki District Council](#)

Coast Initiative Fund - <https://www.odc.govt.nz/our-district/community-grants/coast-fund/Pages/default.aspx>

[Whakatane District Council](#)

Community Board Fund - <https://www.whakatane.govt.nz/about-the-council/community-grants/whakatane-community-board-fund>

Annual Grants - <https://www.whakatane.govt.nz/about-council/community-grants/annual-grants>

Tauranga City Council

Community Development Matching Fund - <https://www.tauranga.govt.nz/community/grants-and-funding/community-development-match-fund>

Resource Wise Community Fund - <https://www.tauranga.govt.nz/living/rubbish-and-recycling/minimising-waste/resource-wise-community-fund>

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Community Matching Fund and Community Board Grants - <https://www.westernbay.govt.nz/community/grants-and-funding>

Rotorua Lakes Council

Neighbourhood Matching Fund, Community Grants and Partnership Grants - <https://www.rotorualakescouncil.nz/our-city/community-development/grantsandfunding/Pages/default.aspx>

DOC Community Fund - Pūtea Tautiaki Hapori

This fund supports community-led conservation projects on public and private land. The fund is directed towards practical projects aimed at conserving New Zealand's indigenous biodiversity. Projects are focused on protecting and restoring our natural habitats, halting the decline of and restoring healthy and sustainable populations of our native species.

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/doc-community-fund>

DOC Nature Heritage Fund

Contestable fund for projects that protect ecosystems on private land by direct purchase or covenant.

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/funding/nature-heritage-fund/>

Environmental Enhancement Fund (EEF) - BOP Regional Council

The Environmental Enhancement Fund provides seed funding for community-based projects that improve the environment, raise environmental awareness and use the enthusiasm and skills of the community. Projects must be on public land or land with public access to be eligible for funding.

<https://www.boprc.govt.nz/living-in-the-bay/community-funding/environmental-enhancement-fund>

Freshwater Improvement Fund – Ministry for the Environment

Funding is for projects that create employment opportunities which will improve the management of New Zealand's lakes, rivers, streams, groundwater and wetlands.

<https://www.mfe.govt.nz/more/funding/freshwater-improvement-fund>

Gaming Machine Societies

This funding is generated from pokie machine proceeds to go back into the community from which it came from. These funds included Southern Trust, Pub Charity, The Lion Foundation etc. Please refer to the Department of Internal Affairs website to find out which community fund is available in your area of the Bay of Plenty, their criteria and how to apply.

<https://www.dia.govt.nz/Services-Casino-and-Non-Casino-Gaming-Funding-For-Community-Groups#one>

Grassroots Fund - Fonterra

Community groups are invited to apply for grants to support projects that will help bring their communities together, and make it a better, safer, more vibrant place to live.

<https://www.fonterra.com/au/en/what-we-stand-for/community/fonterra-grassroots-fund.html>

(Updated by NZ Landcare Trust November 2020)

Legacy Trust

Legacy Trust is the owner of Legacy Funerals and other funeral interests. The unique thing about the Legacy Trust is that all profits from its business interests go back to the Tauranga community.

<https://www.legacyfunerals.co.nz/page/applications/>

Lottery Environment and Heritage Fund

Funds clearly specified one-off projects which seek to promote, protect and conserve New Zealand's indigenous flora and fauna. Priority is given to projects which involve: conservation of indigenous flora and fauna, identification and conservation of critical habitats and ecosystems, conservation of rare, endangered or threatened species in their natural habitat and enhancement of public education and awareness of issues affecting indigenous flora and fauna.

<https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/lottery-environment-and-heritage/>

Mazda Foundation

Grants are targeted to the natural environment, arts and culture, education, employment skills.

<https://www.mazdafoundation.org.nz/applying-for-funding/>

Million Metres Streams

This is a crowdfunding platform where you ask a crowd to each put a small amount of money to support your restoration project. We will fund the plants, and any costs associated with getting the plants in the ground, such as contract labour for planting, weed matting, fertiliser tabs, and plant delivery to the site.

<https://millionmetres.org.nz/crowdfunding/>

Ngā Whenua Rāhui

Supports the protection of indigenous biodiversity on Māori-owned land while honouring the rights guaranteed to landowners under Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/funding/nga-whenua-rahui/nga-whenua-rahui-fund/>

NZ Game Bird Habitat Trust - Fish & Game NZ

Funding for the development and enhancement of habitat for the benefit of game birds and other wetland inhabitants. <https://fishandgame.org.nz/environment/protecting/protecting-nz-game-bird-habitats/the-nz-gamebird-habitat-trust>

One Billion Trees Fund

A fund from central government to support the planting of native and exotic trees.

<https://www.teururakau.govt.nz/funding-and-programmes/forestry/planting-one-billion-trees/onebillion-tree-fund/>

Pacific Development and Conservation Trust

Grants for a range of conservation, cultural, heritage, development and goodwill projects and activities in the Pacific.

<https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/pacific-development-and-conservation-trust/>

Predator Free NZ Communities Fund

Predator Free NZ Trust looks for new backyard trapping projects to join our Predator Free Communities programme several times a year and they support the purchase of subsidised trapping equipment for communities involved in backyard trapping.

<https://predatorfreenz.org/about-us/our-programmes/predator-free-communities/>

Sustainable Food & Fibre Futures

SFF Futures invests with others in innovative projects to grow New Zealand's food and fibre industries sustainably.

<https://sff-futures.mpi.govt.nz/funding-and-programmes/sustainable-food-and-fibre-futures/how-to-apply-for-sff-futures-funding/>

The Tindall Foundation

The Tindall Foundation has two funding streams and makes donations in two ways – small local donations are made from \$500 to \$15,000 and must be made through the Local Donation Manager, Acorn Foundation.

<https://tindall.org.nz/environmental-donation-management/>

Transpower Community Care Fund

One-off grants for projects to community groups in areas along the existing National Grid route, as well as communities affected by new Transpower projects. Administered by Transpower.

www.transpower.co.nz/community-initiatives/communitycare-fund

Trees that Count

Managed by Project Crimson, Trees that Count are a conservation charity that brings together business, community and individuals with a vision to help plant 200 million native trees across the country. <https://www.treesthatcount.co.nz/planters>

Waste Minimisation Fund – Ministry for the Environment

Provides funding for projects that promote or achieve waste minimisation.

www.mfe.govt.nz/issues/waste/waste-minimisation-fund/index.html

Working Together More Fund

The Working Together More Fund supports collaborations and mergers that bring long-term benefits to non-profit organisations and the communities they serve.

<https://workingtogether.org.nz/>

WWF Habitat Protection Fund

Funds local community conservation groups engaged in hands-on ecological restoration or conservation.

https://www.wwf.org.nz/what_we_do/community_funding/