

## Funding Options in the Waikato 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 the Waikato, some of which are Waikato based, and other are national organisations.

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### **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>

### **Environmental Initiatives Fund**

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

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

### **Fonterra – Grassroots Fund**

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

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

### **Forest and Bird - Waikato Branch**

Grants of between \$1,000 to \$2,000 can be applied to the Valder Conservation Grant provided it contributes to conservation in New Zealand.

<https://www.forestandbird.org.nz/valder-conservation-grant>

### **Hamilton City Council Community Funding**

HCC manages a range of funds which make grants to no-profit organisations in Hamilton.

<https://www.hamilton.govt.nz/our-city/community-development/useful-info/communityfunding/Pages/default.aspx>

### **Lottery Environment and Heritage Fund**

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

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

### **Matamata-Piako District Significant Natural Features Fund**

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

<https://www.mpd.govt.nz/our-community/significant-natural-features-funding>

### **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/>

### **Natural Heritage Fund**

Fund to help preserve and manage natural heritage in the Waikato Region including – native plants and animals, threatened or significant ecosystems, outstanding landscapes and the natural character of waterways and the coast. Administered by the Waikato Regional Council.

<https://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/community/funding-and-scholarships/natural-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/>

### **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/>

### **Small Scale Community Initiative Fund**

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

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

**South Waikato Environment Initiatives Fund** Distributes money to landowners in the South Waikato District who would like to fence or plant up waterways or wetlands on their farm. Administered by a committee. Ask the South Waikato District Council about funding assistance with legal protection of bush and wetland areas on your farm. <https://www.southwaikato.govt.nz/our-council/grants-and-funding/south-waikato-environmental-initiatives>

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

### **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](http://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>

### **Trust Waikato**

Trust Waikato's funding framework has been designed to allocate grants that will deliver on the Trust's strategic priorities for impact which include facilitating improved outcomes for the highest need communities in our region.

<https://www.trustwaikato.co.nz/apply>

### **Waikato District Council – Conservation Fund**

To assist private landowners with undertaking conservation projects on their properties that are within the Waikato district boundaries.

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

### **Waipā District Council Community Board Discretionary Grants**

Funds to support community organisations who offer services or support in the Waipā district.

<https://www.waipadc.govt.nz/our-services/grants-and-funding/community-discretionary-fund>

### **Waipā District Council Heritage Fund**

Designed to assist with the preservation and enhancement of our unique environmental, cultural and historical heritage in the Waipā district.

<https://www.waipadc.govt.nz/our-services/grants-and-funding/heritagefund>

### **Waikato River Authority Clean up Trust Fund**

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

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

### **Waste Minimisation Fund**

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](http://www.mfe.govt.nz/issues/waste/waste-minimisation-fund/index.html)

### **WCEET - Waikato Catchment Ecological Enhancement Trust**

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

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

### **WWF Habitat Protection Fund**

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

[https://www.wwf.org.nz/what\\_we\\_do/community\\_funding/](https://www.wwf.org.nz/what_we_do/community_funding/)

There are also a number of **scholarships**, **sponsorships**, and specific **grants** administered by the Waikato Regional Council which can vary, so visit:

<https://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/community/funding-and-scholarships/>

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

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

Waikato Biodiversity Forum have two useful documents on guidelines for fundraising and tips for writing funding applications which you can download here:

<https://www.waikatobiodiversity.org.nz/funding-grants/waikato-funds/>