

Funding Options in Otago and beyond (updated October 2020)

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

Agribusiness Innovation Grants

Supports industry sectors and businesses to develop and implement innovative solutions to assist with change within value chains. Also facilitates linkages between innovative New Zealand researchers, producers, processors and marketers.

<http://agmardt.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/AIG-Guidelines-2019.pdf>

Central Otago Funding Grants

Central Otago District Council supports a number of initiatives each year through issuing grants to community-driven initiatives.

<https://www.codc.govt.nz/services/funding-grants>

Clutha District Council Biodiversity Fund

The purpose of this fund is to maintain and enhance a network of viable habitats and ecosystems in the Clutha District by encouraging and supporting landowners who are committed to protecting, enhancing and managing indigenous biodiversity.

<https://www.cluthadc.govt.nz/publications/policies/Documents/BiodiversityFundingPolicy.pdf>

Community Environment Fund

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

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

DOC Community Fund - Pūtea Tautiaki Hapori

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

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

Dunedin City Council Biodiversity Funding

The DCC's Biodiversity Fund has been supporting landowner and community groups to protect and enhance native biodiversity in the city since 2007. The purpose of the fund is to support landowners and communities to protect, manage and enhance the condition and extent of indigenous biodiversity across Dunedin city.

<https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/services/funding-and-grants/biodiversity-funding>

ECO Fund

The ECO Fund supports community-driven projects that protect, enhance and promote Otago's environment. Administered by Otago Regional Council.

<https://www.orc.govt.nz/our-council-our-region/eco-fund>

Fonterra – Grassroots Fund

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

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

Lottery Environment and Heritage Fund

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

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

Million Metres

For projects that are aiming to improving water quality and biodiversity.

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

Nature Heritage Fund

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

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

Ngā Whenua Rāhui

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

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

NZ Game Bird Habitat Trust

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

<https://fishandgame.org.nz/environment/protecting/protecting-nz-game-bird-habitats/the-nz-gamebird-habitat-trust>

One Billion Trees Fund

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

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

Otago Community Trust

We support community based groups who work to protect the local environment, who provide community education and information, improve responsible access to the environment and strengthen our local biodiversity. We also support organisations that are involved with the research, restoration, conservation and celebration of items and places valued by communities in Otago.

<https://www.oct.org.nz/what-we-support/what-we-fund>

Pacific Development and Conservation Trust

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

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

Predator Free NZ Communities Fund

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

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

Queenstown Lakes District Council Community Funding

We provide or administer a range of funding options to help support local projects and events to promote community wellbeing.

<https://www.qldc.govt.nz/community/community-funding>

Sustainable Food & Fibre Futures

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

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/funding-and-programmes/sustainable-food-and-fibre-futures/about-sustainable-food-and-fibre-futures/#sfff-apply>

The Tindall Foundation

The Tindall Foundation has two funding streams and makes donations in two ways – small local donations are made from \$500 to \$15,000 and must be made through the Local Donation Manger, which for the environment, is WWF-New Zealand.

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

Transpower Community Care Fund

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

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

Trees that Count

Managed by Project Crimson, Trees that Count are a conservation charity that brings together business, community and individuals with a vision to help plant 200 million native trees across the country.

<https://www.treesthatcount.co.nz/planters>

Waitaki District Council Community Group Grants

Community Group Grants (CGG) have been established by Waitaki District Council to assist non-profit organisations and groups based in the Waitaki District with projects.

<https://www.waitaki.govt.nz/our-district/community-grants-and-awards/communitygroupgrant/Pages/default.aspx>

Waste Minimisation Fund

Provides funding for projects that promote or achieve waste minimisation. Administered by the Ministry for the Environment.

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

WWF Habitat Protection Fund

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

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