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What is the Healthy Harbours and Waterways Fund?

This is a grant programme set up to support community led initiatives that improve water quality in the Rodney area.

Why should you apply?

- To join the growing movement to help protect and restore our waterways in the Rodney area
- To get financial support and professional advice for improving the health of your waterways
- To support the Rodney Local Board's long-term vision of improved water quality in Rodney's three harbours

What areas will be targeted?

Applications are welcome for projects that protect and restore waterways anywhere in the Rodney area however, priority will be given to the following catchments: Te Arai, Cape Rodney, Tawharanui, and Matakana Upper and Lower due to these areas having high sediment loads that are lost through waterways and into the harbour (please refer to the maps on pages 5-8 for the catchments boundaries).

Who are our Partners?

The Rodney Local Board will also work with partners such as Fonterra, Beef and Lamb, Dairy NZ and groups such as the Forest Bridge Trust within the Rodney Local Board area. This partnership will enable these groups to work directly with local landowners and give them support.

Who can apply?

The fund is available to all landowners, including farmers and lifestyle block owners, mana whenua, iwi groups, community groups, environmental groups and our partners.

Projects can take place on private and/or Māori land.

What can I apply for?

Funding is available towards the protection, enhancement or restoration of streams, waterways, wetlands, riparian and coastal margins.

Funding is primarily made available for fencing of waterways, restoration planting and plant maintenance within fenced-off areas. It is also available for alternative water supply for livestock, needed as a result of fencing.

Are there any specific requirements?

Fencing should be permanent 7- 8 wires properly strained, unless an alternative is better suited to local conditions such as flooding risk or land management considerations. Fencing can generally be purchased for \$15-28 per metre including labour and materials. This cost is for 7 or 8 wire post and batten fencing and depends on the number of angles, strainers and the contour of the land.

To be effective, a minimum riparian strip width of 3-5 metres is required. Preference is given to projects with wider strips.

All plants must be eco-sourced and appropriate to the planting area. Eco-sourced native plants are plants which have been grown from seeds collected from local, natural populations. The local origin of these plants means that they are well adapted to the local climate and soils and have a

greater chance of survival.

Successful applicants will have 18 months to complete the proposed work and send Council receipts for grant payment. Longer project timeframes to accommodate seasonal activities may be considered on a case-by-case basis. There must be an on-going commitment to maintenance and management by the property owner, via a grant Agreement.

How much of the project will the Rodney Local Board fund?

Applicants can apply for up to 50 per cent of the total project cost. The applicant contribution can be financial, or in-kind (e.g. voluntary labour) or a contribution by other donors.

As a guide, volunteer labour such as planting can be calculated out at \$22.75 per hour and voluntary professional assistance such as fencing can be calculated out at \$30 per hour.

Applicants can also seek funding from alternative sources, with this funding forming part of or the entire applicant contribution towards project costs. The Rodney Local Board views its contribution towards individual projects as a stimulus or top-up rather than the sole funding source.

What will not be funded?

The following exclusions apply to the Rodney Local Board Healthy Harbours Waterway Fund programme:

- Activities or work that have already been completed including purchases already made (i.e. no retrospective funding).
- Activities or work that is required as a condition of a resource consent or mitigation requirements. This includes wetland or forest fragment planting and fencing required as part of subdivision consent/ entitlement applications.
- Projects that are part of a current or known future subdivision consent application.
- Projects that may lead to a conflict of interest for Auckland Council as a consent authority or are identified as not in accordance with the Auckland Council's rules, policies or recommended best practice.
- Projects whose sole purpose is beautification.

Assessment criteria

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- **Environmental benefits:** environmental benefits include improved water quality and aquatic ecological health, the type and significance of the environment to be protected, the length and area of riparian margin protected from stock.
- **Community benefits:** the extent of community involvement in leading the project or participation in the project. Also, the potential for the applicant to connect with other landowners to form partnerships and share knowledge will be assessed.
- **Feasibility and likelihood of success:** projects should be practical and feasible. The project should be likely to be successfully completed based on the activities and time frames listed in the application.
- **Māori outcomes:** Projects or activities that empower Mana Whenua in their role as Kaitiaki for Auckland's natural environment

GST

To help us understand your project, please include all project costs in your application. If you or your group are GST registered, please do not include GST in the amounts. If you or your group are not GST registered, please do include GST (where applicable) in the amounts.

Grant recipients will receive payment/s up to the value of the grant approved by fund decision makers

Who will assess applications?

An initial assessment of applications will be undertaken by staff which may include a visit to the relevant property. Decisions on the allocation of grants will be made by the Rodney Local Board.

How to apply

Please contact Rita Kpodonu on 027 21 2338 or via email

rodneyhealthyharbours@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz for an initial assessment, assistance and support planning your project. Once you have spoken to Rita Kpodonu and agreed on a project plan you will need to submit your application via [SmartyGrants](#) website and must be submitted by **24 December 2021**.

If you have any questions regarding your application please contact us via email on communityfunding@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz or phone 09 301 0101.

Applications must be accompanied by sufficient supporting information:

- quotes
- maps showing location of proposed fencing and or planting
- total budget, including your contribution (in kind or financial).

Please note, quotes of the proposed work are required for the application to be processed.

Successful applicants

Successful applicants will be required to enter into a funding agreement with the Rodney Local Board (Auckland Council) and comply with certain terms and conditions. Grants are paid as reimbursements once you have purchased the required goods and services, completed the work and a council representative has completed a site visit. **Please note copies of full receipts/invoices are required to be provided to Environmental Funding staff**



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 Stream

 Te Arai Stream Sub-Catchment

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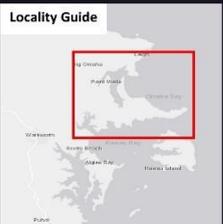


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 Stream
 Cape Rodney Stream Sub-Catchment


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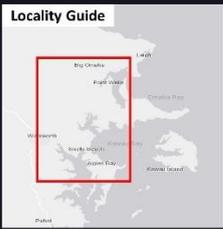


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 Stream
 Tawharanui Stream Sub-Catchment


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 Stream
 Matakana Upper and Lower Stream Sub-Catchment


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