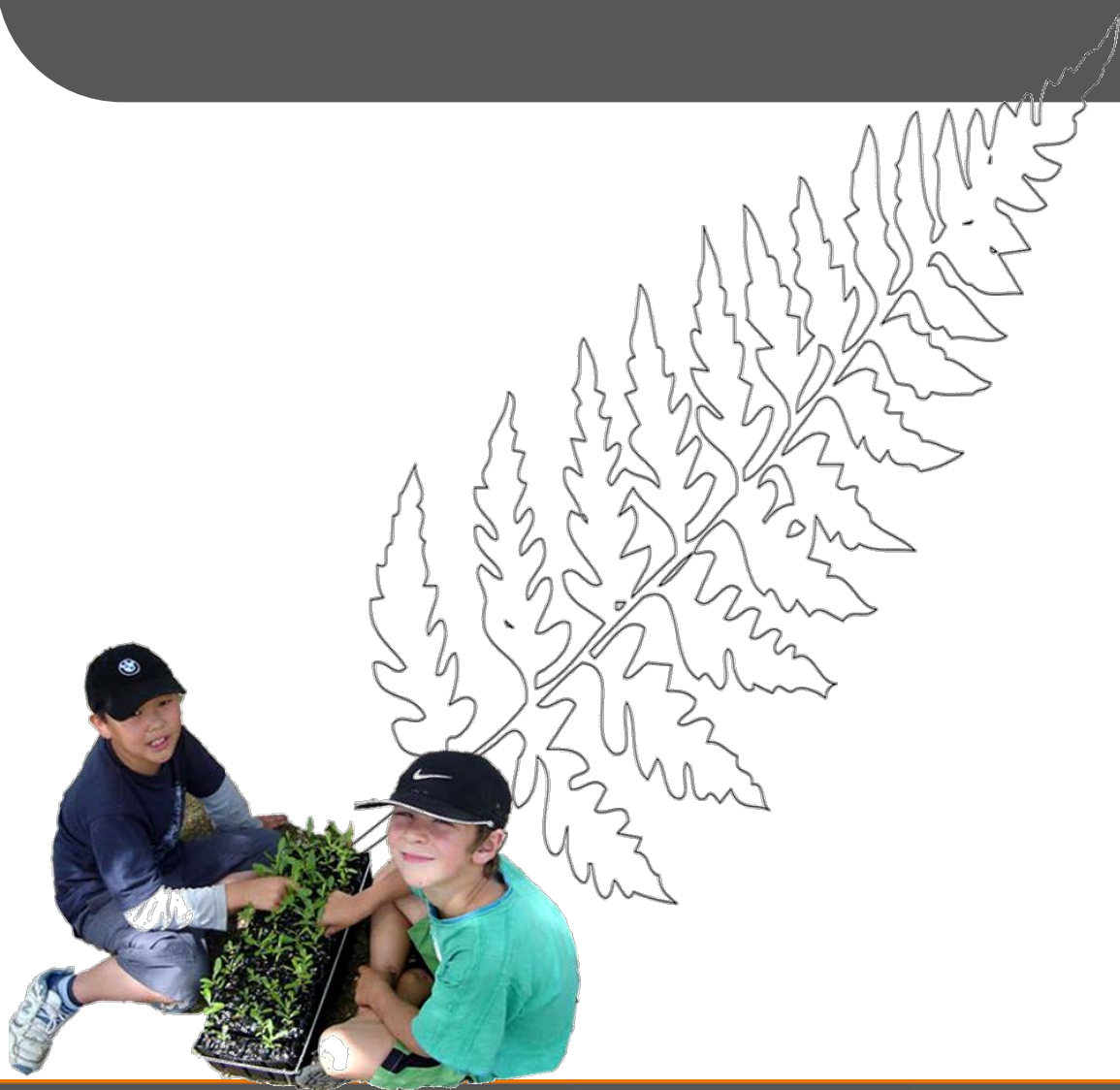


Environmental and Heritage Funders Guide 2010



Introduction

Welcome to ARC's environmental and heritage funders guide 2010. The purpose of this guide is to provide information about potential funding sources for community groups and individuals who are working to support, sustain and improve the Auckland region's environment and heritage.

Every care has been taken to ensure the information supplied is accurate at the time of publication, however information can change. In particular criteria, closing dates and application forms may vary from year to year. It is always best to contact the funder before applying to get full accurate information and to make sure your project meets their criteria.

Please contact the EIF Co-ordinator Courtney Gallen on 09 3662000 or email Courtney.gallen@arc.govt.nz if you:

- encounter any information that is incorrect or requires updating
- are an environmental or heritage funder and would like to be included in this guide
- have any feedback or suggestions for improvement
- would like to receive more copies of this guide

This guide has been compiled by ARC staff and is not intended to endorse or promote any particular funder or to be a comprehensive list of funders.

How to use this guide

This guide presents a list of potential funders for environment and heritage projects in the Auckland Region, listed in alphabetical order. Following each listed funder is detail regarding the purpose and operation of the fund. We recommend you contact selected funders for further information and also view the useful websites and publications section at the end of this guide.

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Writing successful applications

Funding can help you to develop your project to achieve the best results. Finding the right funder, filling out the application properly and providing all information required are the three key ingredients to a successful application.

Many funding applications are unsuccessful because applications are incorrectly completed, documents requested are missing, or it simply does not meet the stated criteria. Proper research and preparation will eliminate the possibility of this happening, ensure that your time is not being wasted and increase your chances for grant success.

There is a range of useful information available about funding and to assist you with presenting successful applications. We have cited some of these websites and publications at the back of this guide.

BEFORE APPLYING – Consider the following:

Apply for a specific project

Most funders do not fund ongoing running costs, preferring to put their money into specific “projects”, (i.e., an activity within a specific time frame, with a set purpose and can demonstrate one or more outcomes). Choose a title for your project that is clear and self-explanatory.

Be realistic

The best projects are usually small but have a direct, measurable impact. A project that is achievable, useful and focused will show funders that it has been well-planned and organised.

Stay organised

Remain clear about your aims and state these clearly at every opportunity. Designate someone to co-ordinate the project and ensure that everyone knows who this is.

Demonstrate benefits

Remember that funders are more interested in who will benefit from your project than the needs of your group or organisation. Use statistics and clear statements to emphasize how your project will benefit the community and the expected results.

Project costs

Work out exactly what you need funded, and how these costs will be met (e.g. by a single fund application or a combination of funding sources). People sometimes think that by asking for less they have a better chance of being successful. But, if the budget does not match the aims, it just looks like it’s not costed properly. Equally, do not inflate the budget artificially.

Monitoring and Evaluation

The funder will need to feel confident that your organisation can competently manage the project and the funds. Describe in detail how the project will be evaluated when it comes to an end. Add in previous experience your organization has had in managing similar projects to a successful conclusion.

Plan ahead!

Allow yourself plenty of time for writing a funding application. Make a note of the deadline for submissions and the “turnaround time” as these can vary greatly between funders (e.g. monthly, twice yearly, etc.). If you are planning a big project and are applying for a larger sum of money, allow for 6-9 months.

Match, don’t cram

There is no point trying to squeeze your project into a set of funding criteria that is not really appropriate, as this may lead to compliance issues for your project. Instead, apply to funders whose criteria and purpose matches your own.

Apply broadly

Most funders like to see that you are not relying on them alone for your project costs. Bear in mind that you might not be successful, so it’s important to have other potential funders to apply to.

Include letters of support

Inclusion of letters of support from organisations such as the local or regional council, NZ Landcare Trust, or Department of Conservation etc with your funding application are a valuable means of assuring the funders that you are working alongside others in the project.

Follow the guidelines

Once you have found the funders you think you might apply to, read the guidelines more than once. Make sure you are eligible and meet all requirements.

Communicate!

Do not be afraid to contact funders to discuss their requirements or ask questions if you need to. This is a good idea, if, for instance, you are concerned that a similar project may already be running, or you would like to discuss your project before spending time on the application process. If you do contact funders, always be professional and make sure you are well prepared.

AFTER APPLYING

Once you have secured a grant, take opportunities to acknowledge the funder. A press release about the grant will often be taken up by a local paper and can increase the profile of your project as well. Have a section in your newsletter that covers supporters of the project. Use any signage or banners available – and take photos for inclusion in your reports.

And remember – securing the funding is just the start of the relationship. All funders have their own set of requirements for reporting. Become familiar with these – and meet them. Failure to adequately report on grants is likely to result in problems securing further funding.

ASB Community Trust - Environment and Heritage

www.asbcommunitytrust.org.nz

Purpose: To fund projects or organisations that will help achieve the ASB Community Trust mission - enhancing the lives of peoples in the communities of Auckland and Northland.

Value: Various

Closing date: Heritage: 1 April & 1 September 2010, Environment: 1 June & 1 December 2010

Criteria: The main application criteria is that an organisation must be:

- A registered incorporated society, or a registered charitable trust
- Controlled by an organisation operating under an adopted constitution and rules
- Able to provide annually audited accounts
- In operation for 12 months
- Within the Trust's region. The region is north of this to Cape Reinga, including the islands in the Hauraki Gulf.

Take the eligibility test online : <http://www.asbcommunitytrust.org.nz/Funding-overview.html>

Projects and activities funded:

Heritage:

- Buildings and land of historical importance, provided it is listed with the Historic Places Trust or the Territorial Local Authority
- Movable cultural property
- Historical records that document the history of the Auckland and Northland regions for the benefit of the community

Environment:

- Operational support at either a local, regional or national level
- Protecting and raising awareness of the environment and projects that increase awareness and promote the protection of the environment

Activities not funded:

Individuals, endowment loans, conferences, international travel

Who can apply:

To be considered for funding an organisation must be:

- A registered incorporated society, or
- A registered charitable trust
- Controlled by an organisation operating under an adopted constitution and rules
- Able to provide annually audited accounts
- In operation for 12 months
- Within the Trust's region. Those organisations that fall outside the boundaries of the region will be considered to the extent that they provide benefit to the region

Contact:

ASB Community Trust
P.O. Box 68-048
Newton
Auckland

Website: www.asbcommunitytrust.org.nz/Funding-overview.html

Phone: (09) 360 0291 or freephone 0800 272 878

Email: info@ASBCommunityTrust.org.nz



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Auckland City Council – Cultural Heritage Fund

www.aucklandcity.govt.nz

Purpose: To help people conserve, restore and protect aspects of Auckland's cultural heritage.

Value: This fund provides a total of \$50,000 for built heritage each year.



Closing date: Check dates with funder

Criteria: The criteria for applications made to the Built Heritage Fund include:

- buildings must be of heritage significance and currently on the schedule of Buildings, Heritage Properties and, Places, Monuments and Objects of Special Value lists in the district plan
- proposals must enhance the heritage significance of the item, such as essential repairs and maintenance to buildings, assistance for conservation plans, assistance for restoration and also enhancement of building facades
- funding is not retrospective and the project must start after the applicant receives notification that the application has been approved.

Projects and activities funded: It is envisaged that the following types of projects would be eligible for application to the fund:

- stabilisation, repair or restoration of original heritage fabric relating to historic buildings or structures (eg repairs to masonry, joinery, plaster or glazing, earthquake strengthening or fire protection); provided the work is to the standard approved by Auckland City
- Professional services (eg research, condition reports, conservation plans, heritage plans, conservation work specifications, management plans or supervision of work).

Projects and activities not funded: To ensure the best use of limited heritage funds the following exclusions apply:

- construction of new buildings or structures (other than stabilisation structures) not for the purpose of preserving heritage values
- additions and/or extensions to existing buildings
- complete reconstruction or replicas of missing buildings or structures
- removal, relocation or demolition of buildings or structures
- routine building maintenance
- insurance, debt repayments or re-financing costs
- purchase of land or buildings
- purchase or conservation of portable cultural heritage objects
- new commemorative monuments or works
- heritage conservation projects that have already been completed
- heritage trails brochures

Who can apply: Any private owner whose heritage projects meet the eligibility criteria can apply to the fund. Government agencies are not eligible for funding.

Contact: Heritage Division Website: www.aucklandcity.govt.nz/council/services/grants/culturalheritage/application.asp
 City Planning
 Auckland City Council
 Private Bag 92516 Phone: (09) 379 2020
 Wellesley Street AKLD

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Auckland City Council - Natural Heritage Grant

www.aucklandcity.govt.nz

Purpose: The Auckland City Council Heritage Fund provides grants to fund ecological conservation projects on private land in the Hauraki Gulf Islands



Value: A total of \$50,000 is available in the 2009 funding round

Closing date: Check dates with funder

Criteria: The following categories of criteria are used to decide which project applications will receive grants:

- Significance: Including quality, rarity and the presence or absence of ongoing threats.
- Improvement: The anticipated improvement in the natural values of an area given the proposed management actions.
- Protection: The legal status of the natural area, with preference given to existing protected natural areas.
- Stronghold: Where an ecological district is a stronghold for the vegetation or habitat type of the candidate site, preference will be given.
- Other: The capacity for considering unusual features of a natural area need to be included. Examples include the provision of low impact public access or high scientific or educational value.

Projects and activities funded: Potential conservation projects could include, but are not limited to, pest and weed control, revegetation and fencing. Projects can involve a variety of works or materials. A direct environmental gain should result from the project.

Contact:

Heritage Division City Planning Auckland City Council Private Bag 92 516 Wellesley St Auckland 1141	Website: www.aucklandcity.govt.nz/council/services/grants/natural/ Phone: (09) 379 2020
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Auckland Regional Council - Environmental Initiatives Fund (EIF)

www.arc.govt.nz

Purpose: EIF provides funding, practical support and advice to members of the Auckland community to help them protect and enhance their local environment and heritage.



Value: EIF provides one-off grants usually between \$200 and \$5,000. For exceptional projects, grants over \$5,000 may be considered. No more than \$15,000 of the EIF can be allocated to one project in any one round. Applicants need to contribute at least 50% towards the total project cost. This contribution can be financial, and/or through volunteer labour and materials.

Closing date: Opening 6 April / Closing 27 April

Criteria: EIF funding is allocated under four Outcome areas. Each Outcome has identified priorities. This means projects fitting these priorities are more likely to be funded. If your project falls outside of the priorities but fits one of the funding outcomes you are still eligible to apply.

Funding Outcome - Access, choice and opportunity

For projects that build the capacity and provide opportunities for people to improve and care for the region's natural, cultural and physical environment.

This has included education, skills development, training and taking action, awareness raising, disability access, health and fitness related to caring for the local environment and heritage.

Priority - Education for sustainability (environmental education) projects. This means projects that link action with learning.

Funding Outcome - Caring for people

For projects that build community, cultural identity, knowledge and a sense of belonging.

This has included heritage values, cultural knowledge, equal opportunities and healthy lifestyles focussed on connecting people with the region's environments and heritage.

Priority - Kaitiakitanga projects. This means projects that relate to the exercise of guardianship by the tangata whenua of an area in accordance with tikanga Maori in relation to natural and physical resources; and includes the ethic of stewardship. This is specifically targeted at tangata whenua groups undertaking projects that contribute to their role as kaitiaki on Māori freehold land or areas within their tribal boundaries. Tangata whenua groups include tangata whenua marae, iwi authorities and/or Māori landowners.

NB: Kaitiaki – often translates to mean guardian or steward in line with Māori protocol.

Tangata whenua – or sometimes referred to as Mana Whenua or iwi of the region refer to those who maintain their customary connections to an area within the boundaries of the Auckland Region

Funding Outcome - Caring for place

For projects that improve or restore particular locations or the physical environment.

This has included archaeological sites, landmark buildings, streams, wetlands, ecological areas, significant landscapes, public spaces and built environments.

Priorities:

1. Regionally and nationally depleted ecosystems including wetlands, dunes, lava and coastal forests as described in the New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy and Auckland Regional Policy Statement.
2. Sites meeting natural heritage criteria for ecological significance as set out in the Auckland Regional Policy Statement (Policy 6.4.7).
3. Projects contributing to ecological corridors and connections such as the area covered by the North West Wild Link Accord.
4. Conservation plans for historic heritage projects such as historic buildings and structures, and archaeological sites.

Funding Outcome - Caring for the coast

For projects that improve and restore the coastal environment.

This has included beach clean ups, dune restoration, marine biodiversity and projects promoting appropriate use and development of the coast.

Priorities:

Same as caring for place outcome area, as above.

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Projects and activities not funded:

- Fencing, planting or pest (plant and animal) control required as part of resource consent conditions or mitigation requirements. This includes wetland or forest fragment planting and fencing required as part of subdivision consent/entitlement applications.
- Projects that are part of a current or future subdivision consent application.
- Projects which have not been successful in obtaining a resource consent.
- Projects that may lead to a conflict of interest for council as a consent authority.
- Projects resulting in personal or commercial profit.
- Purchases made before funding is granted.
- Projects already completed.
- Projects whose sole purpose is beautification.
- Projects (or sites) that involve an activity that is illegal or not in accordance with ARC rules, policies or best practice.
- Projects that are the core business of council or other agencies.
- Volunteer labour.

Who can apply:

Individuals, community groups, schools, early childhood centres, businesses, Mana Whenua group and Maori community, can apply for projects within the Auckland region.

Contact:

Courtney Gallen	Website: www.arc.govt.nz/eif
EIF Coordinator	
Auckland Regional Council	Phone: (09) 366 2000 x8255
Private Bag 92 012	Fax: (09) 366 2155
Auckland	Email: courtney.gallen@arc.govt.nz

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Auckland Regional Council - Coastal Enhancement Fund (CEF)

www.arc.govt.nz

Purpose: To support groups and individuals with projects that enhance, restore and protect Auckland's coastline.



Value: CEF has supported one-off grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$50,000.

Closing dates: Opening 6 April / Closing 27 April

Criteria: **Projects must demonstrate how they will achieve AT LEAST ONE of the following funding principles:**

- Raising community awareness through targeted education and participation in protecting coastal values
- Promoting safe navigation and water safety,
- Promoting and supporting marine biodiversity,
- Promoting appropriate use and development of the coast,
- Protecting and enhancing the natural character and public access to and along the coast,
- Protecting and enhancing coastal water quality

Note: Applicants must state how they intend to fund the consent application process with a letter of confirmation from the funder of that consent. Where projects requiring consents are approved, funding will not be issued until the relevant consents are in place (n/a for projects that do not require consents). It is not necessary for your project to meet all the funding principles above. However, all eligible projects must meet at least one of the funding principles highlighted above.

Projects must also:

- Projects must be in line with sound business and environmental practice,
- Project must not substitute funding from Central or Territorial Government sources, or substitute funding for core ARC business, in particular work on an on-going nature,
- Projects must avoid dependency on the ARC of recipients of funding^{1 2 3 4}
- Projects awarded provides a fair, equitable and transparent spread of benefits throughout the region, and
- Project must demonstrate a visible link between the source of funds and their use.

General funding requirements

- The grant recipient is a legal entity (n/a for individuals),
- The project has commenced within two years of receiving the grant,
- Payments relating to the grant will only be made once the ARC receives an invoice, and that it relates directly to the project as described in the application. All invoices are to be submitted to the CEF Coordinator,
- That all funds are available to complete the project as proposed,
- That the ARC's contribution is acknowledged in any communication and/or publication about this project,
- That regular progress reports are submitted to the ARC at requested intervals for inclusion in council reports and other communication materials produced by the ARC,
- That an evaluation report is submitted to the ARC upon completion of the project,
- The ARC use any photographs submitted from the project for inclusion in reports to council and other communication materials produced by the ARC and
- Funds may be cancelled if any of the above conditions are not met.

Projects and activities funded:

Eligible projects must demonstrate how they meet ONE of the following categories:

- Environmental enhancement of the Auckland region's coastal marine area (CMA)
- Promoting and improving safe navigation and water safety
- Promoting and enhancing the appropriate use and development of the coast.

Projects and activities not funded:

- Projects that do not have a link with improvements to the CMA
- Projects that are the core business of council or other agencies
- Projects requesting funding for operational costs (e.g. fees for supervising volunteers)

- Projects (or sites) that involve an activity that is illegal or not in accordance with ARC rules, policies or best practice
- Projects already completed
- Purchases already made for the stage of the project that you are requesting CEF funding for (retrospective funding)

Who can apply:

Incorporated societies, voluntary groups or individuals can apply for projects that take place and benefit the Auckland region's coast. All applicants must be a legal entity (n/a for individuals).

Contact:

Anthony Lewis
CEF Coordinator
Auckland Regional Council
Private Bag 92 012
Auckland

Website: www.arc.govt.nz/environment/funding-awards/coastal-enhancement-fund-cef/coastal-enhancement-fund-cef_home.cfm

Phone: (09) 366 2000 and ask for Environmental Programmes

Fax: (09) 366 2155

Email: cef@arc.govt.nz

BNZ Save The Kiwi Trust

www.savethekiwi.org.nz

Purpose:

The primary purpose of the Bank of New Zealand Save the Kiwi Trust is to distribute income from its trust fund for one or more of the following charitable purposes:

- To encourage and undertake the preservation and protection of all species of kiwi
- To support the Department of Conservation's kiwi recovery programme or any similar DOC programme having similar objectives
- To provide inspiration, guidance and tools to enable New Zealanders to protect and enhance regional populations of kiwi
- To support research that benefits kiwi especially, but not exclusively, in the areas of bird management, predator control, eco-system management and breeding
- To educate the general public about kiwi and how to support kiwi conservation projects
- To encourage public support of, and involvement in, such projects
- To assist and cooperate with persons and organisations sharing similar aims

**Value:**

Various

Closing date:

Funding applications for the Trust's 2010/11 funding year (1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011) will open on 1 March 2010 and will close on 2 April 2010.

Download an application form here:

<http://www.savethekiwi.org.nz/bnz-save-the-kiwi/application-form.html>

Criteria:

Organisations must fall within one of the following organisational classifications

- Department of Conservation office
- University, zoo and/or recognised research facility
- Registered charitable trust, charitable foundation, or charitable organisation
- Incorporated society
- Kiwi conservation group, association, or society
- Landcare group

Community based organisations applying to the Trust for funding support must produce, as part of their ongoing operating procedure, an Annual report and an Annual Financial Statement

Who can apply:

The Bank of New Zealand Save the Kiwi Trust welcomes funding applications from kiwi conservation organisations whose projects align with the Trust's overall funding purpose and priorities. Organisation will also need to meet the Trust's eligibility criteria and should their funding application be successful, agree in writing to all terms and conditions

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BOC Where There's Water Community Environmental Grants

www.waternz.org.nz

Purpose: Where There's Water Community Environmental Grants provide funding to help the community understand, maintain, protect and improve their water environment. This includes streams, rivers, lakes, wetlands, estuaries and beaches in urban and rural areas. Where There's Water Community Environmental Grants were initiated by the staff of BOC in New Zealand and the fund was launched in June 2002. BOC provides all of the funding for the grants and the New Zealand Water & Wastes Association (NZWWA) administers Where There's Water on behalf of BOC.



Value: Applications for funding of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 will be considered. Applications requesting more than \$5,000 will also be accepted if an exceptional project showing high environmental value is presented.

Closing dates: 14 May 2010

Criteria: Applications will be assessed on how effectively they meet the objectives of the Where There's Water Community Environmental Grants, which are as follows:

- improve education opportunities for children to learn about their water environment
- improve community awareness of the condition and importance of the water environment
- assist schools and the community to participate in real action to maintain, protect and improve their water environment

Applications will be assessed in terms of the benefits that projects will contribute to the water environment, the extent to which projects will improve student/community understanding of the water environment, and confidence that the project will be successful and value for money.

Applications will be assessed by a panel, all decisions will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Who can apply: Grants are available to schools, community groups and other non-profit organisations, for environmental projects that have a water focus. These projects should have public benefit rather than private gain.

Contact:

Grants Administrator Where There's Water Water New Zealand PO Box 1316 Wellington 6140	Website: www.waternz.org.nz/wherethereswater.html Phone: 04 472 8925 Email: wtw@waternz.org.nz
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Department of Conservation – Community Conservation Fund

www.doc.govt.nz



- Purpose:** The Community Conservation Fund is a government initiative to fund established community groups to undertake restoration projects on public land and aims to improve and maintain the condition of rare and threatened native areas.
- Value:** Projects that require \$5000 to \$40,000 for up to two years
- Closing date:** No further invitations for applications
- Criteria:** To apply for the Community Conservation Fund your project must be:
- A good restoration project undertaken and led by an established community group
 - Either a new initiative or an ongoing project
 - Able to show it will be sustained after the 2 year funding period
 - Undertaken on public land.
- Public land is:
- Department of Conservation lands (reserve, national park, coastal and dune lands)
 - Land Information New Zealand lands (river, some lake beds and river/stream banks)
 - Territorial Authorities lands (reserves, Council land)
 - NZ Transport Agency and Rail lands
 - Crown land covered by the Te Ture Whenua Maori Act.
- Projects can be:
- A new initiative, or
 - An ongoing project that needs a boost in funding to shorten its established phase, or
 - An ongoing project with a need for a one off purchase of resources, tools or advice.
- Projects and activities funded:** It will fund established community groups to undertake restoration projects on public land and aims to improve and maintain the condition of rare and threatened native areas.
- Projects and activities not funded:**
- Pest management for canopy recovery
 - Pest management for threatened species protection
 - Sanctuaries operational costs
 - Group's coordinator or management costs
 - Large scale weed control or fencing projects
- Who can apply:** Established Community Groups
- Contact:** Community Conservation Fund C/- Department of Conservation P O Box 10420 Wellington
- Website: www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/in-your-community/community-conservation-fund/
- Phone: 0800 86 2020
- Email: ccf@doc.govt.nz

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Department of Conservation - Nature Heritage Fund

www.doc.govt.nz



- Purpose:** To protect indigenous ecosystems that represent the full range of natural diversity originally present in the New Zealand landscape by providing incentives for voluntary conservation.
- Value:** There is no set limit for grants.
- Closing date:** Applications close on 10 February, 30 April, 31 July and 31 October each year.
- Criteria:** To receive assistance, proposals need to meet as many of the following criteria as possible:
- Representativeness: ensures that viable or sustainable examples of all natural ecosystems are protected by approximately the same proportions in which they were originally present in the natural landscape)
 - Sustainability: ensures that the natural values proposed for protection can be sustained within the protected area by determining whether the values for which the area is protected will persist in the long term. Size and shape of the protected area, how well it is protected or buffered from the effects of surrounding land uses, and existing and potential threats are all considered, along with linkages to other protected areas.
 - Landscape Integrity: the extent to which an ecosystem contributes to the original integrity of the landscape. It is important to ensure the original character, context and range of processes that link the various ecosystems are maintained, along with the natural nutrient cycles, energy flows and hydrology.
 - Amenity and Utility: natural ecosystems contribute to people's physical and spiritual welfare, help conserve the soil, and maintain water quality and supply, and, provide educational, recreational, tourist and other amenity value.
- Projects and activities funded:** Funding is provided for projects that meet the Fund's criteria for the protection of nature on private land either by outright purchase or by covenanting.
- Projects and activities not funded:** Restoration work and administrative costs are not funded.
- Who can apply:** Applications are open to landowners, individuals, environmental organisations, local authorities and government departments.
- Contact:** The Executive Officer
Nature Heritage Fund
PO Box 10-420
Wellington
- Website: <http://doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/landowners/nature-heritage-fund/>
- Phone: (04) 471 0726
- Email: NHF-Admin@doc.govt.nz

Department of Conservation - Nga Whenua Rahui Fund

www.doc.govt.nz

Purpose: Nga Whenua Rahui is a contestable Ministerial fund established in 1991 to provide funding for the protection of indigenous ecosystems on Maori land. Its scope covers the full range of natural diversity originally present in the landscape.



Value: Various

Closing dates: Contact the Department

Criteria: The criteria and mechanisms of Nga Whenua Rahui, are geared towards the owners retaining tino rangatiratanga (ownership and control). The principal mechanisms used are Nga Whenua Rahui kawenata pursuant to section 77A Reserves Act 1977 and an Agreement for the Management of Land pursuant to section 29 Conservation Act.

Projects and activities funded:

Covenanting:

- Maori landowners can protect their indigenous ecosystems under Nga Whenua Rahui kawenata. The agreement is sensitive to Maori values in terms of spirituality and tikanga. Cultural use of these natural areas is blended with the acceptance of public access within the agreements. The objective is long-term protection with inter-generational reviews of conditions.

Maori Reservations:

- Some of the smaller blocks have opted for formal protection pursuant to section 338 of Te Ture Whenua Act 1993. This involves the setting aside of areas as Maori reservations. Public access is with permission of owners.

Physical Protection:

- Fencing costs are assessed at the time of application and the fund provides assistance for fencing off indigenous areas from farmed lands. Often these costs are the major requirement within the protection package.

Who can apply: Organisations representative of hapu and iwi can apply.

Contact: The Kaitakawaenga
Nga Whenua Rahui
PO Box 10-420
Wellington

Website: <http://www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/landowners/nga-whenua-rahui/nga-whenua-rahui-fund/>

Phone: 0800 112 771

Email: kaitakawaenga@doc.govt.nz

Department of Conservation - Matauranga Kura Taiao Fund

www.doc.govt.nz

Purpose: To support tangata whenua initiatives in the revival, use and retention of traditional Maori knowledge and practices in biodiversity management; to promote biodiversity and ensure traditional knowledge and practices of Maori are respected and preserved in the management of our biodiversity and natural resources.



Value: Various

Closing date: The Nga Whenua Rahui Committee meets three to four times a year, at which time applications to the fund are considered. Contact the Department for specific dates.

Who can apply: Organisations representative of hapu and iwi can apply.

Contact: The Kaitakawaenga
Nga Whenua Rahui
PO Box 10-420
Wellington

Website: <http://www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/landowners/nga-whenua-rahui/matauranga-kura-taiao-fund/>

Phone: 0800 112 771

Email: kaitakawaenga@doc.govt.nz

Environment Waikato – Clean Streams

www.ew.govt.nz

Purpose: Clean Streams is an Environment Waikato project to encourage and support farmer efforts to reduce the impacts of farming on waterways. Advice and financial support of up to 35 percent of farmers' costs for fencing and planting waterway margins is available, depending on whether you are in a priority area



Value: Various

Closing dates: August 31, November 16 and February 28.

Criteria: Although approval is given for the total project, funds can only be committed for the first two years.

Grants for years 3 - 5 will be reviewed on completion of the second year's programme.

- Any grant not claimed in the financial year (July to June) for which it has been approved may be re-allocated to other applicants unless you have made specific arrangements with Environment Waikato.
- If you have not started your project within two years of approval, you will need to re-apply.

Funds will be allocated to smaller headwater streams where they will achieve the greatest impact. We have also divided the Region into zones so we can target areas for greatest effect. Our first priorities will be Coromandel, upper Waikato tributaries, upper Piako and the West Coast. As the project proceeds, we expect to shift our emphasis to other parts of the Region.

If your farm is not located in a priority zone, you may still qualify for assistance. This will depend on your position in the catchment, how far you are from forest or bush, and whether others in your catchment or neighbourhood are also ready to protect waterways. Contact our staff for more information.

Projects and activities funded:

Applications from a number of neighbouring properties will have a better chance of receiving financial assistance. Favourable consideration will also be given to projects that have practical or financial support from other groups or organisations in the community. Examples may include schools, marae, environmental groups or service clubs.

Fencing - Must be permanent and stockproof for the class(es) of stock farmed and should generally be at least three metres from the stream. Depending on the type of fence you build, our contribution will not exceed 35 percent of the cost of an eight wire post and batten fence.

Planting - When purchasing plants it is important to get good quality plants as this will ensure a greater success of the project

Who can apply: Farmers

Contact: Environment Waikato, PO Box 4010, Hamilton East
 Website: <http://www.ew.govt.nz/Projects/Clean-streams/>
 Phone: Freephone 0800 800 401

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Global Education Fund

www.gloaleducationfund.org.nz



Purpose: The Global Education Fund (GEF) provides funding for small projects to develop awareness and understanding of global perspectives among New Zealanders, and to encourage them to become responsible global citizens.

Value: Individual grants are between \$2,000 and \$15,000

Closing date: 31 March, 31 October every year

Criteria: Applications must:

- Be initiatives that have a global education focus; the subject matter of the educational materials and/or activities must be explicitly global, the educational materials and/or activities should highlight the relevancy of the issue to those living in Aotearoa NZ, the project must encourage critical thinking, reflection, and action encouraging NZers to be responsible global citizens,
- Use proven learning approaches, identify clear learning objectives and have a clear timeline;
- Be linked to relevant curricula, if intended for the formal education sector;
- Involve suitably skilled personnel;
- Include a monitoring and evaluation component;
- Be appropriate for the intended audience;
- Demonstrate how the proposed activity will add to existing global education activities available in Aotearoa NZ; and
- Meet copyright requirements

Projects and activities not funded: Examples of types of projects that would not be funded:

- Media (books, films, posters, websites etc) developed without the input of an education specialist / unaccompanied by Global Education resources;
- Activities linked to fundraising i.e. no explicit or implicit requests for money or donations are allowed. However, it is acceptable for an organisation to use projects that it may be supporting overseas as examples/case studies;
- Activities to promote a specific political party or its policies; and
- Activities to promote a particular religious belief.

Who can apply: Access is restricted to New Zealand based agencies that are:

- Not-for-profits, including community-based organisations and media groups; and
- Legally incorporated organisations (Charitable Trusts, Incorporated Societies etc)
- Organisations which are not legal entities must apply under the umbrella of a not-for-profit agency which is a legal entity

Agencies that are not eligible to apply are:

- Schools, including tertiary institutions;
- Private sector, for-profit; and Government organisations

Contact: GEF Administrator Website: www.gloaleducationfund.org.nz
 DRC Phone: (04) 472 9549
 PO Box 12440 Email: gef@drc.org.nz
 Wellington

JS Watson Conservation Trust

www.forestandbird.org.nz

Purpose: The Society's mission is to preserve and protect the native plants and animals and natural features of New Zealand. The JS Watson Trust is administered by Forest and Bird. Applications are invited from individuals or conservation groups for financial assistance for conservation projects over the 2008-2009 year.



Value: A total of approximately \$20,000 is available for distribution. Individual applications should be limited to a maximum of \$4,000.

Closing date: Check dates with funder

Criteria: Criteria For Assistance:

- The conservation of plants and animals and natural features of New Zealand
- The advancement of knowledge in these matters by way of research, literary contribution, essay or articles, or other effort
- General education of the public to give them an understanding and love of the world in which they live

Contact: JS Watson Trust Website: www.forestandbird.org.nz/what-we-do/partnerships/js-watson-trust
 Forest and Bird Phone: (04) 385 7374
 PO Box 631
 Wellington Email: office@forestandbird.org.nz

Keep Waitakere Beautiful Trust

www.kwbt.org.nz

Purpose: Keep Waitakere Beautiful is a community based, voluntary organisation of residents, community groups, businesses, schools and Council promoting beautification and environmental stewardship within Waitakere City. In partnership with Waitakere City Council, Keep Waitakere Beautiful Trust provides funding toward community projects within Waitakere City that promote litter and waste reduction, tree planting, re-vegetation, and similar initiatives.



Value: Grant funding is typically up to \$300 in value, and depends on the volume of applications received.

Closing date: Applications for grant funding may be made at any time.

Criteria: Main programmes supported are:

- Adopt-A-Spot
- Clean Stream Waitakere
- Community Clean-Ups and Plantings
- Community Street Tree Planting
- Don't Trash It, Stash It!
- EcoWise Community Awards
- Operation Spring Clean
- Schools Assistance Programme
- Trees for Babies
- War on Weeds
- Waste Blasters

Who can apply: Residents of Waitakere.

Contact: Keep Waitakere Beautiful Trust Website: www.kwbt.org.nz
 PO Box 15 215 Phone: (09) 826 4276
 New Lynn Fax: (09) 826 4278
 Waitakere City Email: info@ecomatters.org.nz

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Lion Foundation

www.lionfoundation.org.nz

Purpose: To provide support for projects that benefit the local community, including environmental projects.



Value: Grants vary, but the average size of Lion Foundation grants is \$7,500.

Closing date: Apply at any time

Criteria As funds are returned to the communities where they are raised, you can only apply for a grant if there is a Lion Foundation gaming venue in your area.

All grants must be used for goods and services within New Zealand to meet Inland Revenue requirements and we can generally only fund events or projects that will take place during the next six months.

Who can apply: Only non-profit bodies may apply, that is, any society, association or organisation that is incorporated or legally constituted and whose rules do not allow money, property or any other benefits to be distributed to any of its members.

Projects and activities funded Funds are available for any charitable, philanthropic or cultural purpose that benefits the local community - both large and small. Funding is shared between the areas of community including arts, culture, heritage and environment (30%), health (20%), sport (40%) and education (10%).

Projects and activities not funded We cannot fund any retrospective activities or transactions which have already occurred. Certain travel, tourism and sporting activities cannot be funded.

Contact: The Lion Foundation
Private Bag 102920
NSMC
Auckland 0745

Website: www.lionfoundation.org.nz

Phone: 0800 802 908

Fax: (09) 488 7747

Email: info@lionfoundation.org.nz

Manukau City Council - Community Board Discretionary Scheme

www.manukau.govt.nz

Purpose: To support community initiatives that benefit residents of one or two wards in Manukau City.



Value: Various

Closing dates: Funding is available four times a year. Applications close at the end of January, April, July and October. Please contact the Manukau City Council Funding Co-ordinators for details on specific dates.

Criteria: Not-for-profit groups are eligible to apply if their projects fit the following criteria:

- a focus on equity and/or celebration of culture and diversity
- promotion of healthy living and/or health standards through recreation, leisure and art
- initiatives for development of Manukau's children and youth
- improving safety in public places
- enhancing the image of the city
- enhancing community main streets
- encouraging participation in recreation and leisure
- facilitating new educational initiatives in the city
- building a sense of community through shared events.

Who can apply: Not-for-profit groups

Contact: Community Funding
Manukau City Council
Private Bag 76 917
Manukau City

Website: www.manukau.govt.nz

Phone: (09) 262 5104

Email: communityadvisor@manukau.govt.nz 

Fax: (09) 262 5151

Manukau City Council – Heritage Assistance Fund

www.manukau.govt.nz

Purpose: The Heritage Assistance Fund provides financial assistance to owners of heritage resources who undertake work to maintain that resource in the public interest.



Value: Various

Closing dates: Funding is available at any time during the year.

Criteria:

- The project needs to have high heritage significance and regard will be given to whether the resource is scheduled for protection in the District Plan or registered with the New Zealand Historic Places Trust.
- The project relates to maintenance of the heritage resource in the public interest as opposed to works that are intended to provide private benefit.
- The proposed project forms part of an overall plan for the restoration, conservation and/or protection of the heritage values of the resource (as opposed to work which is ad-hoc or of the nature of routine maintenance of the heritage values of the resource).
- The project meets the ICOMOS New Zealand Charter for the Conservation of Places of Cultural Heritage that provides recognised and standard principles for works proposed for heritage resource.
- Whether alternative sources of funding is available for the proposed works, including the ability of the applicant to obtain funding from other agencies and their need for financial assistance.
- The priority of the proposed works in the overall maintenance of the heritage values of the resource, including the necessity or urgency of the work.

Who can apply: Check with funder

Contact:

Richard Knott Manukau City Council Private Bag 76 917 Manukau City	Website: www.manukau.govt.nz
	Phone: 09 262 8900, extension 8283
	Email: richard.knott@manukau.govt.nz
	Fax: (09) 262 5151

Ministry for the Environment – Education and Advisory Services Fund

www.mfe.govt.nz



Purpose: The purpose of the RMA Education and Advisory Fund is to increase community-based advice, educational opportunities and public information about environmental legislation, particularly the RMA. We are hoping to improve public understanding of, and participation in, RMA processes.

Value: Various

Closing date: The Fund has been fully subscribed for the 2009/2010 year. Applications will be called for in the first half of 2010 for the 2010/2011 funding round.

Criteria: The Ministry seeks to select service providers that:

- Have relevant qualifications, skills and experience in the provision of comprehensive RMA advisory services, including the preparation (but not delivery) of submissions and appeals.
- Have skills and experience in the production of adult educational resources.
- Can be easily identified by the community as a key provider of this advice.
- Are able to provide informed, up to date and consistent advice and support to all New Zealanders on the RMA – the Ministry is keen to ensure national coverage, but regionally based providers will be considered.
- Are independent and have no, or are able to manage any, conflicts of interest.
- Are legally registered or constituted New Zealand entity.
- Provide a value for money and a fair and equitable service to all.
- Are able to provide advice through a variety of media including: internet; telephone and, where appropriate, face to face.

Contact: Sarah Myhill
Ministry for the Environment,
PO Box 6145,
Tauranga 3143,

Website: www.mfe.govt.nz/withyou/funding/centres.html
Phone: 0800 RMAINFO (0800 762 4636)
Email: sarah.myhill@mfe.govt.nz

Ministry for the Environment - Environment Centre Fund

www.mfe.govt.nz



Purpose: The aim of the fund is to help Environment Centres provide projects, activities and services that empower communities to take action that materially improves environmental quality. An environment centre is defined as a place that is accessible to the general public and whose key activities are to:

- facilitate, motivate and inform existing and new groups within the community to take action that materially improves environmental quality
- provide environmental information and education services for the community
- act as a focus and meeting place for community action on environmental issues.

Value: A fund of \$300,000 per annum is available to assist with the general costs of running an Environment Centre whose purpose is to inform, advise and engage the community on environmental issues.

Closing date: The next funding round will be held in 2010. More details will be made available closer to the time. Check dates with funder.

Who can apply: Environment Centres who provide projects, activities and services that empower communities to take action that materially improves environmental quality are eligible to apply. An environment centre is defined as a place that is accessible to the general public and whose key activities are to:

- facilitate, motivate and inform existing and new groups within the community to take action that materially improves environmental quality
- provide environmental information and education services for the community
- act as a focus and meeting place for community action on environmental issues.

Contact: Ministry for the Environment's Funding Team

Website: www.mfe.govt.nz/withyou/funding/centres.html
Phone: (04) 439 7400
Email: funds@mfe.govt.nz

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Ministry for the Environment - Environmental Legal Assistance Fund

www.mfe.govt.nz

Purpose: The Fund provides not-for-profit groups with financial assistance to advocate for an environmental issue of public interest in resource management cases at the Environment Court, higher Courts, and at Boards of Inquiry constituted under the "Call in" provisions of section 141B.1 (a) of the Resource Management Act 1991.



Value: The maximum amount of funding available per group per application is \$40,000 (exclusive of GST).

Closing date: The fund is almost fully expended for this financial year which finishes 30 June 2010. Contact fund team to discuss.

Criteria: The Environmental Legal Assistance Fund supports groups that are involved in cases, where:

- the focus of the case is the protection or enhancement of environmental qualities
- the case affects the wider community or general public
- The group has shown why financial assistance is required, including whether there is likely to be an imbalance between the level or quality of evidence and case management due to a lack of financial resources

Who can apply: The Fund is available to any non-profit group which includes: incorporated societies, non-profit trusts, iwi and hapu groups and non-incorporated groups.

Contact:

The ELA Fund	Website:	www.mfe.govt.nz/withyou/funding/ela.html
Ministry for the Environment	Phone:	Alisdair Hutchison (03) 365 9267 or
PO Box 1345		Steve Merito (03) 365 9556
Christchurch 8011	Email:	elafund@mfe.govt.nz

Ministry for the Environment - Sustainable Management Fund (SMF)

www.mfe.govt.nz

Purpose: The purpose of the SMF is to support community groups, iwi, businesses and local government in taking practical actions that produce long-term environmental benefits. The objectives of the Fund are to make a positive difference to the environment by funding projects that:

- support the Ministry's priorities;
- encourage pro-active partnerships; and
- promote community action.



Value: Applicants can apply for a minimum of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$200,000 per financial year for projects starting on 1 July 2010. Funding is available for up to three years.

Closing date: The ministry has decided not to proceed with the 2010/11 SMF Funding round which was expected to open in December 2009. Please contact Ministry Funds Management team.

Criteria: Proposals should be for practical projects that encourage proactive partnerships and promote community action. They must also directly support one or more of the following Ministry priorities:

- encouraging sustainable households
- sustainable land and water management
- supporting sustainable business practices
- meeting the challenges of climate change.

Projects and activities not funded:

Research

- Academic costs or research aimed at supporting the attainment of a qualification.
- Duplication of demonstration projects or pilot studies.
- Fundamental or strategic research. (The SMF **may** pay for the development and implementation of existing knowledge.)

Reports / websites / toolkits

- Costs associated predominantly with the development of a report, for example, Iwi Management Plans;

best practice documents and Codes of Practice. (Proposals that include their practical implementation are acceptable.)

- Funding that is wholly or predominantly for the development of a website or toolkit.

Capital expenditure

- The purchase of capital items. (Lease expenses will be eligible for support.)

Support from other Government agencies

- Projects that are clearly the responsibility of government agencies. This includes project outputs to be used specifically for the development of central government policy.
- Statutory duties of local government (ie, activities which councils are required to do by law), for example, local government planning, resource consent approval, or monitoring functions.

Retrospective costs

- Retrospective / backdated costs (ie, costs incurred before an Agreement being signed, or 1 July 2009, whichever is the latter).

Financial profit

- Venture capital or commercial development such as setting up or developing business activities, marketing a new idea or making a financial profit.
- Projects that financially benefit private landowners.

Operating costs

- Normal operation costs (ie, funds to meet an organisation's 'normal' responsibilities for the sustainable management of resources under their control. This includes buying materials and equipment that are normally part of an organisation's responsibility for managing their property/day-to-day business.

Other

- Patents/copyright (ie, products/outputs not freely available for public use for non-profit purposes).
- Set-up costs (ie, registration charges, legal fees and recruitment costs).
- The SMF will not fund the same project for more than three years in duration.

Who can apply:

The Ministry welcomes applications from community groups, iwi/hapū, businesses and local government who are legally registered New Zealand entities. To be considered for funding you must be able to answer yes to the following:

- Your organisation is a legally registered New Zealand entity such as an incorporated society or charitable trust, registered New Zealand business or local government authority. Funding is not available to individuals or non-legal entities.
- Your application will demonstrate adequate capability to deliver a successful project through:
 - o strong project management and technical skills
 - o access to necessary resources to successfully complete the project (such as office space, internet access, email, telephone and staff skills and experience).
 - o demonstrating strong support and involvement from other organisations.
- Your application encourages and promotes practical community action for the environment.
- Your application is strictly for the period commencing 1 July 2010. This means that the SMF will not cover any expenses incurred before this date.
- Your application directly supports the Ministry's priorities.

Contact:

Projects and Partnerships
Ministry for the Environment
Environment House
23 Kate Sheppard Place
PO Box 10-362
Wellington 6143

Website: www.mfe.govt.nz/withyou/funding/smf/index.html

Phone: (04) 439 7400

Email: funds@mfe.govt.nz

Ministry for the Environment – Waste Minimisation Fund (WMF)

www.mfe.govt.nz



Purpose: The purpose of the Waste Minimisation Fund is to boost New Zealand's performance in waste minimisation. There is considerable scope to reduce waste and increase the recovery of useful resources from waste. Lifting our performance in recovering economic value from waste also provides environmental, social and cultural benefits and reduces the risks of harm from waste. This will require investment in infrastructure and systems for waste minimisation and developing educational and promotional capacity. The purpose of the fund is to provide some of the funding to ensure that this occurs

Value: The WMF operates on an annual funding round, in which the Ministry calls for applications for funding.

Closing date: 1 March 2010

Criteria: Preference will be given to projects that collectively give the largest net benefit over time. The assessment of the effectiveness of projects will include the extent to which the projects can demonstrate:

- likelihood of success;
- reduction of harm to the environment;
- reduction in the volume of waste disposed of;
- economic, environmental, social or cultural benefits;
- longer term benefits after the completion of the project.

Projects will be assessed for their strategic value in achieving the purpose of the fund. Strategic value means the likely ability of projects to act as catalysts that enhance and extend the uptake of waste minimisation. The degree of partnership and cross-sectoral collaboration will be taken into account in assessing the strategic value of proposals. The level of funding from other sources will be taken into account. Shared funding is preferred.

Who can apply:

- Only waste minimisation projects are eligible for funding. Projects must promote or achieve waste minimisation. Waste minimisation covers the reduction of waste and the reuse, recycling and recovery of waste and diverted material. The scope of the fund includes educational projects that promote waste minimisation activity.
- Projects must result in new waste minimisation activity, either by implementing new initiatives or a significant expansion in the scope or coverage of existing activities.
- Funding is not for the ongoing financial support of existing activities, nor is it for the running costs of the existing activities of organisations, individuals, councils or firms.
- Projects should be for a discrete timeframe of up to three years, after which the project objectives will have been achieved and, where appropriate, the initiative will become self-funding.
- Funding can be for operational or capital expenditure required to undertake a project.
- For projects where alternative, more suitable, Government funding streams are available (such as the Sustainable Management Fund, the Contaminated Sites Remediation Fund, or research funding from the Foundation for Research, Science and Technology), applicants should apply to these funding sources before applying to the Waste Minimisation Fund.
- The applicant must be a legal entity.
- The fund will not cover the entire cost of the project. Applicants will need part funding from other sources.
- The minimum grant for feasibility studies will be \$10,000.00. The minimum grant for other projects will be \$50,000.00.

Contact: Waste Minimisation Fund
Ministry for the Environment
Environment House
23 Kate Sheppard Place
PO Box 10362
WELLINGTON 6143

Website: <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/withyou/funding/wmf/>

Phone: 0800 499 700

Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry – Afforestation Grant Scheme www.maf.govt.nz



- Purpose:** The primary objective of the AGS is to encourage the establishment of new forests in New Zealand in order to stabilise the greenhouse gas concentration of the atmosphere (by converting carbon dioxide from the atmosphere into carbon stored in wood). Priority is given to afforestation proposals that also: reduce the risk of soil erosion, improve water quality and indigenous biodiversity; and achieve the primary objective and other environmental outcomes with the least risk and cost to the Crown. The intention of the scheme is to meet these objectives with minimal administrative cost.
- Value:** Various
- Closing date:** Applications for forest establishment grants under the Public Pool of the Afforestation Grant Scheme are open until 30 April and 31 October each year.
- Criteria:** Assessment criteria:
 Soil conservation and flood risk management
 Soil erosion risk is high. This is evaluated by MAF using a national soil erosion risk model.
 Proposals for planted stockings of less than 750 stems per hectare score 0.
 Improved water quality
 Proposed afforestation area either:
 borders a perennial water body (such as a lake, river or stream);
 is in an area covered by a regional water quality plan (such as parts of Lake Taupo and Lake Rotorua catchments); or is in a municipal water supply catchment.
 Improved biodiversity
 Proposed afforestation uses either all indigenous forest species, or indigenous forest species with exotic forest species as a nurse crop.
- Who can apply:** Individuals, business entities, state owned enterprises and local government may tender for AGS grants provided they own the land, or have the right to use the land for forestry. Note that regional councils participating in the Regional Council AGS cannot submit tenders (whether on their own or along with other parties) in the Regional Council Pool, but can tender for grants in the Public Pool.
- Contact:** Afforestation Grant Scheme Website: <http://www.maf.govt.nz/climatechange/forestry/initiatives/ags/>
 Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Phone: 0800 CLIMATE (254 628)
 Pastoral House Email: sustainableforestry@maf.govt.nz
 25 The Terrace
 PO Box 2526, Wellington
 6140

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Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry - Sustainable Farming Fund (SFF) www.maf.govt.nz



- Purpose:** The purpose of the Sustainable Farming Fund (SFF) is to support the financial, environmental and social performance of New Zealand's productive land-based sectors. It does this by funding projects that are:
- based around solving problems, or taking up opportunities, related to sustainable resource use;
 - defined and driven by a farmer, grower or forester-led community of interest. These are groups of stakeholders drawn together by common problems or opportunities.
- The Sustainable Farming Fund – climate change fund (SFF-CC) is a dedicated fund enabling primary industries to respond and adapt to the challenges of climate change. This initiative is part of MAF's sustainable land management and climate change plan of action www.maf.govt.nz/climatechange/
- Value:** The maximum SFF grant available is \$600,000 (i.e. \$200,000 over three years). SFF may fund up to 80 percent of the project value. However, successful projects are likely to have a higher proportion of partnership cash and in-kind input.
- Closing date:** Contact fund administrator
- Criteria:** Contribution to sustainability or climate change objectives
- Projects must demonstrate how they contribute to economic, environmental and/or social sustainability or (climate change fund) advance the objectives of mitigation, adaptation, adaptation or business opportunities.
- Significance of the problem or opportunity
- This is the significance to the community of interest submitting the application. Importance and relative priority to the sector and/or region, plus links to strategic plans or policy objectives (if applicable) will be taken into account.
- Community of interest commitment
- A "community of interest" is a group of people directly affected by a common problem or opportunity who will benefit from a successful project. SFF requires the community of interest to demonstrate their commitment to the project e.g. by their representation on the project team and their level of cash and in-kind support. The community of interest should be led by farmers, foresters or growers.
- Ability to deliver
- Project management, financial management and technical skills plus a sound methodology are needed. The panel must have confidence that the project team can deliver on the proposed project.
- Adoption and extension
- The proposed project should make a difference to the identified problem or opportunity. The proposal needs to demonstrate that the results can be disseminated through appropriate networks, and that the team has the capability to develop and implement a robust extension strategy that will lead to adoption. It must be clear how the success of the project will be evaluated, what the long term benefits will be and how they will be measured.
- Risk and innovation
- Projects are rated for being innovative, either through new work or a new approach to existing work. Projects must not reinvent the wheel. They must show understanding of other relevant work, and how their project fits with this.
- Value for money
- Projects need to demonstrate a good return on investment. The overall value of the outcomes of the successful project – whether economic, environmental, and/or social – will be taken into consideration.
- Projects and activities funded:** SFF projects contribute to the economic, social and environmental viability of farmers, growers, foresters and their wider rural communities. Projects can include, but are not restricted to:
- applied research and development;
 - demonstration projects;
 - information, knowledge and technology transfer;
 - technical investigations supporting improved use and allocation of water;
 - identifying barriers to, and options for, improved land use and management;
 - improving decision support;

- irrigation feasibility studies (with at least 50 percent cash co-funding);
- adding value and exploring market opportunities.

In addition, SFF-CC projects specifically support the three core objectives of MAF's climate change plan of action:

- mitigation – reducing greenhouse gas emissions and related environmental impacts, and improving resource use efficiency;
- adaptation – adapting to climate change;
- business opportunities - capitalising on climate change-related business opportunities.

Activities and expenditure appropriate for SFF support include, but are not restricted to:

- research activities;
- demonstration and extension activities and resources;
- project management;
- financial management.

All applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Potential Impact
- User Commitment
- Ability to Deliver
- Value for Money
- Overall Portfolio Balance
- Other Factors (Where relevant, issues such as timeliness and innovation of approach will be factored into the overall assessment and ranking process.)

Projects and activities not funded:

Projects not appropriate for SFF support include:

- projects involving unsustainable land management or environmental practices;
- projects primarily benefiting an individual or single business or farming unit (including the funding of whole farm plans);
- conservation, mining, marine or sea-food farming projects;
- projects from applicants not resident in New Zealand for tax purposes;
- participation in statutory processes, litigation, or resource inventory work;
- projects not directly related to New Zealand's land-based primary industries, e.g. amenity horticulture.

Activities and expenditure not usually appropriate for SFF support include:

- activities more appropriately funded by other funding bodies or organisations;
- long-term on-going costs of an organisation;
- long-term on-going costs of a trial or project (including breeding trials and variety trials);
- large capital expenditure;
- retrospective costs;
- local or central government fees or charges.

Contact:

Fund Administrator
Sustainable Farming Fund
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
PO Box 2526
Wellington

Website: www.maf.govt.nz/sff/

Phone: 0800 008 333

Fax: (04) 894 0746

Email: info@maf.govt.nz

Ministry of Fisheries – Environmental Certification Fund

www.fish.govt.nz



- Purpose:** Ministry of Fisheries Environmental Certification Fund provides grants to assist the seafood industry with the costs of seeking an independent environmental certification or assessment of their fisheries or aquaculture activities. Its objective is to promote environmental certification and other independent sustainability assessments as a tool to:
- Enable the New Zealand seafood industry to respond to growing pressure for environmental sustainability;
 - Promote and improve the management and environmental performance of New Zealand fishing and aquaculture, including impacts of fishing and aquaculture on the aquatic environment;
 - Build public confidence in the management of New Zealand fishing and aquaculture;
 - Raise the profile of New Zealand's seafood sector.
- Value:** Grants can be made to cover up to 50% of direct and indirect costs including assessment fees, travel and staff time. Costs relating to the assessment process are eligible for funding. This includes costs relating to pre-assessments and assessments
- Closing dates:** Check dates with funder
- Criteria:** Applications are assessed relative to each other using the following criteria and weightings:
- Contribution to fund objectives (40%): Whether the assessment would further the purpose of the fund.
 - Cost effectiveness (30%): The overall value for money based on an assessment of the benefits, opportunities, costs and risks.
 - Ability to deliver (30%): The ability, knowledge and commitment of the applicant to complete the process and the level of support from other stakeholders
- Projects and activities funded:** The assessment can relate to:
- The sustainability of the target stock
 - The ecological impacts of fishing or aquaculture
 - Pollution or waste management
 - Energy conservation
 - Climate change issues associated with seafood harvest, production and transport
 - Organic issues and labelling
- The assessment scheme must be independent and credible.
- Projects and activities not funded:** Grants do not include costs relating to:
- Business as usual
 - Marketing and trade access
 - Traceability of product lines
 - Logo licensing
 - Annual audits
 - Corrective actions
 - Capital expenditure
 - Government fees
 - Appeals and objections processes
- Who can apply:** Any individual, organisation or group of organisations who are seeking independent environmental certification or assessment of a New Zealand aquaculture activity or New Zealand fishery within the EEZ or High Seas may apply.
- Contact:** Environmental Certification Fund, C/- Corporate Monitoring Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, PO Box 1020, WELLINGTON
- Website: www.fish.govt.nz/en-nz/commercial/ecf.htm
- Email: certificationfund@fish.govt.nz

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New Zealand Biodiversity - Advice Fund

www.biodiversity.govt.nz



Purpose: To fund the provision of information and advice on indigenous biodiversity and management options to private landowners to facilitate greater protection of indigenous biodiversity outside public conservation lands.

Value: Various

Closing date: It is anticipated another Funding Round will open in June 2010

Criteria: It will fund projects that inspire landholders or groups to improve the condition of indigenous biodiversity (outside of public conservation lands). The advisory services may be one off or ongoing.

Preference will be given to applications that demonstrate:

- National or regional co-ordination, co-operation or collaboration between key players from the community, organisations and the private sector.
- Experience, knowledge and expertise in indigenous biodiversity management.
- An ability to motivate or facilitate support from individuals and groups to broaden the base of community interest and effort in the protection of biodiversity.
- An understanding of the target audiences and how to provide biodiversity information and advice in a way that meets the needs of those audiences.
- Synergy or linkages between the proposed project and other work being carried out in the area, for example any regional biodiversity strategy that is developed.
- The project's effectiveness and value for money. This includes identification of the potential benefits from actively addressing the key problem.
- The project's results and benefits will be shared with the community. The way in which the results will be shared is apparent in the application.
- A strong commitment to the project (for example through financial or in-kind contribution).

Projects and activities funded: Methods of providing information and advice could include field days, expert advice, wananga, publications (including electronic material), training, workshops and seminars.

Projects and activities not funded: Proposals involving public conservation lands which include DOC reserves, council owned land, or Crown-owned foreshore and riverbeds, will not be considered.

Who can apply: Private landowners and community groups for projects on private land.

Contact:

Biodiversity Funds Department of Conservation Head Office PO Box 10-420 WELLINGTON	Website: www.biodiversity.govt.nz/land/nzbs/pvtland/condition.html Phone: 0800 86 2020 Fax: (04) 381 3057 Email: biofunds@doc.govt.nz
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New Zealand Biodiversity - Condition Fund

www.biodiversity.govt.nz



Purpose: The Biodiversity Condition Fund aims to improve and maintain the condition of areas of indigenous vegetation, species and habitats (including wetlands and water bodies). The Fund seeks to broaden community effort in the management of indigenous biodiversity, and to complement contributions for its enhancement.

Value: A general guideline of \$60,000 per year maximum for a single project.

Closing date: It is anticipated another Funding Round will open in June 2010

Criteria: Applications will be judged on the extent to which they will contribute to maintaining and enhancing indigenous biodiversity values in New Zealand in the long term. Criteria that will be considered are:

- The indigenous biodiversity values of the area or habitat measured by factors including representativeness, distinctiveness and rarity at national, regional or local levels.
- The extent to which the area has habitat or taonga species with important cultural, spiritual, historical or traditional value to an individual hapu or iwi.
- The extent to which the project broadens the base of community effort and level of support for biodiversity management. This may include regional variation in projects.
- The contribution to the project from the landholder and other sources.
- The likely outcomes of the project, including ecological outcomes of wider benefit such as: maintaining ecological processes, restoring connectivity between existing indigenous vegetation or existing habitats of indigenous species and providing a buffer for the habitat of indigenous species.
- The project can demonstrate effectiveness and value for money.
- The feasibility of the project to achieve its stated objectives.
- The urgency of threats to the area that the project could alleviate.
- The extent to which the project is likely to generate effective on-going actions so as to avoid future dependency on support from the Fund.
- The gains from linkages between the proposed project and other work being carried out in the area.

Projects and activities not funded: Proposals involving public conservation lands which include DOC reserves, council owned land, or Crown-owned foreshore and riverbeds, will not be considered.

Who can apply: Eligible applicants include: private land owners and managers; local and regional government; professional and community based organisations working on protecting and managing indigenous biodiversity; local, regional and national umbrella groups. Central government departments are not eligible for funding.

Contact: Biodiversity Funds Website: <http://www.biodiversity.govt.nz/land/nzbs/pvtland/condition.html>
 Department of Conservation Phone: 0800 86 2020
 PO Box 10-420 Fax: (04) 381 3057
 WELLINGTON Email: biofunds@doc.govt.nz

New Zealand Glass Environmental Fund

www.recycleglass.co.nz



- Purpose:** O-I New Zealand established the NZ Glass Environmental Fund in 1983 to encourage studies which would give young people an understanding of the importance and fragility of the environment. One of the aims of this fund is to encourage whole community involvement in environmental issues, which is why we encourage teachers and students to work with bodies such as regional councils, DOC, Forest & Bird, parents and local MP's, to name a few.
- Value:** The fund makes \$25 000 available to schools annually. The Fund has two categories for projects:
 Category A – Larger projects where funding is expected to range between \$3,000- \$10,000.
 Category B – Smaller projects ranging from \$250 - \$2000.
- Closing dates:** 31 March 2010
- Criteria:** In particular, applications should meet as many of the following criteria as possible:
- Develop students' awareness of and sensitivity to the environment
 - Develop students' knowledge and understanding of the environment and the impact of people on it (the key concepts of interdependence, sustainability and biodiversity)
 - Develop attitudes and values reflecting concern for the environment
 - Develop skills in identifying, investigating and problem solving associated with environmental issues
 - Stimulate responsibility for participation and action FOR the environment
 - Co-ordinate and/or co-operate with local community initiatives and organisations benefiting the school and if possible the community
 - Show, where possible, how the success of the project will be measured
- Projects and activities not funded:** The NZ Glass Environmental Fund will **NOT** make grants for:
- Contract labour
 - Building materials deemed to be outside the immediate need for the project
 - Relief teachers, teacher education/professional development
 - Travel costs and/or accommodation
 - Beautification or improvement of school property or equipment
 - Playground equipment, computers and IT materials
 - Equipment and/or tools that should ordinarily be provided by the school
 - Printing and publication of booklets or documents unless specifically supported by, or an integral part of, the project
 - Projects solely centred on native tree propagation, beautification, sun shelter or maintenance programmes
 - Sports or community driven projects
- Contact:**
- | | | |
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| The Secretary | Website: | www.recycleglass.co.nz/fund.htm |
| NZ Glass Environmental Fund | Phone: | 09-976 7127 |
| PO Box 12345,
Penrose, Auckland | Email: | penny.garland@ap.o-i.com |

New Zealand Historic Places Trust - National Heritage Preservation Incentive Fund

www.historic.org.nz

- Purpose:** To provide financial incentives to encourage the conservation of nationally significant heritage places in private ownership.
- Value:** The annual appropriation approved by Parliament for this fund is \$563,000 (GST inclusive). The fund will pay no more than 50% of the cost of conservation work in any particular case, and individual grants will not normally be greater than \$100,000.
- Closing date:** There are no closing dates for applications, and they can be made at any time.
- Criteria:** All applications will be assessed by the NZHPT on the basis of a set of criteria including extent of national significance, extent of public benefit, level of urgency of work, level of conservation standards proposed, and cost effectiveness. Additional criteria used by the NZHPT include value for money in the national public interest, geographic spread and the types of heritage to be conserved.
- Projects and activities funded:** The following conservation projects are eligible for application to the fund:
- Stabilisation, repair or restoration relating to historic buildings or structures (eg. repairs to masonry, joinery, plaster or glazing, earthquake strengthening or fire protection);
 - Conservation work relating to land or archaeological sites (eg. site stabilisation, repair, vegetation management or fencing);
 - Professional services (eg. research, condition reports, conservation plans, conservation work specifications, management plans or supervision of work).
- Projects and activities not funded:** The following projects are not eligible for application to the fund:
- Construction of new buildings or structures not for the purpose of preserving heritage values;
 - Additions, extensions, facilities or amenities of existing buildings;
 - Reconstruction or replicas of missing buildings or structures;
 - Removal, relocation or demolition of buildings or structures;
 - Insurance, debt repayments or re-financing costs;
 - Purchase of land or buildings;
 - Purchase or conservation of portable heritage objects;
 - Purchase of construction machinery or tradespersons' equipment;
 - Heritage conservation projects that have already been completed.
- Who can apply:** Any private owner whose heritage properties and conservation projects meet the eligibility requirements will be eligible to apply to the fund. Public sector agencies and persons and agencies eligible for funding from the Lottery Grants Board will not be eligible to apply to the fund.
- Contact:** New Zealand Historic Places Trust
Northern Regional Office
Private Box 105-291
Auckland
- Website: www.historic.org.nz/heritage/funding_nhpif.html
Phone: (09) 307 8896
Email: infonorthern@historic.org.nz



North Shore Heritage Trust

www.northshorecity.govt.nz



- Purpose:** The North Shore Heritage Trust, launched in November 2002, aims to protect and enhance buildings or places of heritage significance, and to raise public awareness and appreciation of New Zealand's history
- Value:** The Trust administers a fund established to provide one-off grants of up to \$5,000 towards the stabilisation, repair or restoration of heritage homes in North Shore City. North Shore City Council contributes \$50,000 to the fund annually.
- Closing dates:** Apply anytime, the Trust meets every two months to consider new funding applications, and review progress on projects underway.
- Criteria:** In general the Trustees will take into account the following factors when considering a fund application.
- The extent to which the proposed project will educate the people of North Shore City and raise public awareness of the historical and heritage significance of the building or site. Whether the project undertaken will beautify and improve North Shore City for public enjoyment;
 - What steps the applicant proposes to take in terms of satisfying (a) above, including, by way of example, allowing public access to the property and publicising the historical and heritage significance of the building or site and the project undertaken;
 - The principles of the New Zealand ICOMOS charter;
 - The ability of the application to meet the long-term protection of the place and to recover the significance of the place;
 - A report from a conservation professional or the Council's heritage advisor on whether the restoration work follows recognised conservation principles and whether it will benefit the heritage character of the community;
 - The urgency of the work; and
 - Any other factors relevant to determining whether, and to what extent, funding the project will further the charitable purposes of the Trust.
- Who can apply:** You can apply to this Trust if:
- You own or occupy a site or building listed in the "Schedule of Buildings, Objects and Places of Heritage Significance" in the *North Shore City District Plan*
 - You own or occupy a site or building in the Residential Zone 3 (Built Heritage) in the District Plan and if the place is identified by the community as providing a benefit to the public
 - You are pursuing a heritage related project which will further the charitable objects of the Trust.
- As the Trust has limited funds, priority will be given to applicants who own sites or buildings listed in the North Shore City District Plan.*
- Contact:** Environmental Policy Advisor Website: www.northshorecity.govt.nz
 North Shore City Council Phone: 09 486 8600
 Private Bag 93500 Email: actionline@northshorecity.govt.nz
 Takapuna
 North Shore City

North Shore WasteWise Fund

www.northshorecity.govt.nz



Purpose: to support community-initiated waste minimisation projects run by individuals, community groups, schools and businesses within North Shore City.

Value: The Trust administers a fund established to provide one-off grants of up to \$5,000 towards the stabilisation, repair or restoration of heritage homes in North Shore City. North Shore City Council contributes \$50,000 to the fund annually.

Closing dates: Apply anytime, the Trust meets every two months to consider new funding applications, and review progress on projects underway.

Criteria: In general the Trustees will take into account the following factors when considering a fund application.

- The extent to which the proposed project will educate the people of North Shore City and raise public awareness of the historical and heritage significance of the building or site. Whether the project undertaken will beautify and improve North Shore City for public enjoyment;
- What steps the applicant proposes to take in terms of satisfying (a) above, including, by way of example, allowing public access to the property and publicising the historical and heritage significance of the building or site and the project undertaken;
- The principles of the New Zealand ICOMOS charter;
- The ability of the application to meet the long-term protection of the place and to recover the significance of the place;
- A report from a conservation professional or the Council's heritage advisor on whether the restoration work follows recognised conservation principles and whether it will benefit the heritage character of the community;
- The urgency of the work; and
- Any other factors relevant to determining whether, and to what extent, funding the project will further the charitable purposes of the Trust.

Who can apply:

You can apply to this Trust if:

- You own or occupy a site or building listed in the "Schedule of Buildings, Objects and Places of Heritage Significance" in the *North Shore City District Plan*
- You own or occupy a site or building in the Residential Zone 3 (Built Heritage) in the District Plan and if the place is identified by the community as providing a benefit to the public
- You are pursuing a heritage related project which will further the charitable objects of the Trust.

As the Trust has limited funds, priority will be given to applicants who own sites or buildings listed in the North Shore City District Plan.

Contact: Environmental Policy Advisor Website: www.northshorecity.govt.nz
 North Shore City Council Phone: 09 486 8600
 Private Bag 93500 Email: actionline@northshorecity.govt.nz
 Takapuna
 North Shore City

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Project Crimson Trust

www.projectcrimson.org.nz



Purpose: Project Crimson is a charitable conservation Trust that aims to protect New Zealand's native Christmas trees - pohutukawa and rata.

Value: Various

Closing date: The annual deadline for applications is 1 March. Any applications received after this date will be considered in the following year's funding review.

Criteria: To be considered, the project must provide long-term benefits to the local environment and provide tangible evidence of effective resource management.

Projects and activities funded: Some examples of types of projects funded previously are:

- Conserving existing stands (such as fencing, pest control and survey).
- Growing and planting pohutukawa and rata, site preparation and appropriate ongoing care and maintenance.
- Research designed to improve understanding of the ecology, or management options for pohutukawa and rata.
- Conservation activities for trees, such as soil enhancement, tree surgery and advocacy for protection.

Projects and activities not funded: Projects designed to generate personal or commercial profit or for capital works are not eligible for funding.

Who can apply: Anyone can apply to Project Crimson. Landowners, community, conservation, iwi groups and schools have all successfully applied for funding.

Contact: Project Crimson Trust
c/o Department of Conservation
PO Box 10420
Wellington

Website: www.projectcrimson.org.nz/apply-for-funding

Phone: 0800 Pohutukawa or 09 535 4786

Email: info@projectcrimson.org.nz

Queen Elizabeth II National Trust (Nga Kairauhi Papa) - Open Space Covenants

www.openspace.org.nz

Purpose: QEII Trust helps landowners in New Zealand protect significant natural and cultural features on their land through open space covenants in perpetuity.

Value: Various

Closing date: Anytime



Criteria: The QEII regional representative will visit your property and evaluate your special area against a wide range of criteria including ecological and biodiversity value, naturalness, existing or potential value as an ecological corridor, wildlife, geological features, landscape values, cultural and heritage values, and sustainability.

Projects and activities funded: Each covenant is unique. It can apply to the whole property or just part of the property. There can be different management areas within a covenant with varying applicable conditions. Conditions can be stringent where rare or vulnerable natural features or habitats are being protected.

There will also be practical considerations including management needs, threats to site values, your motivation and potential sources of funding.

Contact: QEII National Trust
Level 4, FX Networks House
138 The Terrace
PO Box 3341
Wellington 6140

Website: www.openspace.org.nz

Phone: 0800 4 OPENSACE (0800 467 367)
North West Auckland – Dan Goodie
Phone: 09 529 2474

Email: info@openspace.org.nz

Rodney District Council Natural Heritage Fund

www.rodney.govt.nz



- Purpose:** The purpose of the Natural Heritage Fund is to assist and actively encourage the Rodney District community to manage, protect and enhance biodiversity, indigenous vegetation and wildlife habitats.
- Value:** The Natural Heritage Fund contributes up to 50 percent of the total costs of the project, generally up to a maximum of \$5,000.
- Closing dates:** Year-round. All applications will be assessed by Council staff to determine if proposals meet the Fund's criteria. Applications for approval of funding for more than \$2,000 will be reported to the Rodney District Council Community and Environment Committee
- Criteria:** The Natural Heritage Fund is open to individuals or voluntary groups who intend to carry out projects in the Rodney District. Practical projects that manage, protect and enhance aspects of Rodney District's natural and physical environment and show clear evidence of wider and sustainable long-term benefits in the priority areas listed will be considered.
- Projects and activities funded:** Some examples of projects that can be supported by the Natural Heritage Fund include:
- Biodiversity: Fencing and planting of a riparian link between two significant natural bush areas.
 - Conservation: Fencing, legal protection and enhancement planting of an endangered bird nesting area.
 - SNA Protection: Fencing and legal protection of a significant natural area of bush or wetland.
 - Rehabilitation: Fencing and planting of a wetland area.
- Projects and activities not funded:** The Natural Heritage Fund CANNOT support projects that are:
- a government, local authority or other public body responsibility.
 - for beautification, support for personal or commercial profit or compensate individuals.
 - already completed.
- Who can apply:** Individuals or voluntary groups.
- Contact:** The Natural Heritage Fund
C/- Craig Pratt
Rodney District Council
Private Bag 500
Orewa
AUCKLAND 0931
- Website: www.rodney.govt.nz/ServicesAtoZ/Pages/NaturalHeritageFund.aspx
Phone: 0800 426 5169

Rodney District Council - Heritage Item Assistance Fund

www.rodney.govt.nz



- Purpose:** Funding is available to conserve, restore and protect valuable heritage items. Examples of the type of projects that may be eligible for funding include restoration or repair work on heritage buildings or the preparation of research or condition assessment reports for historic buildings. The fund is primarily targeted at items which are protected in the Rodney District Plan.
- Value:** Each grant is limited to \$5,000. Each grant is limited to 50% of the entire project cost (i.e. the applicant must supply half the funds).
- Closing date:** Applications for current funding round are closed
- Criteria:** The fund is available for any projects that have a purpose of conserving, restoring, and protecting valued heritage items. Funding applications are assessed based on:
- the urgency of the work, public access to, and visibility of, the project, the level of enhancements required, and heritage status.
- Projects and activities funded:** It is envisaged that the following types of projects would be applied for:
- Restoration or repair of original heritage fabric relating to historic buildings or structures (e.g. repairs to masonry, joinery, plaster or glazing, earthquake strengthening or fire protection).
 - Professional services (e.g. research, condition reports, conservation plans, heritage plans, conservation work specifications, management plans or supervision of work).
- Projects and activities not funded:** To ensure the best use of limited funds the following exclusions apply:
- Construction of new buildings or structures (other than stabilisation structures) not for the purpose of preserving heritage values
 - Additions and/or extensions to existing buildings;
 - Complete reconstruction or replicas of missing buildings or structures;
 - Removal, relocation or demolition of buildings or structures;
 - Insurance, debt repayments or re-financing costs;
 - Purchase of land or buildings;
 - Purchase or conservation of portable heritage items;
 - New commemorative monuments or works;
 - Heritage conservation projects that have already been completed;
 - Purchase of equipment.
- Who can apply:** The fund is open to private individuals and organisations but is not open to government agencies.
- Contact:** Ryan Bradley
Rodney District Council
Private Bag 500
Orewa
Auckland
- Website: <http://www.rodney.govt.nz/ServicesAtoZ/Pages/HeritageItemAssistanceFund.aspx>
- Phone: 0800 426 5169
- Email: ryan.bradley@rodney.govt.nz

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The Department of Internal Affairs – Lottery Grants: Community Organisation Grants Scheme (COGS)

www.dia.govt.nz

Purpose: The Community Organisation Grants Scheme (COGS) is a community-driven government-funded scheme providing essential support to non-profit, voluntary and community organisations.



Value: Every year, over \$11.4 million of COGS funding is distributed to more than 3000 community groups. To receive grants of over \$10,000 organisations must be a legal entity (for example an incorporated society or charitable trust). Organisations that are not a legal entity may apply for a maximum of \$10,000.

Closing dates: Applications open on 1 June and close on the last Friday of July each year.

Criteria Services or projects will be considered for funding that:

- respond to locally identified priorities that have been established at Public Meetings held in that community, each year in April
- are initiated by local community groups and organisations
- delivers to one or more of the COGS priority sectors (i.e. Māori, women, Pacific communities, other ethnic communities, older people, the rurally isolated, people with disabilities, families, youth and children, and unemployed people)
- have limited access to other government funding.

Projects and activities funded: Most grants are for \$3000 or less, and contribute to ongoing running costs (such as rent, travel, volunteer and administration expenses), to hosting hui, fono or community workshops, or toward project development costs.

Projects and activities not funded: What COGS will NOT fund

- Capital items such as land, building/alterations, plant and machinery, vehicles, furniture and office equipment
- Duplication of existing services, unless there is a good reason for both services to exist
- Social functions
- Political advocacy
- Activities or programmes taking place outside of New Zealand
- Retrospective funding for activities that have already happened by the application closing date.

Contact: Lottery grants Board
Department of Internal Affairs
Box 805
Wellington

Website: www.cdgo.govt.nz/available-grants/downloads.aspx#ApplicationType_5
Phone: 0800 824 824
Email: grantsonline@dia.govt.nz

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The Department of Internal Affairs – Lottery Grants: Environment and Heritage

www.dia.govt.nz

Purpose: Lottery Environment and Heritage grants are for projects which promote, protect and conserve New Zealand's natural, physical and cultural heritage.



Value: Various

Closing dates: 19 March & 11 July 2010

Projects and activities funded: Projects which promote, protect and conserve New Zealand's natural, physical and cultural heritage such as:

- native regeneration projects/establishment of native plant nurseries
- captive breeding programmes including animal release to enhance indigenous fauna
- pest and predator eradication programmes
- historical publications
- museums, whare taonga and art galleries
- conservation of historic buildings, structures, rolling stock, archeological sites and waahi tapu sites.

Projects and activities not funded: Lottery Environment & Heritage does not fund:

- Individual Services considered to be the sole responsibility of local authorities, central government or other funders
- Projects which have been completed. The committee will use the application closing dates as the cut off point retrospective funding
- Purchase of land or buildings except where you can demonstrate the project is of exceptional conservation or historic merit
- Administration costs
- The purchase of office equipment
- Projects undertaken as part of a university qualification
- Education kits
- Research Institutes

Contact: The Lottery Environment & Heritage Committee
Coordinator
Local Government and Community Branch
Department of Internal Affairs
PO Box 805
Wellington

Website: www.cdgo.govt.nz/availablegrants/downloads.aspx#ApplicationType_7

Phone: Freephone: 0800-824 824

Fax: 04 495 7225

Email: grantsonline@dia.govt.nz

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The Department of Internal Affairs – Lottery Grants: Marae Heritage and Facilities

www.dia.govt.nz

Purpose: To support the building of wharenui, wharekai, wharepaku, whare taonga, tangata whenua or manuhiri shelters, waka shelters.

To support the conservation of wharekarakia, urupa, pataka, tukutuku, whakairo, kowhaiwhai, photographs within the marae, memorials and flagpoles.

To support, as parts of capital works projects - whakairo, fixed equipment, land purchase, local authority costs.

Also feasibility studies and conservation reports.

Value: Various

Closing date: Friday 9 April 2010

Criteria: Priority is generally given to:

- projects that have at least one-third of their cost raised already
- development of wharenui, wharekai and wharepaku facilities
- projects that comply with all central and local authority standards, such as Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) requirements
- projects that include facilities for people with disabilities
- projects to be undertaken by appropriately qualified tradespeople, such as members of the Registered Master Builders' Federation.

Contact: Lottery grants Board Website: www.cdgo.govt.nz/availablegrants/downloads.aspx#ApplicationType_6
Department of Internal Affairs
Box 805 Phone: 0800 824 824
Wellington Email: grantsonline@dia.govt.nz



The Department of Internal Affairs – Lottery Grants: Significant Community Based Projects Fund

www.dia.govt.nz

Purpose: The Significant Community Based Projects Fund (SCBPF) assisted regionally or nationally significant projects that had significant support and participation from the community but were unable to be completed because they could not access sufficient funding from other sources.

Value: Various

Closing dates: The Fund has now been fully allocated. No further funding round is planned at this time.

Criteria: Projects needed to be consistent with the objective of the Fund:

- they had to be major community-based projects
- they had to have significant support from and participation by the community
- they had to have a range of benefits contributing to regional and/or national outcomes, with particular reference to arts, culture and heritage; sport and recreation; conservation and environment; tourism; and economic development.

Contact: Lottery Grants Board Website: http://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/wpg_URL/Services-Community-Funding-Significant-Community-Based-Projects-Fund?OpenDocument
Department of Internal Affairs
Box 805 Phone: 0800 824 824
Wellington Email: GrantsOnline@dia.govt.nz



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The Department of Internal Affairs – Lottery Grants: Significant Projects Fund

www.dia.govt.nz

Purpose: The Fund will support major community based projects that demonstrate significant support from the community and have a range of benefits contributing to wider community, regional and/or national outcomes, with particular reference to:

- Arts, culture and heritage
- Sport and recreation
- Conservation and environment
- Economic development
- Visitor services and tourism



Value: The Lottery Significant Projects Fund will provide grants large enough to enable the completion of community projects with a total value of at least \$1 million.

Closing dates: Check with Department

Criteria: To be eligible for Lottery funding, projects must be for community purposes. The funding principles are:

- Funding is for capital expenditure projects only.
- Projects must offer benefits at a wider community, regional and/or national level and be significant in scope and nature.
- Projects must be community based.
- Projects must have considerable community support.
- The grant will be sufficient to enable completion of the project.
- The Fund will be the funder of last resort, ie other sources of government and community funding have been sought and/or the project cannot obtain funding from other funds.

Contact: Lottery Grants Board
Department of Internal Affairs
Box 805
Wellington

Website: www.cdgo.govt.nz/available-grants/downloads.aspx#ApplicationType_23

Phone: 0800 824 824

Email: grantsonline@dia.govt.nz

Waikato Biodiversity Forum – Ron Greenwood Environmental Trust

www.waikatobiodiversity.org.nz

Purpose: To assist preservation and protection of the natural environment of New Zealand. Conservation, environment projects and activities funded.



Value: Up to \$300,000 available annually

Closing date: Written application accepted throughout the year.

Criteria: Primarily established, community based, non-profit groups, individuals rarely funded.

Contact: Warwick Greenwood,
Managing Trustee
The Ron D & E A
Greenwood
Environmental Trust
C/- Environment Trust,
PO Box 10359,
Wellington

Website: http://www.waikatobiodiversity.org.nz/funding/ron_greenwood_environmental_trus/

Waitakere City Council - Green Network Community Assistance and General Environmental Support

<http://www.waitakere.govt.nz>



Purpose: The Green Network is the Waitakere Ecosystem and all of its components that interact together. The piece of pristine native bush in the ranges, with the crystal clear stream are a part of the Green Network, as well as the invasive weeds that sprout from the crack in the footpath beside the stormwater drain.

The Green Network is very broad and all encompassing, but is a key tool to focus our efforts to protect our unique ecology and make sure our city stays healthy.

The Council has a strategic priority for the Green Network, with a vision to connect the ranges with the sea, and bring nature into the everyday lives of Waitakere residents

Value: Types of support offered varies

Closing date: Support is offered year-round

Criteria: Support is offered to residents of Waitakere working to improve the quality of their private land.

Projects and activities funded: This programme does not fund specific projects but provides technical advice, support and information, management plans, free plants (up to 200), weed bins, ginger bags and dumping, contractor subsidy for control of weeds, supply of escort herbicide, fencing subsidy to control stock, covenanting and rates relief.

Projects and activities not funded: The Community Assistance programme is not available to people fulfilling regulatory requirements.

Who can apply: Residents of Waitakere.

Contact: Waitakere City Council
Private Bag 93 109 Henderson Waitakere 0650

Website: www.waitakere.govt.nz/cnlser/pw/greennetwk/index.asp
Phone: (09) 839 0400
Email: greennetwork@waitakere.govt.nz

Weedbusters Small Scale Initiative Fund

weedbusters.co.nz

Purpose: The Weedbusters small-scale initiative fund, supported by individual regional councils, unitary authorities, and Department of Conservation, provides funds for Weedbusters groups to cover 'small scale' costs such as tools, herbicides, mulcher hire, greenwaste disposal, promotional activities within communities to get Weedbusters groups off the ground, and so on.



Value: Funding is on application rather than contestable, with a limited pool of funds (\$2000) available in each area in each financial year.

Closing date: As above.

Criteria: Criteria for funding applications to be considered:

- Groups or individuals must have registered as Weedbusters through www.weedbusters.org.nz
- Projects can be on public land, or on private land where two or more landowners are working together to clear areas of weeds by either targeting specific high-risk species or as part of a wider restoration project. The project is not to be based in private gardens (not including undeveloped gullies) or on productive farmland.
- The funding must be for weed-related initiatives, not for replanting or releasing recently planted native trees (funding for this is usually available through other schemes administered by councils and government departments).
- The weed control must be carried out in accordance with best practice weed management techniques as outlined at on the Weedbusters website for each weed species.

Contact: Weedbusters
c/- DOC
PO Box 516
Hamilton 3240

Website: weedbusters.co.nz/funding/initiative_fund.asp

Phone: (07) 855 6463

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Email: info@weedbusters.org.nz

WWF Environmental Education Action Fund

www.wwf.org.nz

Purpose: To support schools and communities who, as part of their learning, are taking hands-on action to address an environmental issue.



Value: Annual disbursement of the fund is \$50,000

Closing date: 1 April and 1 September

Criteria: Preference is given to projects that:

- Have clearly defined learning outcomes aimed to address a specific environmental issue or issues
- Facilitate, support or promote opportunities for people to take action for their environment
- Have sound project planning and evaluation processes
- Provide evidence of strong community support
- Enable teachers to deliver environmental education programmes as outlined in the Guidelines for Environmental education in New Zealand Schools (Ministry of Education, 1999)
- Schools and community groups in New Zealand can apply; preference is given to those with IRD charitable status.

Projects and activities not funded: There is no funding for awareness, landscaping/ground maintenance, eco/enviro center buildings, overseas travel, research projects, government authorities or school organic garden projects.

Contact: Environmental Education Action Fund
WWF – New Zealand
PO Box 6237
Wellington

Website: www.wwf.org.nz/index.php/new_zealand_conservation/grants/environmental_education_action_funding/

Phone: (04) 499 2930

Email: Wendy Barry: wbarry@wwf.org.nz

WWF Habitat Protection Fund

www.wwf.org.nz

Purpose: The purpose of the Habitat Protection Fund is to encourage and promote the conservation of New Zealand 's natural environment. Funding is provided for local habitat protection groups working to protect areas of high conservation significance in their community.



Value: Funding of between \$2,000 and \$20,000 will be considered.

Closing date: There are two funding rounds each year, 30 April and 31 August.

Criteria: WWF-NZ takes the following criteria into account when considering applications:

- the conservation significance of the project;
- whether the group has IRD charitable status;
- whether the project creates opportunities for local employment;
- the quality of the project design, including clarity of objectives, the ability of the applicant to achieve the objectives of the project, in particular, the adequacy of the management and financial systems in place and the track record of the applicant;
- other sources of funding obtained, and the extent to which the applicant has shown how the project will be financially sustainable in the future whether the project will contribute to creating concrete conservation solutions.

Where appropriate, models will be encouraged that can be transferred to other centres;

- the extent to which the community supports the project, as demonstrated by voluntary labour, donated materials etc;
- the inclusion of environmental education to promote awareness and understanding of nature conservation; letters of support;
- the long term future of the land and the whole ecosystem. Has the applicant covenanted the land or made plans to do so? Are additional threats (over and above land tenure) to ecosystem security considered? projects on state open land will not normally be a priority; I) compliance with all relevant

legislative requirements e.g., OSH, local authority requirements.

Projects and activities funded:

Projects that are supported through the fund work to protect areas of high conservation significance in their community.

Priority is given to projects which involve:

- restoration and conservation of critical terrestrial, freshwater & marine habitats and ecosystems;
- re-planting and conservation of traditional indigenous species;
- promoting environmental education and building capacity to enhance awareness and understanding of conservation issues;
- the creation of opportunities for employment and community development.

Projects and activities not funded:

Applications are not accepted from or for:

- overseas travel;
- creches, pre-schools, kindergartens and libraries;
- church and school buildings;
- AFS scholarships and other youth awards;
- sports;
- evangelical work or promotion of religious or political messages;
- research projects;
- government authorities;
- land purchase;
- work that a landowner is required to do by law;
- individuals;
- urgent or retrospective applications;
- funding to any one project for more than 3 years without rigorous review of the effectiveness and other potential uses of the funds which must be reported to the Tindall Foundation.

Who can apply:

Only groups from NZ are eligible to apply with preference being given to those with IRD charitable status.

Contact:

WWF – New Zealand
Community Programme
Manager Marc Slade

Website: www.wwf.org.nz/index.php/new_zealand_conservation/grants/funding_for_local_projects/
Phone: (04) 499 2930 or 0800 4357 993
Email: msslade@wwf.org.nz

Useful websites and publications

FUNDING DATABASES & ADVICE

Fundview

Fundview is a database of community funders throughout New Zealand that can be searched according to region/city. The database is a useful source of funding for community groups that also have an environmental focus. Access to Fundview is limited to subscribers – in the Auckland region there are over 60 public Fundview sites at which you can search the database free of charge. Most public libraries and Citizens Advice Bureaus have Fundview. Further information about Fundview can be found on the Funding Information Service web site www.fis.org.nz

Breakout

Breakout is a database containing details of grants, awards and scholarships that are available to individuals – many of these are in the environmental area. You can access the database free of charge at most public libraries in the Auckland region and also at major tertiary institutions. Further information about Breakout can be found on the Funding Information Service web site www.fis.org.nz

CommunityNet Aotearoa – "Funding How-to Guide"

Getting funding for your organisation, project, or personal development can take a lot of effort - especially if you aren't familiar with what's available. This "Funding How-to Guide" provides a starting point for finding funding, and information and advice about applying for grants, sponsorship and other types of funding.

www.community.net.nz/how-to-guides/Funding

USEFUL WEB SITES

Eco events www.ecoevents.org.nz

Connecting people to environmental activities. Ecoevents is designed to connect individuals or families to environmental events which are happening in the Auckland Region. We highlight a variety of events from restoration planting days to organic gardening workshops.

Community Net Aotearoa www.community.net.nz

Designed as an internet guide for community organisations. Full of useful resources including how to set up a group, run meetings, committee roles and responsibilities, legal status etc.

Kaitiaki New Zealand www.aboutus.org/Kaitiaki.org.nz

A site for kaitiaki Maori working on behalf of whanau, hapu and iwi, particularly on environmental and resource management issues. A Marae metaphor provides clear roles for the community members and helps to facilitate interaction.

Rural Bulletin www.maf.govt.nz/mafnet/rural-nz/people-and-their-issues/rural-bulletin/index.html

A monthly bulletin that connects rural people with government through its comprehensive coverage of issues.

Royal Forest and Bird Society of New Zealand www.forest-bird.org.nz

Information about workshops, projects, newsletters.

New Zealand Trust for Conservation Volunteers www.conservationvolunteers.org.nz

This site links volunteers with conservation projects needing labour, includes practical hints for conservation activities, publications, newsletters and outlines of current NZ projects.

Environment and Conservation Organisation of New Zealand www.eco.org.nz

A network of New Zealand groups who share a concern for the environment.

Green Pages www.greenpages.org.nz

A comprehensive and dynamic directory of organisations active in the areas of conservation and environmental protection, education and restoration in Aotearoa.

USEFUL PUBLICATIONS

Grant Seekers Guide www.trustwaikato.co.nz

Very useful booklet with lots of tips about how to make successful funding applications.

Guide to Incorporated Societies and A Guide to incorporating a Charitable Trust.

How to get legal status for your group. Both booklets are available from The New Zealand Companies Office, phone 0508 266 726

COGS and Lottery Online www.cdgo.govt.nz

The Department of Internal Affairs, Local Government and Community Branch.

Starting or Running a Society or Trust?

Visit CommunityNet Aotearoa: www.community.net.nz

A great source of essential information, including a range of 'How To' guides and links to more than 900 websites.

Societies and Trusts www.societies.govt.nz

Societies and Trusts Online provides an information library with forms and fact sheets. It enables incorporated societies to maintain organisational details and provides access to a register of incorporated societies and charitable trusts.

Charities Commission www.charities.govt.nz

Comprehensive information about the Charities Commission and the Charities Act, including downloads. Freephone: 0508 242 748 or email: info@charities.govt.nz The Charities Commission is responsible for registering charities.

North Shore Community and Social Services (NSCSS)

Offers a wide range of reasonably priced resource booklets/fact sheets and videos for community groups.

Some examples are:

- Guide to Funding Applications
- Funding Series
- Committee Series

To order resources or obtain a full list of their publications, contact:

NSCSS

PO Box 33284

Takapuna

North Shore City

Auckland

Phone/Fax: 09 486 4820

Email: admin@nscss.org.nz

Fundraising Institute of New Zealand (FINZ) www.finz.org.nz

The Fundraising Institute of New Zealand is the professional body for those employed in or involved with fundraising, sponsorship and events in the not for profit sector. Its' aim is to promote and uphold professional and ethical fundraising and encourage the development of philanthropy in New Zealand.

Keeping it Legal E Ai Ki Te Ture

Legal responsibilities of Voluntary Organisations in New Zealand, has been jointly produced by the NZ Federation of Voluntary Welfare Organisations (NZFVWO) and the Office of the Community and Voluntary Sector (OCVS). It has been designed to assist community groups to understand and meet their legal responsibilities. An excellent and essential resource, consisting of four brochures and 17 fact sheets: View this resource online: www.nzfvwo.org/keepingitlegal

Managing Well - Ministry of Social Development www.community.net.nz/managingwell

A joint initiative of the Family and Community Services and the Office for the Community and Voluntary Sector. This comprehensive catalogue lists over 100 information resources and organisations that can help set-up or run a community or voluntary organisation: Topics covered include governance, management, human resource management and funding.

Inland Revenue www.ird.govt.nz

On the IRD website type in IR255 in the Search box. This guide explains the tax obligations of charitable organisations and tells you where you can find further information. It includes information about which taxes your organisation will have to deal with, what tax exemptions are available to charities and approved donee organisations and the criteria an organisation must meet to get an exemption, as well as setting out the different types of income and explaining whether each is liable for income tax or goods and services tax (GST).

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