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FUNDING OPTIONS IN THE WAIKATO

Community biodiversity restoration 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 Waikato.

Community Environment Fund

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

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

DOC Community Fund

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>

Environmental Initiatives Fund

To assist organisations, agencies and individuals with environmental projects. One-off grants for projects which directly enhance or benefit the natural environment. Administered by Environment Waikato.

<http://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/community/funding-and-scholarships/environmental-initiatives-fund/>

Fonterra – Grassroots Fund

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/nz/en/what-we-stand-for/community/fonterra-grassroots-fund.html>

Honda Tree Fund

Funding for planting native trees donated by Honda. Administered via your regional council.

www.honda.co.nz/environment/treefund

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/>

Matamata-Piako District Significant Natural Features Fund

Landowners with a significant site such as a wetland and/or native bush area can apply for rates remission and/or funding towards fencing the site and project costs

www.mpdc.govt.nz/our-community/794.html

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/protecting/protecting-nz-game-bird-habitats/the-nz-game-bird-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/one-billion-tree-fund/>

Small Scale Community Initiative Fund

Small grants to help out with pest control. Administered by Waikato Regional Council, contact them for information.

<http://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/community/funding-and-scholarships/small-scale-community-initiatives-fund/>

South Waikato Environment Initiatives Fund

Distributes money to landowners in the South Waikato District who would like to fence or plant up waterways or wetlands on their farm. Administered by a committee. Ask the South Waikato District Council about funding assistance with legal protection of bush and wetland areas on your farm.

<https://www.southwaikato.govt.nz/our-council/grants-and-funding/south-waikato-environmental-initiatives>

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>

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

Waikato Community Conservation Fund

Assistance for non-profit community groups undertaking projects or activities that will benefit conservation within the boundaries of Waikato Conservancy. Administered by Department of Conservation (Waikato Conservancy).

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/funding/waikato-community-conservation-fund/>

Waikato District Council – Conservation Fund

Conservation fund – assist landowners with undertaking conservation projects on their properties

<https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/services-facilities/community-development/funding/conservation-fund>

Waikato River Authority Clean up Trust Fund

The Authority is able to distribute funds each year for projects that will improve the health and well-being of the river

<https://www.waikatoriver.org.nz/funding-applications/>

Waste Minimisation Fund

Helps fund waste minimisation projects. Administered by the Ministry for the Environment.

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

WCEET - Waikato Catchment Ecological Enhancement Trust

Protection and enhancement of wetlands, riparian fencing and planting, maintenance and enhancement of ecological connectivity (e.g. fish passage), control of plant and animal pests, ID of info deficiencies or requirements.

<http://www.wceet.org.nz/funding/>

WWF Habitat Protection Fund

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

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