

Fonterra & Auckland Council's Wetland Restoration Project 2023-24

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Welcome / He mihi

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This wetland restoration project is a joint venture between Fonterra and Auckland Council. The aim for the project is to improve water quality and flood resilience by restoring targeted wetlands on Fonterra farmers land in the Wairoa and Manukau Harbour catchments.

Using Auckland Council's Freshwater Management Tool (FWMT), 60 naturally wet areas, suited to wetland reversion by fencing, planting and maintenance only (i.e., no construction/earthworks required), have been identified as the best options for improving water quality and flood resilience. The parameters used to identify suitable wet areas include annual total nitrogen loads treated, location (catchment, Fonterra supplier), best placement (to receive and treat the most total nitrogen possible), and size (>0.1 ha). From this priority list, the top 60 wet areas were selected for this project. Based on this criteria, the identified wetland restoration opportunities will provide the best benefit to investment ratio.

The identified wet area opportunities are eligible for 100% funding towards fencing, site preparation, native plant supply, planting labour, and two releases (planting maintenance) post-planting.

Important information

Before completing this application form, please read the Guidelines and have ready the supporting documentation required (outlined below).

Please note: an application is ineligible if the project area is used to comply with any current or future resource consent, including subdivision consents.

General Information:

- Applicants will have until June 2025 to complete all funded works.
- There is an expectation of an on-going commitment to maintain and manage the wetland funded work by the property owner.
- Fencing and planting contractors have been contracted for this project. The land advisor will coordinate contractors to complete the work in conjunction with the landowner.
- **Please ensure you have received a fully signed funding agreement before any works commence.**

Guidelines

What can I apply for?

100% of costs associated with reverting a wet area to a wetland through works including:

- Fencing - 5 wire wooden post fence with 1st and 3rd wire electric,
- Site preparation,
- Native plant supply,
- Planting labour, and

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- Two releases post-planting

Standards include:

- Fencing must be a minimum of 3-5 m setback from the wetland edge, or follow contours when practical.
- 1 gate maximum
- All native plants must be eco-sourced

What will not be funded?

- Higher standard of fencing (i.e., 7 wire post and batten) - if you would prefer this standard of fencing the applicant can top-up the difference in cost.
- Retrospective work - any activities or work that has been completed prior to receiving a Funding Grant Agreement
- Any form of earthworks
- Fencing or planting which is a condition of current or future resource consent such as subdivision consents.

Documents you need to complete this application form:

- Wetland Restoration Plan (supplied by your land advisor)

Remember to save as your work as you go! And, all applications must be submitted to be received.

Please complete all relevant sections. Sections of the application form will be greyed out where they are not relevant to your project.

If you have any questions with regards to your project please contact the Leanna at leanna.birch@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

If you have any questions with regards to completing this application please contact the Grants team via email communityfunding@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz. Please note there is no technical support after 5:00pm.

Contact Details / Ngā tohu whakapā

* indicates a required field

Applicant Information

Applicant Name *

Title	First Name	Last Name
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Organisation Name

Organisation Name

If applicable

Position held in organisation

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On-going Maintenance

Who will be undertaking fence and weed maintenance once this funding finishes?

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Will animal pest control part your project? *

- Yes
 No

Who will be undertaking pest control?

What pests need to be controlled? Do you have a plan or need advice?

Would you like support or advice on a pest control programme?

- Yes
 No

Any additional information to include?

i.e., the problem pest species

Any other on-going maintenance required as part of this project?

Additional Information

Would you consider protecting your project site through covenants (i.e., QEII)?

- Yes No

If yes, we can discuss this further with you.

Do you have any other information you would like to provide?

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Attach any additional supporting documents you feel might help us understand your project.

Attach a file:

For example a letter of support from iwi, or confirmation of donated plants

Declaration and privacy / Ngā whakīnga whai pānga me te noho tapu o ngā kōrero

* indicates a required field

Note: Auckland Council reserves the right to subsequently decline an application or request a refund of a grant if any of the above information is found to be incorrect.

I/We certify that to the best of our/my knowledge the information contained in this application is correct *

Yes No

I/We confirm that any funds granted will only be used for the activity described in this application *

Yes No

I/We understand that our project will be ineligible for this fund if it is to be used as a contribution to an existing resource consent project *

Yes No

I/We confirm that I/we will agree to Auckland Council officers access to sign off the project, and I/we will (where applicable) supply invoices in support of works completed *

Yes No

I/We confirm that to the best of our/my knowledge I/we have no perceived , potential or actual conflict of interest in applying for or using any grant funding *

Yes No

For guidance on whether you have a perceived, potential or actual conflict as a result of applying for and using grant funding you should consider the following matters - if in doubt you should declare the conflict.

A conflict of interest could arise where you (the applicant) have a responsibility as a result of receiving council grant monies. This could affect another responsibility, duty or relationship you may also have.

For example

- If you are an Auckland Council employee/local board member or a councillor
- If your organisations committee or board member is an Auckland Council employee/ local board member.
- Personal or family relationships that you have
 - with council employees
 - with council contractors

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- organisations or persons that you will procure services from with the grant monies
- Financial relationships
 - e.g. investments that you have in entities that you will procure services from with the grant monies
- Employment relationships or membership of clubs
 - e.g. you intend to procure services with the grant monies from your employer or a club you are a member of - who will benefit financially from the arrangement.

If you have answered no to any of the above, please provide details below:

Must be no more than 100 words

- **I/We understand that Auckland Council is bound by the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987**
- **I/We understand that my/our name and brief details about the project may be released to the media or appear in publicity material**
- **I/We understand that I/we have the right to have access to this information**
- **I/We undertake that I/we have obtained the consent of all people involved to provide these details.**

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Accept

Decline

Date:

When your application is submitted you will receive an automatic confirmation email that the application has been received from Smartygrants. If you do not receive an email confirmation, please check to see if the email has been treated as "spam".

If you need assistance please contact the Grants team via email communityfunding@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

Privacy

Any personal information that you provide in this form will be held and protected by Auckland Council in accordance with our [privacy policy](#) and with the Privacy Act 1993. Our privacy policy explains how we may use and share your personal information in relation to any interaction you have with the council, and how you can access and correct that information. We recommend you familiarise yourself with this policy.