

2026/2027 Waterway Protection and Making Space for Rural Water Fund - Round 2

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Welcome / He mihi

Waterway Protection Fund & Making Space for Rural Water Fund

Auckland Council offers two regional grants for rural landowners and catchment groups working on a private property larger than 5 hectares to deliver projects that improve water quality and freshwater ecosystems and minimise the impacts of flooding.

The **Waterway Protection Fund** (WPF) supports projects that protect and enhance riparian margins and wetlands.

The **Making Space for Rural Water Fund** (MSWF) is a new Auckland Council grant programme (part of a wider [Making Space for Water](#) ten-year initiative) to reduce the impact of flooding on private rural land and properties downstream. MSWF supports projects that enhance the efficiency of flood plains and wetlands to absorb and hold water.

Funding in the September 2026/2027 round will be prioritised to the following catchments:

- Aotea/Great Barrier Island
- Āwhitu Catchment
- Hūnua Stream
- Kumeū Huapai
- Matakana River
- Mahurangi West
- Mauku Stream
- Matheson Bay
- Oira Creek
- Ōrere River
- Papakura Stream
- Pukekohe-Tutaenui Stream
- Slippery Creek
- Taitaia Stream
- Te Arai
- Waitangi Stream
- Warkworth
- Whangamaire Stream
- Whangapouri Creek
- Whangateau

Before completing this application form, please read the [Waterway Protection Fund and Making Space for Rural Water Fund Guidelines](#) for more information.

Important Information

- An application is ineligible if used to comply with any current resource consents (i.e., subdivision).
- Projects must be completed within 24 months of receipt of a signed funding agreement.
- Funding is reimbursed after work is complete and submission of evidence is received.

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- The landowner is expected to manage the project area and be responsible for ongoing maintenance, including fencing, and pest plant and animal control.
- Please ensure a signed funding agreement is in place before any work starts.

Documents you need to complete this application form:

- Map showing proposed work.
- Photos of project site
- Evidence of bank account number (must be one of the following):
 - Blank pre printed deposit slip
 - Bank statement or letter (not older than 6 months)
 - Online print screen image - must show bank's web address (URL)

More detail around the criteria required for [Bank Account Evidence Information](#).

All applications must be submitted by 10:00pm on 29 September 2026 to be considered.

Please complete all relevant sections and **remember to save your work as you go.**

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

- If you have any questions about your project, please contact the Program Manager via email ruralwaterways@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz
- If you have questions about completing this online application, please contact the Grants team via email communityfunding@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

Please note there is no technical support after 5:00pm and on the weekends.

Contact Details / Ngā tohu whakapā

** indicates a required field*

Applicant

Organisation/Individual name *

☐ Individual ☐ Organisation

Organisation Name

Title First Name Last Name

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Must match the name on the bank account information supplied

Are you GST registered? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

Auckland Council Grants are not subject to GST, your GST status is required for the process of registering you as a vendor in our system

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What is your GST number? *

Must be a number.

Contact Information

**Project contact person
(must be a signatory). ***

First Name

Last Name

**Position held in
organisation (if applying
as an organisation)**

Phone number *

Email address *

Project Address

Please click [here](#) for the postcode finder website

Project Address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

Is your Postal Address different from your Project Address? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Postal Address

Address

Must be a New Zealand postcode

Please click [here](#) for the postcode finder website

Project site information

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Complete all sections applicable to your application.

If you require assistance please contact the project lead via email
ruralwaterways@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Is the project part of a resource consent or regulatory requirement? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please provide details below. Please be aware that funding cannot be used to fulfill resource consent conditions for a period of up to 10 years from date of funding.

Please provide details

Owner(s) of the property *

☐ Individual ☐ Organisation

Organisation Name

First Name

Last Name

Is the applicant the property owner? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please attach/provide written permission from the landowners (If you are not the landowner)

Attach a file:

Organisation 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

Other

Other: can include not for profit community group, Māori trusts, e.g. pūtea trust, whanau trust, ahu whenua trust, whenua tōpū trust and/or kai tiaki trust.

What registration numbers apply to your organisation?

(Please provide all applicable numbers)

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New Zealand Companies Office incorporated society number

Must be a number

Please click [here](#) to visit the Societies and Trusts website

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

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

Are you affiliated with a national or regional body? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

For example the regional branch of an organisation (e.g., the Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society) is applying for funding on behalf of the local branch (e.g., Forest & Bird Hauraki Islands branch). If yes, you will be required to provide more information

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What is the name of the organisation you are affiliated with?

Previous Support from Auckland Council / Ngā kōrero whakapā mō te kaitono

Council support includes any of the following: Contestable grants, contracts/funding arrangements, community leases, community loans, sponsorship, rates remission or grant, working with council staff, products supplied by Council eg herbicides.

Have you received support from Auckland Council in the last three years, either funding or non-financial? *

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

Previous funding includes funds sourced from any Auckland Council departments and/or Council Controlled Organisations.

Previous grants

Grant ID	Year	Amount
		\$
		\$
		\$

Project Information / Ngā pārongo mahinga

* indicates a required field

Is your proposed project: *

☐ A continuation of previous work ☐ A new initiative

To be prioritised for funding your project must be located within one of the following catchments, please indicate which one *

- ☐ Aotea/Great Barrier Island
- ☐ Āwhitu Catchment
- ☐ Hunua stream
- ☐ Kumeu Huapai
- ☐ Matakana River
- ☐ Mahurangi West
- ☐ Mauku Stream
- ☐ Matheson Bay
- ☐ Oira Creek
- ☐ Ōrere River
- ☐ Papakura Stream
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- ☐ Te Arai
- ☐ Waitangi Stream
- ☐ Warkworth
- ☐ Whangamaire Stream
- ☐ Whangapouri Creek
- ☐ Whangateau
- ☐ Other:

Project title *

Please include name of stream and type of project (e.g. Hoteo River Tributary fencing and planting project)

Please describe your project. *

Include a description of your project including the purpose, for example a 500 m fencing and 3,000 native plant planting project to protect the Mauku Stream.

What are you aiming to achieve with this project *

Describe things you want the project to achieve in terms of benefits for participants and/or environment and any goals for the project.

Have you been involved in the delivery of similar projects? If so, please describe?

Will any other organisations or individuals be collaborating on your project? If so, how will they be involved in your project?

Including volunteer groups, schools, neighbours, friends, etc.

Kaitiakitanga

Will your project engage, collaborate or partner with local iwi or hāpu? *

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Please explain how

Covenantee

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

Does the site include any existing QEII, Ngā Whenua Rāhui, DoC or conservation covenants, or land management agreements? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please provide a description of any current or planned future legal protection arrangements for the project site e.g. QEII, Nga Whenua Rahui, DoC or conservation covenants, or land management agreements

Project Plan and Budget /Mahere mahinga e te tahua

* indicates a required field

Proposed Timeline

When will your project(s) take place?

When setting your start date and end date please consider the following:

•Fencing to be completed before any planting occurs and when the ground is dry. •Site preparation should occur 4-8 weeks before planting. •Planting must occur in May to August (dependent on ground wetness). For more information on [planting](#). •Plant releasing should occur in the first spring (October/November) and late summer (February/March) immediately after planting. Generally, a minimum of two releases are required and four releases are recommended, but this is tailored for each site. To learn more about [releasing](#).

Start Date *

End Date *

Proposed Works. *

- ☐ Fencing to exclude stock from a waterway, wetland, lake or flood plain
- ☐ Native, eco-sourced planting of a riparian margin, wetland or flood plain in a stock excluded area. Includes site preparation and releasing
- ☐ Alternate water supply for stock currently drinking from waterways
- ☐ Fish passage remediation
- ☐ Other:

Example of fish passage remediation: installing a fish ladder to address a perched culvert

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Estimated Project Budget

Note, this is just an *estimate* of your project costs. If your application moves to the next stage, you will work with a land advisor to develop a restoration plan and confirm your budget.

- In the table below, you can remove any Works that aren't relevant to your project.
- Before filling in the table, estimate the fence length you will need.
- Estimate the number of plants you will need. First estimate your planting area in square metres, then multiply this by 1.1. (Total plants = total area X 1.1)
- If you have any questions, contact ruralwaterways@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Works Proposed for Funding	Total Cost
	Must be a dollar amount.
Fencing – Multiply your fence length (m) by \$35	
Site Preparation – Multiply the number of plants by \$.55	
Plant supply and freight – Multiply the number of plants by \$3.44	
Planting – Multiply the number of plants by \$2	
Maintenance spraying – Multiply the number of plants by \$.58	
Troughs (max of 5) – Multiply the number of troughs by \$425	
Gates (max of 2) – Multiply the number of gates by \$875	
Fish passage remediation – Estimate \$5000 per culvert	

Funding Summary

Total Project Cost

This number/amount is calculated.

Total Amount Requested

This number/amount is calculated.

Stock Type

Please select which stock you have on your property:

Stock

☐ sheep, goats ☐ horses, deer ☐ cattle ☐ no stock

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Other

Proposed Project Map and Site Photos

You will need to attach a clear site map showing the proposed project plan and photos of the proposed site. The project map should include your proposed works (for example fence lines, planting areas, and locations of alternative water supply and fish passage remediation). The map must be on an aerial image and ideally shows the wider area. It can either be drawn digitally or by hand. You can use [Auckland Council's Geomaps](#) to draw a map if you like. Please refer to [Geomaps How to Guides](#) if needed.

If you require any assistance, please contact Alaina at ruralwaterways@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

Please upload your Proposed Project Map *

Attach a file:

Provided by your land advisor

Please upload photos of the project site *

Attach a file:

1-2 photos of the project site

The proposed fence will *

☐ Protect one side of the waterway ☐ Protect both sides of the waterway ☐ Fencing is not needed

Setback width

What is the minimum average setback width you plan to establish from the stream, wetland, or floodplain edge in your project? *

- ☐ 0-5 metres (appropriate for wetland and floodplains when following the contours)
☐ 5-10 metres (minimum for waterway restoration)
☐ 10+ metres (best outcomes for waterway restoration)
☐ Other:

GPS Coordinates

Please include GPS coordinates to help us locate your project area. You can easily find these using **Google Maps** (<https://maps.google.com>):

- 1.Right-click on your project location on the map.
- 2.Select "What's here?"
- 3.A box at the bottom will show the coordinates (e.g., -37.123456, 174.123456).
- 4.Copy and paste these into the box below.

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GPS Coordinates

On-going Maintenance

Who will be undertaking fence and/or planting maintenance once completed?

Who will be undertaking pest animal control?

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 plan?

Supporting documentation / Ngā pukaTautoko

* indicates a required field

Bank account

Proof of bank account must be submitted and may be one of these options:

- Bank deposit slip
- Bank statement
- 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

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

The bank account evidence must be less than 3 months old.

Please attach proof of bank account details *

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Attach a file:

Site visits

Please provide your availability for a land advisor site visit:

If your application advances to Stage 2 of the process, you will receive a site visit with a land advisor.

Dates for sites visits are available during the first two weeks of October, during the below periods:

- **Monday 5th October - Friday 9th October**
- **Monday 12th October - Friday 16th October**

Morning visits will be before 12:00 PM. Afternoon visits will be after 12:00 PM. A land advisor will contact you to confirm the date and time for your visit.

5th to 9th of October - site visit availability *

- ☐ Monday 5 October - morning
- ☐ Monday 5 October - afternoon
- ☐ Tuesday 6 October - morning
- ☐ Tuesday 6 October - afternoon
- ☐ Wednesday 7 October - morning
- ☐ Wednesday 7 October - afternoon
- ☐ Thursday 8 October - morning
- ☐ Thursday 8 October - afternoon
- ☐ Friday 9 October - morning
- ☐ I am not available this week

At least 1 choice must be selected.

12th - 16th October - site visit availability *

- ☐ Monday 12 October - morning
- ☐ Monday 12 October - afternoon
- ☐ Tuesday 13 October - morning
- ☐ Tuesday 13 October - afternoon
- ☐ Wednesday 14 October - morning
- ☐ Wednesday 14 October - afternoon
- ☐ Thursday 15 October - morning
- ☐ Thursday 15 October - afternoon
- ☐ Friday 16 October - morning
- ☐ Friday 16 October - afternoon
- ☐ I am not available this week

At least 1 choice must be selected.

Any comments on your availability?

Additional information

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Do you have any other information to support your application?

Attach any additional supporting documents (i.e. existing management plan) you feel might help us understand your project.

Attach a file:

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

Attach a file:

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 understand that funded waterway protection work cannot be used to meet resource consent conditions (i.e. transferable titles or subdivision) for a period of up to 10 years from the date of the funding *

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

☐ 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

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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.

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.**

*

☐ 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".

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

Are you a first time applicant? *

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

How did you find out about this fund?

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| ☐ Applied previously | ☐ Local board member | ☐ Social media |
| ☐ Council website | ☐ Local newspaper | ☐ Word-of-mouth |
| ☐ Council mail-out | ☐ Poster / flyer | ☐ Other |
| ☐ Council staff member | ☐ Radio | |

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.