

Environmental funding information and options on the West Coast

Communities can gain support for funding environmental outcomes on farms and in their communities from a variety of sources. This document contains a brief summary of key funders, purpose, available monies, etc.

*Have an idea but not sure where it might fit or how to proceed? Know of a fund that could be added? Please contact **Rhianna Hughes Eddy** (rhianna.hugheseddy@landcare.org.nz)*

JOBS FOR NATURE (LARGE FUNDS)

Freshwater Improvement Fund (MFE)

Improve management of lakes, rivers, streams, groundwater, and wetlands

Land	Primary applicant	Partnership	Funding opportunity	Monetary Range	Landowner input?
Public & private	Any legal entity	Highly recommended	EOI (10 Feb 2021)	\$200k min	Must agree to project

Notes: Partnership letters of support encouraged

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

Private Land Biodiversity Fund (DoC)

Restoration and regeneration of indigenous biodiversity through employment for COVID-19 recovery

Land	Primary applicant	Partnership	Funding opportunity	Monetary Range	Landowner input?
Private	Established organisation	Not required	One-off (16 Feb 2021)	\$300k - \$1mil	Yes, co-funding; additional landowners must give permission

Notes: Requires legal protection of land (e.g. covenant)

Website: <https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/funding/jobs-for-nature-private-land-biodiversity-fund/>

Community Conservation Fund (DoC)

Protecting native biodiversity through employment for COVID-19 recovery

Land	Primary applicant	Partnership	Funding opportunity	Monetary Range	Landowner input?
Public & private	Any legal entity	Highly recommended	One-off (16 Feb 2021)	\$300k - \$700k	Must agree to project

Notes: Level of co-funding in assessment

Website: <https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/funding/jobs-for-nature-community-conservation-fund/>

Te Mana O Te Wai (MFE)

Support marae, hapū and whānau to take action to improve and restore the quality of the freshwater systems in their rohe

Land	Primary applicant	Partnership	Funding opportunity	Monetary Range	Landowner input?
unknown	unknown	Maori	EOI early 2021	unknown	unknown

Notes:

Website: <https://www.mfe.govt.nz/more/funding/te-mana-o-te-wai-fund>

OTHER LARGE-SCALE FUNDS

Sustainable Food & Fibres Futures: General (MPI)

Generate innovation towards NZ's food & fibres sectors, e.g. not "business as usual"

Land	Primary applicant	Partnership	Funding opportunity	Monetary Range	Landowner input?
Private	Established community group or larger	Recommended	Ongoing	Small grant: up to \$100k Grant: up to \$2mil	Cash/in-kind co-investment (min. 20%)

Notes: Reasonable amount of paperwork depending on scale; objective is sustainable benefit so consider "future"/extension aspect

Website: <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/funding-rural-support/sustainable-food-fibre-futures/>

Sustainable Food & Fibres Futures: Regenerative farming (MPI)

Same as general fund but with focus on regenerative farming practices to build evidence of practices that suit NZ soils, climate & production

Land	Primary applicant	Partnership	Funding opportunity	Monetary Range	Landowner input?
Private	Established community group or larger	Recommended	From 1 Dec 2020	Small grant: up to \$100k Grant: up to \$2mil	Cash/in-kind co-investment (min. 20%)

Notes: Reasonable amount of paperwork depending on scale; objective is sustainable benefit so consider "future"/extension aspect

Website: <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/funding-rural-support/sustainable-food-fibre-futures/regenerative-farming-practices-project/>

Food & Fibres Aotearoa NZ Challenge (AGMARDT)

Focus on initiatives that accelerate change in the industry to solve the "big issues," including designing catchment and/or regional solutions (including environmental & biodiversity)

Land	Primary applicant	Partnership	Funding opportunity	Monetary Range	Landowner input?
Private	Individuals must show partnership, otherwise community group	Required	3x per year	\$50k - \$500k	

Notes: Should be scientifically driven

Website: <https://agmardt.org.nz/food-and-fibres-challenge/>

Community Environment Fund (MFE)

Projects to strengthen community environmental (non-biodiversity) partnerships, awareness, and participation

Land	Primary applicant	Partnership	Funding opportunity	Monetary Range	Landowner input?
Public or private	Legal entity	Recommended	Not currently open	\$10k-\$300k	Depends on project

Notes: Project-based with multiple objectives

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

MODERATE AND SMALL-SCALE FUNDS

DoC Community Fund / Pūtea Tautiaki Hapori (DOC)

Community-led projects focused on protecting and improving indigenous biodiversity with focus on predator control, ecosystem restoration or threatened species

Land	Primary applicant	Partnership	Funding opportunity	Monetary Range	Landowner input?
Public or private	Legal entity, GST status not required	Highly recommended	Regular, but currently closed	~\$460k available per region	Co-funding not required unless much larger project; volunteer contribution is valued

Notes: Community and volunteer focused (Ex: LBCCCG trapping network)

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

Predator Free Communities (Predator Free NZ)

Subsidised funding to establish and support small-scale residential trapping programmes

Land	Primary applicant	Partnership	Funding opportunity	Monetary Range	Landowner input?
Private	Any group, legal status not required	NA	Regular, but currently closed	up to \$5k	Yes, funding offers affordable rather than free traps

Notes: Not applicable for lifestyle or farm-size property

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

Lottery Environment and Heritage Committee (DIA)

Available for projects that will help protect, conserve or care for our natural, cultural and physical heritage, or allow us to better understand and access these resources.

Land	Primary applicant	Partnership	Funding opportunity	Monetary Range	Landowner input?
Not specified	Registered charity only	Not required	Biannual: 15 Feb & 15 Aug	Up to \$25k	Not necessarily

Notes: Projects can include restoration, predator and pest control, nurseries, etc. as well as related plans, reports, or studies

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

Pacific Development and Conservation Trust (DIA)

For projects that encourage and promote sustainable development in the Pacific and New Zealand, while conserving the natural environment and cultural heritage of its people.

Land	Primary applicant	Partnership	Funding opportunity	Monetary Range	Landowner input?
Not specified	Individual or group	Not required	05 April 2021	Generally no more than \$55k and as little as a few hundred	Not necessarily

Notes: Supports sustainable development where communities join in and work together with iwi, hapū, or whanau

Website: <https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/pacific-development-and-conservation-trust-2/>

NZ Game Bird Habitat Trust (Fish & Game)

Funding for the development and enhancement of habitat for the benefit of game birds and other wetland inhabitants

Land	Primary applicant	Partnership	Funding opportunity	Monetary Range	Landowner input?
Private	Individual or organisation	Not required	Annual, close June 30	Not specified, but over \$5k must require additional protection, e.g. covenant	Some expectation of landowner contribution; ongoing maintenance as required

Notes: A habitat referee must support suitability of project

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

WWF Community Conservation Fund

Projects that conserve and restore the natural environment - freshwater, coastal, wetlands, forest and dunelands

Land	Primary applicant	Partnership	Funding opportunity	Monetary Range	Landowner input?
Public or private	Established community conservation group	Required (DOC, local or regional council)	Regular, but currently closed	Up to \$15k	Landowner permission and long-term protection

Notes: Reasonable number of criteria for project and organisation eligibility

Website: <https://www.wwf.org.nz/what-we-do/community-funding/community-conservation-fund/>

Kiwis for Kiwi

Support for kiwi conservation work through protection, management, education, and more by communities.

Land	Primary applicant	Partnership	Funding opportunity	Monetary Range	Landowner input?
Not specified	Community group or organisation	Not required	Regularly, but currently closed	Average \$2k - \$50k	Not necessarily

Notes: Multi-year funding available to support groups or individuals that have established, proven-effective projects

Website: <https://www.kiwisforkiwi.org/what-we-do/funding-grants/funding-criteria/>

FOUNDATIONS

Tindall Foundation

Aotearoa New Zealand's unique, natural environment is healthy, protected and sustainable for future generations. We help address climate change, protect and enhance biodiversity and promote kaitiakitanga/custodianship of our whenua/land, moana/ocean and awa/waterways.

Land	Primary applicant	Partnership	Funding opportunity	Monetary Range	Landowner input?
NA	Registered group	Highly recommended	Ongoing	Not listed	Depends on project

Website: <https://tindall.org.nz/environment/>

Mazda Foundation

The Mazda Foundation Trust aims include the provision of financial aid to individuals and causes which may qualify for income tax deductibility for gifts and which provide assistance towards the maintenance and improvement of the natural environment

Land	Primary applicant	Partnership	Funding opportunity	Monetary Range	Landowner input?
NA	Individual or organisation	Not required	Triannually: 31 March, 30 June, 30 September	NA	Individual or organisation

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

Lions Foundation

Funds are available for any charitable, philanthropic or cultural purpose that benefits the local community – both large and small.

Land	Primary applicant	Partnership	Funding opportunity	Monetary Range	Landowner input?
NA	Registered group	Not required	Ongoing	Not listed	Depends on project

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

CROWD FUNDING

Trees that Count

Bringing together businesses, community and individuals to help plant native trees.

Land	Primary applicant	Partnership	Funding opportunity	Monetary Range	Landowner input?
Private	Individual	Not required	Ongoing	Minimum request of 150 trees, with final support going 50/50	Must at minimum plant 100 trees to be eligible to apply

Notes: Any type of landowner can apply to support native forest projects or plantings which will provide significant biodiversity outcomes

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

Million Metres Streams

A programme dedicated to connecting local waterway restoration projects with large scale funding and resources.

Land	Primary applicant	Partnership	Funding opportunity	Monetary Range	Landowner input?
Private	Individual	Field Partner	Ongoing	Funds cover any costs associated with getting the plants in the ground	Primarily the preparation for crowdfunding

Notes: A Field Partner is required to manage the oversight of the project. QEII Trust is the only Field Partner currently located on the West Coast.

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

WEST COAST LOCAL FUNDING

Community Care Fund: Grey & Buller Valleys (Transpower)

Assists communities affected by Transpower assets through community-based projects, including environmental

Land	Primary applicant	Partnership	Funding opportunity	Monetary Range	Landowner input?
Not specified	Community group, GST status not required	Recommended	2x per year, EOI 30 April 2021	\$5k - \$50k	Depends on project

Notes: Requires high level of community benefit and engagement

Website: <https://www.transpower.co.nz/about-us/helping-our-communities/communitycare-fund>

West Coast Community Trust (Development West Coast)

Assists communities affected by Transpower assets through community-based projects, including environmental

Land	Primary applicant	Partnership	Funding opportunity	Monetary Range	Landowner input?
Not specified	Community group, GST status not required	Recommended	2x per year, EOI 30 April 2021	\$5k - \$50k	Depends on project

Notes: Requires high level of community benefit and engagement

Website: <http://www.wccomtrust.org.nz/>

Community Grants Funds

Westland District Council

Advertised as available

<https://www.westlanddc.govt.nz/community-grants>

Grey District Council

Advertised annually in July/Aug

<https://www.greydc.govt.nz/our-council/grants-and-funding/>

Buller District Council

Advertised annually in Feb/Sep

<https://bullerdc.govt.nz/funding>