Regional Environment and Natural Heritage Grant 2026/2027
Form Preview

Welcome / He mihi

Important information / Pārongo matua

The **Regional Environment and Natural Heritage (RENH) Grant Programme** supports community-led conservation activity contributing to regional biodiversity, freshwater, marine and natural heritage outcomes across Tāmaki Makaurau.

Before you start
Please read the **2026/2027 RENH Applicant Guide** before completing this form. The guide explains eligibility, what RENH can fund, how applications are assessed, and reporting requirements.

New to RENH?
If your group has not received RENH or CCF funding before, we strongly encourage you to discuss your proposal with a Conservation Advisor or Healthy Waters Advisor before applying. This can help confirm whether RENH is the right support pathway and help you develop a realistic, well-aligned proposal.

Need advice about your proposed conservation activities?pestfree@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Need help with the application form or SmartyGrants?grants@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Completing your application
Applications must be submitted online through this form.

- Your progress will save as you work through the form.
- You can leave the application and return to it before the closing date.
- You will need to provide information about your proposed activities, funding request and expected delivery.
- Some activities will require supporting information, such as maps, permissions or cost evidence.
- Long answers have a maximum of 500 words.
- Your proposed activities will be linked to standard RENH measures, so you know what you may need to collect and report if those activities are funded.

Tip: Keep the Applicant Guide open while completing your application.

Contact Details / Ngā kōrero whakapā

* indicates a required field

Applicant

Please provide the details of the organisation, group or individual applying for RENH funding.

Organisation/Individual name *
○ Individual ○ Organisation
Organisation Name

First Name Last Name

Must match the name on the bank account information supplied

Address

Applicant Primary Address *
Address

Address Line 1 is required. Country must be New Zealand

Please click here for the postcode finder website

Is your postal address different from your physical address? *
○ Yes ○ No
If yes, please complete below

Postal Address *
Address

Suburb Town/ City Postcode

Must be a New Zealand postcode

Please click here for the postcode finder website

Website

Website address

If available

Facebook page

if available

Contact details

Please provide your contact details as the main Admin point of contact for the application: *
First Name | Last Name

Position title

Daytime phone number *

Mobile Phone Number

Email address *

Please provide the contact details for the signatory designated for the organisation or group (the person that will sign the funding agreement if successful) *
First Name | Last Name

Position held in organisation

Daytime phone number *

Mobile phone number

Email address *

Applicant details / Ngā kōrero whakapā mō te kaitono

* indicates a required field

What is the legal status of your organisation/group? *
- ○ Incorporated Society
- ○ Charitable Trust
- ○ Limited Liability Company
- ○ Maori Trust
- ○ Informal group/ no legal structure

An informal group may also be a "not for profit community group"

Applicants with no formal legal structure seeking grants over $1,000 need to either:

Select one option below *
- ○ Nominate an umbrella organisation (which has agreed to receive and administer the grant on your behalf) - the umbrella organisation will be legally accountable to Auckland Council for the expenditure of the grant
- ○ Do not wish to nominate an umbrella organisation and therefore agree to have funds released via reimbursement after the project accountability has been satisifactorily completed

If you are unsure, check with your Grants Advisor (grants@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz during business hours, Monday – Friday 9am-5pm).

NZ Companies Register

The NZBN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the NZBN correctly.

New Zealand Companies Register Information
NZBN
Entity Name
Registration Date
Entity Status
Entity Type
Registered Address
Office Address

Charities NZ Registration

The Charity Registration Number provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the Charity Registration Number correctly.

New Zealand Charities Register Information
Charity Registration Number
Organisation Name
Other Names
Status
Street Address
Postal Address
Telephone
Fax
Email
Website
Date Registered

Please click here to visit the Societies and Trusts website

New Zealand Companies Office incorporated society number

Must be a number.

Have you received RENH or CCF grant funding in the last 3 years? *

○ Yes ○ No

If you already have a current, active multi-year RENH funding agreement, we strongly encourage you to contact a Conservation Advisor or Healthy Waters Advisor before applying for a new project.

Please list your most recent successful RENH application number *

e.g RENH2425001

Project Title-

New-to-RENH applicants

Have you discussed this proposal with a Conservation Advisor or Healthy Waters Advisor? *

○ Yes ○ No

If not, we strongly encourage you to do so before submitting your application.

Please provide the name(s) of the advisor(s)

Tell us briefly about your organisation, group or entity *

Word count:

Must be no more than 500 words.

Include how long you have been operating, your purpose, governance or planning arrangements, the area or communities you work with and your main conservation activities.

What relevant experience or capability will support delivery of the proposed activities? *

Briefly identify relevant people, skills, systems or previous conservation delivery. New applicants are not expected to have a previous RENH funding history.

If your group has delivered conservation work funded by other grants, upload your most recent final report to that funder.

The report should show what was delivered, the volunteer time involved and any other funding or in-kind support your group attracted. Reports for local board grants are accepted.

Upload final accountability report (optional)
Attach a file:

Your conservation programme

* indicates a required field

Application Title *

Provide a short title that identifies the conservation programme or activities for which you are seeking RENH funding.

Provide enough information for us to understand the wider conservation programme this application forms part of.

You may wish to include:

- the area(s) where you work
- the environmental values or issues being addressed
- the main conservation activities undertaken
- the outcomes you are working towards

Tell us briefly about your wider conservation programme or plan of work and the outcomes you are working towards *

You will describe the activities you are seeking RENH funding for in the next section.

Upload a map showing the area where your conservation programme operates.

Your map should clearly show:

- the overall area where your programme and proposed activities take place
- where on-the-ground activities such as planting, fencing and pest control will take place, where known
- enough detail to recognise the location, such as street names, landmarks or waterways

Upload your area map here *
Attach a file:

Any format is fine, such as a PDF, an image or an export from Google Earth or GeoMaps. See Appendix 3 of the Applicant Guide for tips.

Have any of the activities in this application previously received RENH or CCF funding? *

○ Yes ○ No ○ Unsure

Previous RENH / CCF application or funding agreement number (if known)

If known, provide the previous RENH or CCF reference number. If unknown, leave blank.

Proposed delivery period.

Provide the expected start and end dates for the activities covered by this application or indicate that the programme is ongoing.

Project Start Date *

Must be a date.

Project End Date *

Must be a date.

Does the conservation programme or any of the activities in this application operate under an existing strategy, management plan, restoration plan or other relevant plan? *

○ Yes ○ No ○ Not applicable

This may include restoration plans, catchment plans, management plans, ecological monitoring programmes, iwi environmental plans, strategic plans or other documents guiding this work.

Upload relevant plan(s)

Attach a file:

Upload the relevant current plan(s), unless Auckland Council already holds the current version.

Activities seeking RENH funding

* indicates a required field

Activity details and expected delivery

Tell us about the activities for which you are seeking RENH funding.

Only complete the sections relevant to the activities selected above.

For each activity, estimate the total delivery you expect to achieve during the funding period. Tell us about other funding for the same activities in the contributions section.

If your application is funded, we will confirm expected delivery with you, and it will become the agreed delivery in your funding agreement. You will then report actual delivery against it.

What activities are you seeking RENH funding to support?

☐ Coordinator, facilitator, activator or other role supporting conservation activity
☐ Community or stakeholder engagement and/or volunteer involvement
☐ Biodiversity monitoring, environmental research or species protection
☐ Administration, planning, or strategic support

☐ Restoration planting
☐ Fencing to protect or restore an environmental area
☐ Pest plant control
☐ Pest animal control
☐ Freshwater and water-quality
☐ Marine or coastal conservation
☐ Other conservation activity

Select all that apply. Activities should relate to the wider conservation programme described earlier.

Coordinator / Facilitator / Activator Role

Coordinator / Facilitator / Activator Role (1)

What will the funded role enable? Describe the purpose of the role and the activities it will support *

Word count:
Must be no more than 500 words.

Where will the role operate? Show this on your programme map. Upload a more detailed map only if needed. *
Attach a file:

Coordinator / Facilitator / Activator Role (2)

What will the funded role enable? Describe the purpose of the role and the activities it will support *

Word count:
Must be no more than 500 words.

Where will the role operate? Show this on your programme map. Upload a more detailed map only if needed. *
Attach a file:

Coordinator / Facilitator / Activator Role (3)

What will the funded role enable? Describe the purpose of the role and the activities it will support *

Word count:
Must be no more than 500 words.

Where will the role operate? Show this on your programme map. Upload a more detailed map only if needed. *

Attach a file:

(1)

Expected delivery date for workshops, events or open days *

Must be a date.

Groups supported *

Must be a number.

Number of participants *

Must be a number.

Every funded role must enable conservation activity. Select the activities this role will enable at the start of this section, such as planting, pest control or volunteer events, and complete their sections.

Applicant Information

If funded, RENH reporting requirements will include:

- the area across which the funded role was active; and
- information relating to activities delivered through the role where relevant.

(2)

Expected delivery date for workshops, events or open days *

Must be a date.

Groups supported *

Must be a number.

Number of participants *

Must be a number.

Every funded role must enable conservation activity. Select the activities this role will enable at the start of this section, such as planting, pest control or volunteer events, and complete their sections.

Applicant Information

If funded, RENH reporting requirements will include:

- the area across which the funded role was active; and
- information relating to activities delivered through the role where relevant.

(3)

Expected delivery date for workshops, events or open days *

Must be a date.

Groups supported *

Must be a number.

Number of participants *

Must be a number.

Every funded role must enable conservation activity. Select the activities this role will enable at the start of this section, such as planting, pest control or volunteer events, and complete their sections.

Applicant Information

If funded, RENH reporting requirements will include:

- the area across which the funded role was active; and
- information relating to activities delivered through the role where relevant.

Community participation and volunteer involvement

What will the funded role enable? Describe the purpose of the role and the activities it will support *

Word count:

Must be no more than 500 words.

Expected delivery date for workshops, events or open days *

Must be a date.

Number of participants *

Must be a number.

Tell us about volunteer numbers and hours in the Volunteer Contributions section later in the form.

Applicant Information

If this activity is funded, reporting requirements reporting will include number of:

- workshops, events or open days delivered;
- participants;
- volunteers; and
- volunteer hours

Restoration planting

Briefly describe the proposed planting activity. Include the purpose of the planting and where it will occur *

Word count:
Must be no more than 500 words.

Where will the planting occur? *
Attach a file:

Show this on your programme map. Upload a more detailed map only if needed.

Expected number of native plants

Must be a number.

Area to be planted

Must be a number.

Please identify the plant species and quantities. Either provide a summary or upload a planting list

Upload the planting list here
Attach a file:

Nursery source (if known)

Where possible identify the source of plants.

Applicant Information

If this activity is funded, reporting requirements will include:

- Number of native plants planted
- Plant species and quantities
- Area planted

Fencing to protect or restore an environmental area

Briefly describe the proposed fencing activity. Please include what area is being protected and why the fencing is required *

Word count:
Must be no more than 500 words.

Where will the fencing occur? *
Attach a file:

Show this on your programme map. Upload a more detailed map only if needed.

Expected delivery date

Must be a date.

Expected fence length (metres)

Must be a number.

Expected area protected (hectares)

Must be a number.

Applicant Information

If this activity is funded, reporting requirements will include:

- area protected by funded fencing;
- fence location; and
- fence length

Pest plant control

Briefly describe the proposed pest plant control activity. Include the area being managed, the primary pest plants targeted and the conservation values being protected *

Word count:
Must be no more than 500 words.

Where will this activity take place? *
Attach a file:

Show this on your programme map. Upload a more detailed map only if needed.

Expected delivery date

Must be a date.

Expected area under control (hectares)

Must be a number.

Monitoring or recording system *

Examples: • EcoNET CAMS • WeedManager • GIS • internal monitoring • other

Applicant Information

If this activity is funded, reporting requirements will include:

- area under pest plant control; and
- pest-control activity and monitoring information
- monitoring data maintained in agreed systems and shared with Auckland Council where applicable

Pest animal control

Briefly describe the proposed pest animal control activity. Include the area being managed, the target pest species and the conservation values being protected. *

Word count:
Must be no more than 500 words.

Where will this activity take place? *
Attach a file:

Show this on your programme map. Upload a more detailed map only if needed.

Expected delivery date

Must be a date.

Expected area under control (hectares)

Must be a number.

Which system will you use to record pest control? *

Examples: • Trap.NZ • CatchIT • Other agreed system

Does the activity involve rural possum control?

○ Yes ○ No

Will the activity operate on a Hauraki Gulf island?

○ Yes ○ No

Applicant Information

If funded, RENH reporting requirement will include:

- control area
- pest-control activity and monitoring data, including sharing relevant monitoring information with Auckland Council where maintained in Trap.NZ, CatchIT or another agreed system
- rural possum classification
- Hauraki Gulf Island classification

Biodiversity monitoring, research or species protection

Describe the proposed activity. Include the monitoring, research or protection activity being undertaken and the conservation purpose *

Word count:
Must be no more than 500 words.

Identify the species, ecosystem or natural feature of interest *

Examples: • pekapeka • kākahi • wetland ecosystem • Significant Ecological Area • Outstanding Natural Feature

Where will this activity take place? *
Attach a file:

Mark any key monitoring or observation points on your programme map. Upload a more detailed map only if needed

Identify the expected outputs or deliverables

Examples: • monitoring programme completed • species survey completed • monitoring dataset collected • research report produced • species protection programme implemented

How will monitoring or research information be recorded? *

Examples: • Trap.NZ • eBird • spreadsheet/database • council-approved monitoring framework • other system

Applicant Information

If this activity is funded, reporting requirements will include:

- description of biodiversity activities;
- species, ecosystem or natural feature of interest;
- activity area and observation points; and
- monitoring or research information collected through the funded activities

Freshwater / Water-quality activity

Describe the proposed freshwater or water-quality activity. Include the freshwater, catchment or water-quality issue being addressed, the activities proposed and the issue being addressed *

Word count:
Must be no more than 500 words.

Where will this activity take place? *
Attach a file:

Show this on your programme map. Upload a more detailed map only if needed.

What activities will RENH funding support? *

☐ Community engagement or education
☐ Restoration planting
☐ Fencing
☐ Freshwater monitoring
☐ Contaminant or sediment management
☐ Habitat restoration
☐ Other

Select all that apply

Expected delivery. Provide the most relevant expected delivery for the activities proposed *

Examples may include: • hectares treated • stream length restored • participants engaged • native plants planted • monitoring sites established

Applicant Information

Reporting requirements will be determined by the funded activities and will draw on the standard RENH measures associated with those activities.

Marine or coastal activity

Describe the proposed marine or coastal activity. Include: the marine habitat, species or values being protected, the issue being addressed such as marine pests or habitat loss, the activities proposed *

Word count:
Must be no more than 500 words.

Where will this activity take place? *
Attach a file:

Show this on your programme map. Upload a more detailed map only if needed.

What activities will RENH funding support?

☐ Marine pest or biosecurity control
☐ Habitat restoration, such as kelp, seagrass or shellfish beds
☐ Species protection
☐ Monitoring or surveillance
☐ Community engagement or education
☐ Other

Expected delivery. Provide the most relevant expected delivery for the activities proposed *

Examples may include: • area under pest control • area restored • monitoring sites established • participants engaged

Do any of the activities need permits or approvals specific to marine work? *

○ Yes ○ No ○ Unsure

For example, Ministry for Primary Industries permits for handling marine pests.

If you've responded with either Yes or Unsure to the question above, please provide details

Applicant Information

If this activity is funded, reporting requirements will be based on the funded activities and will draw on the standard RENH measures for those activities.

Other conservation activity

Describe the proposed conservation or restoration activity. Briefly describe what will be undertaken, where it will occur and what is the conservation purpose *

Word count:
Must be no more than 500 words.

Expected delivery. Describe the main outputs or deliverables expected from RENH investment. *

Examples: • habitat restored; • species protected; • restoration stage completed; • ecological enhancement delivered; • restoration programme implemented.

Where will this activity take place? *
Attach a file:

Show this on your programme map. Upload a more detailed map only if needed

How should success be measured?

Only complete where the standard RENH measures do not adequately describe the activity. Identify: • what information will be collected; • how it will be measured; and what successful delivery would look like.

Applicant Information

If this activity is funded, the agreed delivery and reporting requirements will be confirmed through the funding agreement.

Administration, planning or strategic support

What planning, administration or operational support are you seeking RENH support for? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 500 words.
For example, developing a restoration or management plan, setting up systems or operational costs such as administration, travel within Auckland and communications. Operational costs should be in proportion to the activities RENH funds.

Which of your conservation activities will this support?

Select from the activities you chose at the start of this section.

Expected milestone or deliverables *

For example, a restoration plan, management plan, strategy, implementation plan or operational system.

Applicant Information

If this activity is funded, reporting will include:

- the agreed milestone or deliverable; and
- a description of what was achieved

Delivery confidence

Thinking about the project delivery, briefly describe:

- the key people, staff, contractors or volunteers involved;
- any relevant expertise, experience or resources;
- how delivery will be managed; and
- any important milestones or timing considerations.

You do not need to repeat information already provided elsewhere in the application.

Delivery confidence (1)

How will you deliver the proposed activities? *

Delivery confidence (2)

How will you deliver the proposed activities? *

Delivery confidence (3)

How will you deliver the proposed activities? *

Māori Outcomes

* indicates a required field

Which best describes Māori involvement in the proposed activities?

○ Mana whenua-led: The lead entity is an iwi, hapū, marae or other mana whenua organisation for the area.
○ Mataawaka-led: The lead entity is a mataawaka organisation, such as an urban Māori authority or mataawaka marae.
○ Māori entity partnership or involvement: The proposed activities have active involvement by a Māori entity, such as an iwi trust or mataawaka organisation.
○ No direct Māori entity involvement: The proposed activities do not currently involve active partnership with a Māori entity. This includes groups that have approached mana whenua or are taking other steps to build their understanding of and connection to Māori outcomes, but have not yet formed an active partnership.

Mana whenua-led

Tell us how mana whenua lead the proposed activities *

Word count:
Must be no more than 500 words.
For example, the iwi, hapū, marae or organisation leading the work, how mana whenua govern or make decisions about it and the Māori outcomes the activities will contribute to.

Mataawaka-led

Tell us how mana whenua lead the proposed activities. *

Word count:
Must be no more than 500 words.
For example, the iwi, hapū, marae or organisation leading the work, how mana whenua govern or make decisions about it and the Māori outcomes the activities will contribute to.

Māori entity partnership or involvement

Tell us about the Māori entity partnership or involvement in the proposed activities *

Word count:
Must be no more than 500 words.
For example, who you are working with, how they are involved in shaping or delivering the work, and the Māori outcomes this will contribute to.

No direct Māori entity involvement

Is there anything you would like to tell us? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 500 words.
For example, previous approaches to mana whenua, or relationships held through a wider network or umbrella organisation.

Site and land permissions

* indicates a required field

9. Community participation and connected delivery

How will the proposed activities grow community participation and strengthen connected conservation delivery? *

Where relevant, you may wish to describe:

- how people will participate in conservation activities;
- how volunteers will be supported;
- how activities connect with other groups, landowners, networks or initiatives;
- partnerships or collaborative arrangements that strengthen delivery; and
- how the benefits are expected to continue beyond the funded activities.

Only describe the aspects that are relevant to your proposal.

Activity area, land and permissions

To find what local board area your project is taking place in please visit thelocal board finder tool.

In which local board area(s) will your project be delivered? *
☐ Devonport-Takapuna ☐ Albert-Eden ☐ Henderson-Massey ☐ Franklin ☐ Hibiscus and Bays ☐ Kaipātiki ☐ Rodney ☐ Upper Harbour ☐ Aotea/Great Barrier ☐ Maungakiekie-Tāmaki ☐ Ōrākei ☐ Puketāpapa ☐ Waiheke ☐ Waitematā ☐ Waitākere Ranges ☐ Whau ☐ Howick ☐ Māngere-Ōtāhuhu ☐ Manurewa ☐ Ōtara-Papatoetoe ☐ Papakura
Select all that apply.

What land tenure does your project cover? *
☐ Private land ☐ Public land ☐ Māori land
Other
Māori land can include Māori customary, freehold or reserve land

Is your project/activity on council owned property/land? *
○ Yes ○ No

For regional parks, contact the Regional Parks Environment Team

For local parks, contact your Community Park Ranger

Please upload land manager approval
Attach a file:

Is any activity taking place on DOC-managed land? *
○ Yes ○ No

Contact a Conservation Advisor before applying.

Please upload approval from the Department of Conservation *
Attach a file:

Site Information and Permissions

Provide the location, landowner/manager and permission status for the sites where activities will occur.

Will any of the proposed activities involve earth disturbance?
○ Yes ○ No ○ Unsure
Examples of disturbance include: • planting • fence installation • excavation • manual removal of large pest plants • other ground-disturbing activities

- Has an archaeological assessment or survey been undertaken?
- Will any activity occur within or near wāhi tapu or sites of significance to mana whenua?
- Does any activity require archaeological authority or other statutory approval?
- Provide any relevant supporting information.

Are there any significant access, permission or approval requirements not yet confirmed? *
○ Yes ○ No

Please provide the site access details

Nominated Umbrella Group Details / Te roopu whakaruru

* indicates a required field

Name of your Umbrella Organisation *
Organisation Name

Postal address *
Address

Suburb | Town/ City | Postcode

Must be a New Zealand postcode

Please click here for the postcode finder website

Contact person *
First Name | Last Name

Position in organisation *

Daytime contact number *

Email address *

What is the legal status of your umbrella organisation
○ Māori Trust ○ Incorporated society ○ Charitable trust ○ Limited liability company ○ Other:

Umbrella New Zealand Companies office incorporated society number

Must be a number

Please click here to visit the Societies and Trusts website

Umbrella NZ Companies Register

The NZBN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the NZBN correctly.

New Zealand Companies Register Information
NZBN
Entity Name
Registration Date
Entity Status
Entity Type
Registered Address
Office Address

Umbrella Charities NZ Registration

The Charity Registration Number provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the Charity Registration Number correctly.

New Zealand Charities Register Information
Charity Registration Number
Organisation Name
Other Names
Status
Street Address
Postal Address
Telephone
Fax
Email
Website
Date Registered

Please attach proof of bank account details for the umbrella organisation / Pēke tiaki pūtea
Attach a file:

Bank deposit slip | or Bank statement (no older than 3 month) | or letter from the bank on the bank's letterhead confirming the bank account holder name and bank account number | or Print screen or image capture of an on-line bank statement confirming the bank account holder name and bank account number including the bank logo and URL

Agreement with umbrella organisation to act on your behalf (Minutes or Letter) *
Attach a file:

New Applicants / Nga Kaitono Hou

* indicates a required field

Regional Environment Grants Programme Eligibility Criteria

Please read the Applicant Guide to the Regional Environment and Natural Heritage Grant 2025/2026 carefully before proceeding. This guide contains important information about eligibility, RENH priorities, and what you can apply for.

We strongly encourage all applicants to discuss your proposed project with a council Conservation Advisor or Healthy Waters Advisor before completing this application form.

You can contact us at pestfree@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Background

Tell us about your organisation/mana whenua entity/group* *

Please share a brief history of your organisation, including: how and why it was formed and how long you have been operating; what governance structures and plans (e.g. strategic, operational, business or restoration plans) guide your work; and scale in terms of people involved and the geographic area or communities you cover.

Tell us about the purpose of your organisation/mana whenua entity /group. *

Please include your environmental goals and aspirations, the main activities you are involved in, and any significant outcomes or milestones already achieved.

Previous Financial Support from Auckland Council / Tautoko mai te kaunihera i ngā tau e toru

Financial support from any Auckland Council department or Council Controlled Organisation (CCO), such as contestable grants, funding agreements, services agreements, contracts, community leases, loans, sponsorship, rates remissions, or other grants.

Have you received financial support from Auckland Council in the last three years? *

○ Yes ○ No

Please provide details

Application/Contract/Project Number	Description	Amount received
		$
Use + sign to add more rows		

Project Overview

* indicates a required field

What is your application focus this year? Tick all that apply *

☐ Pest animal and pest plant management: Targeting the management of invasive species to protect priority habitats, threatened species, or high value ecosystems, waterways and marine environments. This may include activities such as stock or deer exclusion fencing, pest control and monitoring activities.
☐ Protecting important kauri and myrtles: Raise awareness, promote behaviour change, and deliver education to industry, landowners, education institutions, and community groups about the risk of Kauri Dieback Disease and Myrtle Rust.
☐ Restoration planting: Enhancing biodiversity through eco-sourced planting in high-value ecological areas. Preference is given where plants are sourced from nurseries that are accredited with, or working towards accreditation with, Plant Pass nursery biosecurity scheme.
☐ Water quality improvement: Initiatives focused on protecting, restoring, and enhancing water quality across catchments. This may include fencing, riparian planting projects, water quality education, contaminant or sediment control.
☐ Protecting outstanding natural features: Safeguarding outstanding natural features and outstanding natural landscapes scheduled in the Auckland Unitary Plan.
☐ Community coordination and engagement: Funding for facilitators or coordinators embedded in the community to boost collaboration, volunteer network expansion, and on-the-ground activity.
☐ Operational costs: Day to day expenses associated with the running of a conservation community group such as administration, travel within the Auckland region, communication etc.
☐ Strategic, operational or restoration planning: Development (or review) of plans that will support the delivery of priority biodiversity outcomes, improved health of waterways, or build capacity for long-term group / project sustainability.
☐ Other:

Please provide your application focus in one sentence if different from the above

Project Title *

Must be no more than 250 characters.

Is this project a continuation of an existing RENH project? *

○ Yes ○ No

Short project description *

Provide a short description (100 words recommended) of your project - what are you out to do?

How did you determine the need for this project, activity or role? *

Explain the evidence or reasons that show why this project, activity or role is needed (e.g., research, feedback, or environmental data)

What specifically are you applying for? *

List the key components of your project for which you are applying for funding.

What actions have you taken so far for your proposed project or activity? *

You have indicated that this project a continuation of an existing RENH project. Please provide your RENH grant number

What are the objectives of your project, activity or role, and how will you measure them?

For more examples and tips on writing strong objectives and measures for your project, check out the Applicant Guide to the Regional Environment and Natural Heritage Grant 2025/2026

Example: Restore native vegetation within the project area to improve biodiversity outcomes.

Objectives *

Example: Quantity of native plants planted (e.g. 5000) For more examples, please refer to the applicant guide.

Measures *

If there is no existing plan or strategy, briefly outline your plans to develop this:

Does your project have an existing management plan or strategy? *

○ Yes ○ No

e.g. conservation plan or restoration plan

Please attach existing management plan

Attach a file:

Briefly outline your plans to develop a management plan *

Collaboration

Which Auckland Council advisors (either Conservation Advisors or Healthy Waters Advisors) have you spoken to about your application? (This is strongly recommended for ALL applicants, to ensure eligibility)

Name(s) of advisor(s)

Use + sign to add more rows

Have you sought any expert advice to guide your project, activity, or role, outside of council staff?

○ Yes ○ No

List the name & position/field of the advisor, a very brief summary of the advice they have given, and what role the advisor will continue to play in the project or activity (if any)

Name and position	Summary of advice	Continued role
Use + sign to add more rows		

For this project, do you plan to collaborate with any other entities, groups, umbrella organisations or individuals? *

○ Yes ○ No

If yes, please briefly tell us about your partnerships or collaborations, including who you'll work with and how you'll do this.

If you are working with schools or early childhood education providers you must attach a letter of acceptance/agreement from each provider.
Attach a file:

RENH Priorities

Provide brief details on how the project, activity or role for which you are seeking funding align/s with the priorities of RENH.

Please refer to the Applicant Guide to the Regional Environment and Natural Heritage Grant 2025/2026 for helpful resources about regionally significant ecosystems or species, or regional conservation priorities. We also strongly recommend you speak to a Conservation Advisor or Healthy Waters Advisor to ensure your project is aligned with these priorities.

Conserve regionally significant ecosystems or species *

(i.e. Protects, restores, and enhances priority habitats, threatened species, or high-value ecosystems, waterways and marine environments).

Enhance community involvement *

(i.e. Encourages volunteer engagement, builds conservation group capacity, and promotes strategic partnerships).

Enable meaningful Māori engagement and outcomes *

(i.e. Provides opportunities for mana whenua involvement, integrates Te Ao Māori values and mātauranga, and outlines clear plans for collaboration or partnership with Māori communities.

Regional impact *

(i.e. Effectively addresses regional conservation priorities, coordinates decisions or activities at landscape or catchment scale, and encourages broad participation or reach wide audiences).

Project Area and Specific Site details

* indicates a required field

Please provide details of any current or planned future legal protection arrangements for the project site *

Note that RENH will not fund Projects fulfilling legal requirements e.g. resource consent conditions or subdivision requirements

Site addresses and permissions

For site based projects (i.e. restoration or pest management) written permission from the landowner or land manager must be obtained for all relevant sites. All permissions must:

- specify the approved project activities
- be dated within the last 24 months
- clearly show that there is an agreement that the permission will remain valid for at least the full duration of the project.

Site address	Site Name if applicable	Landowner/Land manager	Permission status	Attach permission evidence
				Use + sign to add more rows

Site Maps

For site-based projects (e.g restoration or pest management):

- Please provide clear and detailed site map(s) showing where your project activities will take place this year.
- Maps should be at a scale that allows for recognition of e.g. street names, key landmarks/ significant visual features.
- Maps should provide linear or polygon features identifying proposed fencing, planting, or other project activity locations.

If you are seeking RENH funding for a coordinator role or similar, please provide a landscape scale map indicating your priority areas of work for the role.

Refer to the Applicant Guide to the Regional Environment and Natural Heritage Grant 2025/2026 for information on how to create maps with linear or polygon features

Please upload relevant site map(s)
Attach a file:

Does any part of your project delivery require a statutory consent e.g. resource or archaeological? *

○ Yes ○ No ○ Unsure

If yes, please provide details below: *

Are any of your project activities a condition of an existing resource consent? *
○ Yes ○ No

If yes, you are required to speak with a Conservation Advisor or Healthy Waters Advisor before submitting your application. Please provide the name and contact details of the advisor you consulted. *

Note that RENH will not fund projects fulfilling legal requirements e.g. existing covenant conditions or landowner obligations. Contact us at pestfree@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

Will your project include the management of wāhi tapu and/or sites of significance to Mana Whenua? *
○ Yes ○ No ○ Unsure

If yes, please provide details below

Has an archaeological survey been undertaken on the proposed site(s)? *
○ Yes ○ No ○ N/A

If yes, please provide details: *

New Question
Attach a file:

Does your project involve fencing or planting activities or any other activities with earth disturbance (e.g. manual removal of large pest plants)? *
○ Yes ○ No

What is the area of planting proposed (if applicable)? *

What is the length of fence proposed (if applicable)? *

What is the area of bush protected through fencing (if applicable)? *

What is the length of the stream protected through fencing (if applicable)? *

Please provide a planting list, including species, quantities, and nursery source (if applicable):
Attach a file:

Funding request and contributions

* indicates a required field

Funding Availability: Applicants can apply for a **minimum of $5,000 and a maximum of $85,000 per year**; however, please be aware that the total budget for this funding round is limited, and demand consistently exceeds available funds. As a result, funding requests may be partially granted, and not all eligible applications may receive support. We encourage applicants to carefully consider their requested amounts in light of these constraints.

Applicant Contribution: In most instances, applicants are expected to contribute at least**50% of the total project cost,** which may include volunteer hours calculated at the 2025/26 Living Wage rate of $28.95 per hour, in-kind support, and/or funding from other sources.

For work on **DOC-managed land**, there is normally an expectation of a funding contribution or in-kind support from DOC. This should be listed in the 'Applicant Contribution' section below.

You will need to provide evidence to substantiate all costs for which you are seeking RENH funding.

Important reminders:

If you already have a current, active multi-year RENH funding agreement, we strongly encourage you to contact a Conservation Advisor or Healthy Waters Advisor before applying for a new project.

Each funding year funs from 1 July to 30 June. Year 1 for this round is from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2028.

Multi-year funding is not available for activities funded by Healthy Waters or for Tamaki Taiao Alliance members. Groups new to RENH are normally funded for one year.

See the applicant guide for more information, and **speak to a conservation advisor or healthy waters advisor to ensure eligibility**.

How many years of RENH funding are you applying for? *

○ One Year ○ Two Years ○ Three Years

Year 1 RENH funding request

Itemise the costs for which RENH funding is requested. Link each cost to one of the activities you selected earlier.

For paid roles, show hours per week and number of weeks in the item description (for example, “Coordinator, 20 hours per week × 40 weeks”), enter the total hours as the quantity and the hourly rate as the unit cost. The number of weeks can include paid leave, up to 52 weeks a year. Hourly rates for paid roles should be within the suggested rates in Appendix 2 of the Applicant Guide. Provide a quote or other cost evidence for contractors, specialist services and any item over $150.

Activity	Item description	Quantity	Unit cost or hourly rate	Amount requested	Quote or other cost evidence
Use + sign to add more rows			Must be a dollar amount.	Must be a dollar amount.	

Year 2 indicative RENH funding request for multi-year applications

Itemise the costs for which RENH funding is requested in each future year. Link each cost to one of the activities you selected earlier. Figures for later years are indicative and will be confirmed each year before funding is released.

Activity	Item description	Quantity	Unit cost or hourly rate	Amount requested

Year 3 indicative RENH funding request for multi-year applications

Activity	Item description	Quantity	Unit cost or hourly rate	Amount requested
	Use + sign to add more rows		Must be a dollar amount.	Must be a dollar amount.

Funding Summary

Auto-calculated summary of funding requests (from tables 2, 3 and 4)

Year 1: Total Funding Request

Year 2: Total Funding Request

Year 3: Total Funding Request

All Years Total

Funding priorities if full funding is not available

RENH is a limited and highly competitive fund, and most successful applicants receive less than the amount requested. Tell us which activities matter most to you, so that if we cannot fund your full request, we can focus funding where it will make the greatest difference to your programme. Also tell us when each activity will mainly take place. This helps us set milestones in your funding agreement if you are funded.

If you are applying for more than one activity, give each activity a different priority number. e.g. 1 = high priority, 5 = low priority.

Activity	Priority (1 = highest)	Could this activity still be delivered at a reduced scale, without full funding?	What is the minimum funding needed for your activity to proceed? (if known)	Which funding year will this activity mainly take place? Tick every year that your activity takes place	Which month will this activity mainly take place? (if known) If your project is delivered across the entire year, please choose this option
			Must be a dollar amount.	At least 1 choice must be selected.	
		❍ Yes ❍ No		❑ Year 1: July 2027 - June 2028 ❑ Year 2: July 2028 - June 2029 ❑ Year 3: July 2029 - June 2030	❑ July - September ❑ October - December ❑ January - March ❑ April - June ❑ Entire year
		❍ Yes ❍ No		❑ Year 1: July 2027 - June 2028 ❑ Year 2: July 2028 - June 2029	❑ July - September ❑ October - December ❑ January - March

				❑ Year 3: July 2029 - June 2030	❑ April - June ❑ Entire year
		❍ Yes ❍ No		❑ Year 1: July 2027 - June 2028 ❑ Year 2: July 2028 - June 2029 ❑ Year 3: July 2029 - June 2030	❑ July - September ❑ October - December ❑ January - March ❑ April - June ❑ Entire year

If only part of your request can be funded, how would you amend your project plan, and is there anything else we should know about your priorities for funding? *

Existing Auckland Council funding or support

Are any of the proposed activities already/currently funded or supported by Auckland Council, such as a local board grant, a non-contestable funding agreement or Tools & Resources support? This includes funding you have applied for but not yet received.

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○ Yes
○ No

Please detail the source of funding or support, amount funded (if applicable), and which activities are supported *

Other monetary contribuitions

Identify other funding and income supporting the proposed activities. Do not include Auckland Council funding or support which you listed above.

For example:

- grants from other funders;
- sponsorship, fundraising or donations;
- fees or other income;
- your organisation’s own contribution.

For each, tell us the source, amount and whether it is secured or requested.

Funding Source	Funding amount requested (if relevant. Not required f or donations etc)	Funding amount secured
	$	$
Includes financial contribution from your organisation. Use + sign to add more rows		

Volunteer contributions

Estimate the volunteer support for all your proposed activities during the funding period, including volunteers at events, planting days and pest control.

- Number of volunteers *
- Volunteer hours *

Count each volunteer once, even if they take part in more than one activity. If funded, all groups report the number of volunteers and volunteer hours.

Number of volunteers	Number of volunteer hours

In-kind contributions

Provide expected donated resources supporting delivery.

Examples:

- materials
- equipment
- professional services
- specialist support

Donation source	Description of item	Value of donated items
Use + sign to add more rows		

In Kind Contribution and Other monerary contribution totals

Auto-calculated summary of funding requests (from tables 6, 7 and 8)

Total value of in-kind contributions

This number/amount is calculated.

Total value of other monetary contributions

This number/amount is calculated.

Supporting documentation / Ngā puka tautoko

* indicates a required field

Applicant name must match the name on the bank account information supplied.

All information must be less than 6 months old.

You can find the information we need on your bank information here.

We need the information in the form of:

- Bank deposit slip
- Bank statement (no older than 6 months)
- A letter from the bank on the bank's letterhead confirming the bank account holder name and bank account number
- Print screen or image capture of an on-line bank statement confirming the bank account holder name and bank account number. This must include the bank logo and URL

Please attach proof of bank account details / Pēke tiaki pūtea *
Attach a file:

Permissions and approvals

Upload relevant permission or approval evidence.

Upload any permissions, access agreements, or approvals required for the proposed activities.
Attach a file:

Supporting project documentation

For example, technical or ecological assessments, or monitoring reports. You do not need to upload more detailed maps here. Use the activity sections, and see Appendix 3 of the Applicant Guide

Please attach any supporting documents you feel might help us understand your project.
Attach a file:

Do you have any other information to support your application?

Must be no more than 100 words

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

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

I/We confirm that I/we will submit to the Auckland Council an accountability report and supporting paid invoices and receipts within 30 days of the completion of my/our activity* *
○ Yes

I/we will use any approved funding only for the activities in the funding agreement and will tell Auckland Council if we receive other funding for those activities. I/we understand that council may change the funding agreement or ask for unspent funds to be returned. *
○ Yes

I/we understand that reporting will be based on the activities and measures in the final funding agreement and that Auckland Council may use this information to inform future assessments and programme evaluation. *
○ Yes

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
    - 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.

- **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.**

*

○ Accept

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 your Grants Advisor - (grants@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz) during business hours, Monday – Friday 8am-4pm).

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.