

Funding Options in the Marlborough District

Community and individual biodiversity restoration schemes can gain financial support from a variety of sources. This page contains a list of the key funding bodies supporting work in the Marlborough District. Updated: Feb 2022

Funds for Landowners/private individuals

Marlborough District Council Landowner assistance fund

Council has established this programme to provide encouragement and practical help to landowners interested in protecting significant natural areas on their properties. The programme includes both practical and financial help with work such as pest and weed control and fencing, and other support such as advice and information.

<https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/environment/biodiversity/significant-natural-areas-project/landowner-assistance-programme>

MDC Working for Nature/Mahi mō te Taiao

MDC will soon launch a new grant scheme, Working for Nature/Mahi mō te Taiao. Applications for the \$70,000 environment fund will allow landowners, businesses, and community organisations to apply for funding to help restore and protect native habitats.

Queen Elizabeth II National Trust (QEII)

Queen Elizabeth II National Trust (QEII), which is an independent organisation that assists landowners who want to formally protect their land through a covenant on the property title. QEII has a 25-year history of working successfully with landowners to protect a variety of important sites and landscapes. When new protection is put in place, QEII contributes towards projects like replanting, trapping, and weed control. Reps are also able to assist you with applications for funding from outside sources. The local Nelson/Marlborough representative is Tom Stein, email: tstein@openspace.org.nz, phone: 03 5742978.

<https://qeiiinternationaltrust.org.nz/about-us/>

Nature Heritage Fund

Contestable fund for projects that protect ecosystems on private land by direct purchase or covenant. Administered by the Department of Conservation.

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

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

Funding for the development and enhancement of habitat for the benefit of game birds and other wetland inhabitants. Administered by Fish & Game NZ.

<https://fishandgame.org.nz/environment/nz-game-bird-habitat-trust/>

One Billion Trees Fund

A fund from central government to support the planting of native and exotic trees for landowners, landowner collectives and community groups.

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

Sustainable Food & Fibre Futures

SFF Futures invests with others in innovative projects to grow New Zealand's food and fibre industries sustainably. <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/funding-and-programmes/sustainable-food-and-fibre-futures/about-sustainable-food-and-fibre-futures/#sfff-apply>

Funds for Community Groups/not-for-profit - Marlborough

Yealands Wines Marlborough Sustainability Initiative

The Yealands Wines Marlborough Sustainability Initiative will make available \$100,000 every year for local environmental projects. Projects can apply for individual grants of up to \$10,000 per year. The Initiative specifically supports not-for-profit community efforts to improve freshwater quality, the preservation of sensitive natural areas, and/or biodiversity in the Marlborough district. <https://www.yealands.co.nz/sustainability-grant/>

Top of the South Foundation: Environment Fund

Available to registered charities and community groups operating for charitable purpose supporting conservation, protection of the environment and sustainability across the Top of the South. Applications close 31 July annually. <https://www.topsouthfoundation.org.nz/funding-applicants/>

Marlborough Lines

Marlborough Lines' sponsorship mission is to Grow Marlborough Together through supporting Marlborough initiatives which focus on:

1. Youth education and employment;
2. Regional events; and
3. The environment.

Marlborough Lines will consider sponsorship of initiatives that meet some, but preferably all, the following criteria:

- Are from Marlborough organisations or people.
- Are associated with the education and advancement of youth.
- Provide environmental benefits to Marlborough.
- Promote the Marlborough region in either a commercial, educational, sporting, cultural or historical sense.
- Benefit greater, rather than fewer, numbers of people.
- Provide Marlborough Lines with recognition of its community role and commercial presence in the local economy.

<https://www.marlboroughlines.co.nz/Community/Sponsorship.aspx>

Marlborough District Council Community Grants

Marlborough District Council accepts applications for funding from not-for-profit organisations providing services to the Marlborough community from the following sectors:

- Arts and Culture
- Community Welfare/Social Services
- Environment
- Heritage
- Sport and Recreation

<https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/our-community/grants-and-awards/marlborough-district-council-community-grants>

Rata Foundation

Rata Foundation focuses funding in five key areas of Learn, Support, Connect, Participate and Sustain. You can find their funding priorities and criteria under each of these funding areas on their webpage: <http://www.ratafoundation.org.nz/>

Funds for Community Groups/not-for-profit - National

DOC have a link to other funding opportunities for conservation and environmental projects which include links to science and research, planting and weeds, schools and young people, recreation, tourism heritage and more.

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/funding/other-funding-organisations/>