

Funding Sources for Ecological Restoration Projects – Community Groups and Private Landowners

Funder, Name of Fund & Web Page for More Info	Description of Fund's Objectives	Additional Information	Funding Round Dates
Afforestation Grant Scheme - Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry website	<p>The Afforestation Grants Scheme (AGS) is a contestable fund designed to encourage more planting of trees in small forests and on farms. It was announced last year by the Government as part of its package of climate change initiatives and offers an alternative to the Emissions Trading Scheme (Forestry) as a way to encourage greater levels of greenhouse gas absorption by increasing the area of Kyoto-compliant new forest in New Zealand.</p> <p>There are two funding components under the AGS. Half of the funding will be available to Regional Councils to help them meet their sustainable land management objectives. The other half is available to the general public via a public tender pool.</p> <p>The majority of this public funding pool (70 percent) will be allocated to species that have high sequestration rates. These will be the usual exotic plantation species such as pinus radiata and Douglas fir.</p> <p>The remaining 30 percent of these public funds will be reserved for species with low carbon sequestration rates. This is as a result of public interest in planting indigenous species, which have low carbon sequestration rates.</p>		
Biodiversity Advice Fund - NZ Biodiversity website	<p>The Biodiversity Advice Fund supports the provision of information and advice to land managers to assist them in managing indigenous biodiversity. 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.</p>		

	<p>Methods of providing information and advice could include ecological reports, management plans, field days, expert advice, wananga, publications (including electronic material), training, workshops and seminars.</p>		
<p>Biodiversity Condition Fund - NZ Biodiversity website</p>	<p>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. It will fund projects that enhance biodiversity outside public conservation lands, and particularly on areas under legal protection. Projects could involve, for example, fencing, weed control, restoration planting or pest control.</p>		
<p>Community Conservation Fund - Department of Conservation website</p>	<p>The Community Conservation Fund will accept applications in three funding rounds during the next 18 months and provide grants to community groups to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Undertake projects for between \$5000 and \$40,000 per annum (+ GST) for up to 2 years (As a guideline). 2. Fund projects which are applied for and led by an established community group (though new community group projects will also be considered). 3. For projects that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are on public land (Council, DoC, NZTA, Railway owned areas and LINZ), • are good restoration projects that broaden community support and involvement, • align with the 4 National priorities for protecting rare and threatened, native biodiversity, • are involved in restoration activities either new or ongoing, and • can demonstrate how the project will be 		

	<p>maintained after the 2 year funding period.</p>		
<p>Habitat Protection Fund - World Wildlife Fund website</p>	<p>The purpose of the Habitat Protection Fund is to encourage and promote the conservation of New Zealand's natural environment.</p> <p>Funding focus areas Funding is provided for local habitat protection groups working to protect areas of high conservation significance in their community.</p> <p>How much Funding of between \$2,000 and \$20,000 will be considered.</p> <p>Which projects are funded Projects that are supported through the fund work to protect areas of high conservation significance in their community. Only groups from New Zealand are eligible to apply with preference being given to those with IRD charitable status. Priority is given to projects which involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>WWF-NZ takes the following criteria into account when considering applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>There are two funding rounds each year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 April • 31 August <p>Please refer to the information below or download the information sheet for the guidelines and criteria.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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; l) compliance with all relevant legislative requirements e.g., OSH, local authority requirements. 	
Lottery Environment and Heritage Grants (DIA)- Department of Internal Affairs website	Community group native regeneration projects through Lottery Environment and Heritage grants. For projects which promote, protect and conserve New Zealand's natural, physical and cultural heritage, such as native regeneration projects/establishment of native plant nurseries and pest and predator eradication programmes.		
Matauranga Kura Taiao Fund - Department of Conservation website	The Matauranga Kura Taiao Fund is a contestable fund supporting hapu/iwi initiatives to retain and promote traditional Maori knowledge and its use in biodiversity management		
Nature Heritage Fund - Department of Conservation website	The purpose of the fund is 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.		
Nga Whenua Rahui Fund - Department of Conservation website	Nga Whenua Rahui is a contestable fund to provide funding for the protection of indigenous ecosystems on Māori land. Its scope covers the full range of natural diversity originally present in the landscape.		

Pacific Development and Conservation Trust - Department of Internal Affairs website	<p>Community group conservation projects through the Pacific Development and Conservation Trust.</p>		
Permanent Forest Sink Initiative - Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry website	<p>The Permanent Forest Sink Initiative (PFSI) promotes the establishment of permanent forests on previously unforested land.</p> <p>It offers land owners the opportunity to earn Kyoto Protocol compliant emission units (Assigned Amount Units or AAUs) for carbon sequestered in permanent forests established after 1 January 1990.</p> <p>To be eligible the forest must be "direct human induced through planting, seeding and/or the human-induced promotion of natural seed sources".</p> <p>PFSI participants will have a covenant registered against their land titles for a minimum of 50 years.</p> <p>Limited harvesting is allowed, on a continuous forest canopy cover basis.</p> <p>Forest owners will meet all costs of administration, monitoring, auditing and compliance and also carry the liability for maintaining the carbon stocks.</p>		
QEII Open Space Covenants - QEII National Trust website	<p>Funding assistance to private land owners towards fence and pest control in areas being placed under covenant with QEII National Trust.</p>		
Sustainable Management Fund - Ministry for the Environment website	<p>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</p>	<p>Funding is available for up to three years (for a minimum of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$200,000 per financial year), for projects that start on 1 July 2009.</p>	

	<p>the environment by funding projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the Ministry's priorities*; • Encourage pro-active partnerships; and • Promote community action. 	<p>The SMF will fund a percentage of the total project costs with the balance secured by your organisation which may be from cash or in-kind contributions. Therefore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for community / iwi the SMF will fund up to a maximum of 80% of your total project costs • for local government the SMF will fund up to a maximum of 60% of your total project costs • for businesses the SMF will fund up to a maximum of 50% of your total project costs. 	
Take Care - Greater Wellington Regional Council website	<p>Funding of up to \$19,000 over five years to approved community groups undertaking restoration of natural areas, particularly streams and estuaries.</p>		
Wellington City Council Environmental Grant Pool	<p>Grants to allow for stream protection and strengthening partnerships with community groups to increase environmental awareness, community participation and the achievement of environmental goals. Range from around \$500 to as much as \$10 000.</p>		<p>3 rounds per annum Next round closes 31 July 2009</p>
Wetlands Incentive Programme - Greater Wellington Regional Council website	<p>Funding and advice to assist landowners to protect and restore existing wetland areas. Up to \$5,000 over 3 years.</p>		