

Waterway Protection Fund & Making Space for Rural Water Fund FY25-26

Funding Round Successful Applications

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Waterway Protection Fund (WPF) & Making Space for Rural Water Fund (MSWF) FY25-26

About the Funds

These funds assist landowners and community groups to deliver stock exclusion fencing and restoration of riparian margins, flood plains and wetlands on privately owned land throughout the Auckland region.

The primary goal of the WPF is to improve water quality in rural waterways and wetlands, which positively impacts Auckland's harbours and the Hauraki Gulf. The goal of MSWF is to reduce the impact of flooding to landowners and properties downstream, by supporting projects that enhance the efficiency of flood plains and wetlands to absorb and hold water.

The funds are contestable and contribute (up to 50 percent) of project costs. Projects can include fencing, native planting, alternative water supplies for stock, and fish passage improvements. Landowners can contribute through cash, co-funding, or in-kind support such as labour or materials.

These projects reduce the levels of contaminants, including sediment, from entering our waterways. They improve ecological outcomes such as increased habitat and biodiversity along and in waterways and wetlands. Stabilised banks, healthy riparian zones, and restored wetlands increase Auckland's resilience to flooding, drought, and extreme weather events.

The Healthy Waters department within Auckland Council leads and manages the delivery of the funds.



Application Number	Funding Awarded	Local Board Area
252602	\$25,053.77	Rodney
252603	\$17,300.00	Franklin
252606	\$20,310.75	Franklin
252609	\$31,556.20	Franklin
252612	\$7,365.30	Franklin
252613	\$17,940.00	Rodney
252614	\$60,667.65	Franklin
252615	\$22,793.10	Franklin
252616	\$4,098.78	Rodney
252617	\$8,134.70	Franklin
252618	\$15,524.74	Waitakere Ranges
252619	\$10,430.94	Rodney
252622	\$30,089.80	Franklin
252623	\$15,134.89	Rodney
252624	\$16,975.61	Franklin
252626	\$6,535.57	Aotea
252627	\$22,392.63	Franklin
252628	\$11,323.53	Franklin
252629	\$6,803.05	Franklin
252630	\$17,675.00	Franklin
252631	\$33,372.53	Rodney
252632	\$8,940.00	Aotea
252637	\$26,669.48	Franklin
252638	\$31,430.66	Franklin
252639	\$31,475.15	Franklin
252642	\$11,975.00	Franklin
252644	\$41,898.92	Franklin

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The FY25-26 Round

This financial year the Funds opened for applications at the end of June and closed early August. There were 32 applications to the Funds. The funding team assessed all applications for water quality, flooding and environmental and community outcomes.

Of the 32 applications received, 27 applications were considered eligible for funding and likely to achieve positive outcomes as per the criteria. The total amount of funding awarded was \$553,868.

The funding agreements for these projects were completed and sent out in December 2025. The recipients will have 1-2 years to complete their projects.

