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He whakamārama mō ēnei aratohu | About this guide

This guide explains how to apply to the Te Mana o Te Wai Fund (the TMoTWF/the fund). It outlines the:

- eligibility for funding
- expression of interest and funding process
- information you will be asked for if you apply.

Me pēhea te whakamahi i ngā aratohu nei | How to use this guide

Use this guide together with the Expressions of Interest form for the TMoTWF. The form can be found on the Ministry for the Environment [website](#).

We suggest you read through this guide and the Expressions of Interest form before you begin filling out the form. This will help ensure you have the right information available, and help you answer the questions.

Hei whakapā mai ki a mātou | Contact us

Please contact the Te Mana o Te Wai team with any questions about the fund.

Phone: 027 247 8536

Email: tmotw@mfe.govt.nz

He rā hei maumahara | Key dates

The table below lists the key dates for the 2021 fund. The dates are indicative and may change. Any change will be notified through the TMoTWF pages on the Ministry for the Environment website.

2021 Te Mana o Te Wai (Round 3)	
26 February 2021	Funding round opens for expressions of interest
25 March 2021	Fortnightly triage of expressions of interest begins
Up to 4–6 weeks from lodging expression of interest ¹	Applicants advised if expression of interest is accepted or declined. If accepted advised of next steps.
Within 3 months of triage	Development of project concepts if needed
30 March 2021	Monthly assessment of investment-ready projects begins
Within 1–3 months from notice of successful expression of interest	Successful applicants finalise project plans and sign deeds of funding
30 April 2021	Monthly advice to applicants of decisions begins
June 2021 onwards	First projects begin

¹ Depending on when in the assessment cycle the expression of interest was lodged.

He whakamārama mō te pūtea | About the fund

TMoTWF was introduced in 2014 and funded \$6 million in freshwater improvement projects over two rounds in 2015 and 2018. The 12 funded projects ranged from practical restoration works, through to values identification and cultural monitoring projects.

As part of its response to COVID-19, the Government established the multi-agency Jobs for Nature Programme. A third round of TMoTWF has been provided within this programme, with \$30 million available for projects over the lifetime of the Jobs for Nature programme (ie, until the end of June 2025). The Ministry for the Environment administers the fund.

Jobs for Nature

The focus of Jobs for Nature funding is to create and support employment through improving environmental outcomes. This means that proposed initiatives will be judged in part on their ability to provide employment. Jobs for Nature also aims to support communities to recover from COVID-19.

Jobs for Nature has three core objectives (summarised):

1. creating jobs at pace with regional spread
2. creating lasting benefits for freshwater ecosystems and water quality, biodiversity, climate change, and cultural values
3. supporting sustainable land use and the implementation of new regulatory requirements, including for freshwater, biodiversity and climate change.

Te Mana o Te Wai Fund

The Objectives of TMoTWF are to:

- (a) help Māori to improve the health of freshwater bodies of importance to them
- (b) create nature-based employment opportunities
- (c) build capacity and capability for Māori to participate in and make decisions for freshwater management, including in the implementation of Essential Freshwater reforms.

Note – your project must meet one or more of the objectives. Projects that meet a wider number of objectives are more likely to be successful.

TMoTWF focuses on the freshwater² aspects of sustainable land use, climate change, and biodiversity. For example, expressions of interest that relate to pest control for freshwater health will be prioritised higher than pest control for terrestrial biodiversity.

The fund can support projects at different scales and over varying timeframes. This could include one-off, short-term projects up to one year, as well as longer-term projects taking up to four years up to the end of June 2025. The fund will also help communities adapt to new ways of managing and using freshwater within the limits they set for water quality and quantity.

The Te Mana o Te Wai Fund is different from Te Mana o te Wai policy

The following table illustrates the difference between the TMoTW Fund offered as part of the Government’s COVID-19 recovery response, and the concept of Te Mana o Te Wai that is central to the Essential Freshwater programme of reforms, introduced through the Resource Management Amendment Act 2020.

The fund and the policy are different but connected:

Te Mana o Te Wai Fund vs. Te Mana o Te Wai policy	
Fund	How they connect
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of Government response to COVID-19 recovery. Governed by the ‘Sustainable Land Use Ministers’ – Ministers with portfolios for: Local Government, Agriculture, Biosecurity, Land Information, Forestry, Economic and Regional Development, Conservation and Climate Change. Oversight and advice from the Jobs for Nature Reference Group. Objectives of freshwater improvement, jobs, capacity and capability building (including for implementing the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tangata whenua are to be actively involved in identifying values, visions and outcomes for local waterbodies, and in freshwater management including monitoring. Diverse systems of values and knowledge (eg, Mātauranga Māori) are to be enabled in freshwater care. Freshwater health and wellbeing is prioritised. Freshwater management is to be integrated ki uta ki tai. There are opportunities and requirements for local councils and tangata whenua to collaborate to implement the National Objectives Framework of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management.
<p>Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of Essential Freshwater reform package. Governed by the Minister for the Environment. Advice from ‘Kahui Wai Māori’ (the Māori Freshwater Forum). Key concept in the national policy direction, practice and decision-making for freshwater management. Prioritises the health and wellbeing of waterbodies, then the essential needs of people, followed by other uses. 	

To find out more about the concept of Te Mana o Te Wai watch our [Te Mana o Te Wai video series](#) on YouTube.

² The term freshwater refers to rivers, lakes, streams, groundwater and wetlands.

Te whakakā i te puka Whakapuaki i te Aronui | Completing the Expressions of Interest form

Is your project idea fully formed or still a concept?

If your project is investment-ready, this guide will help to create a detailed expression of interest. But it is important to note that although investment-ready projects are welcome, a good project concept is also welcome (see **question 26**), and we will support the development of a worthwhile concept to be developed into a full project proposal.

This means that for some of you, the guide will be suggesting that information should be provided that you don't have. Don't worry about this, just fill in what you can, but do make sure we can see the merits of the project idea in questions 12, 16, 19, and 23.

If you would like to discuss with us before you fill in the form please contact us on:

Phone: 027 247 8536

Email: tmotw@mfe.govt.nz

SECTION A: Applicant details

This section provides information about your organisation, including legal name, legal entity status and contact details.

1. Organisation or group name

Provide the full legal name of the organisation that is applying for funding. For example, if you are a registered company this would be the name listed on the [Companies Office website](#).

If your project will be run by multiple organisations, please only enter the name of the organisation the Ministry would enter into a funding deed with, and who will manage the delivery of the project.

2. Eligible group

Iwi, hapū, marae/whānau, and Māori land trusts and incorporations (or those acting on their behalf) are eligible to apply, as are other individuals or groups who have an interest in a particular catchment area. This could include for example, umbrella organisations administering funding on behalf of a collective of marae and/or hapū or Māori land trusts and incorporations. Mana whakahaere and/or ahi kā can apply through any of these categories.

Collectives and collaborations between iwi, hapū, marae and other groups are encouraged. Collaborations, collectives and clusters can refer to multiple organisations working together on a project in a local area, or in a project that spans different rohe, or on a topic that is relevant to the wider objectives of TMoTW Fund.

3. Legal entity status

To receive funding, applicants must be a legal entity with capacity to enter into a legally enforceable agreement with the Ministry. Legal entities include incorporated societies, charitable trusts, companies, limited partnerships, and Māori trust boards. 'Other' includes individuals.

If your expression of interest progresses to Stage 2, you will need proof of your legal entity status, such as a Certificate of Registration with the Companies Office.

4. Physical address

Please give the physical address of the organisation who will enter into the funding agreement.

5. New Zealand Business Number

A New Zealand Business Number is a globally unique identifier, available to every Kiwi business, whether you're self-employed or a major corporation. This helps us easily and quickly access all the details we need about your business to work with you. To find your number visit the [New Zealand Business Number website](#).

If you are not a business, please enter your trust, charity, or incorporated society registration number.

You only need to supply the information for the organisation that wants to enter into the funding agreement at this stage, although we will ask for this for all participating organisations if you progress to Stage 2.

6. GST number

Government funding is a taxable activity. If you are conducting a taxable activity and your annual income exceeds \$60,000, your organisation must be registered for GST. If you are not registered, you will bear the full cost of GST on goods and services you purchase for the project.

For more information, see www.ird.govt.nz/gst or phone the Inland Revenue Department on 0800 377 776.

7. – 10. Primary contact

State the name, organisation/group, phone number, and email address for the person we will primarily communicate with throughout this application process (it does not have to be the person who will make project decisions at this stage).

SECTION B: Project details

This section provides summary information about the project name, description, location, number of years, and amount of funding sought.

11. Project name and 12. Project purpose

This should be a short overview of your project outlining the problem your project aims to address, the solution you propose, and the short-term and the long-term outcomes this will achieve. The project purpose field is limited to 1000 characters (approximately 140–150 words), so keep your response short and simple. You will be able to expand on it a little more in your response to questions 15 and 16.

Please be specific about how long you expect the project to run. The funded part of the project can be for up to 4 years, (or until 30 June 2025). **Note:** If your project is intended to run beyond the funded period, it is expected to be self-sustaining at that point.

13. Region and 14. Details of waterbody(s)

Confirm the region where the project is going to be carried out. If the project spans more than one region, select all that apply. If it applies to all regions select National.

Describe in 1000 characters or less the name of the freshwater body/bodies. If your project includes more than one waterbody, give details of all the waterbodies you aim to address, (although you can group tributaries together under a catchment or locality).

We need enough information to pinpoint where the project will take place, so we ask you for latitude and longitude. Google maps is probably the simplest way to find this. Search for the waterbody your project relates to. Hold the mouse on the project location, then double-click. This will bring up your latitude/longitude coordinates. Provide the coordinates in decimal format (eg, -41.277770, 174.778907). If your project involves multiple sites, choose the most significant or relevant site. Alternatively you can mark up a map, and attach a scan or photo of it to your expression of interest.

Although the fund gives priority to projects in catchments considered to be vulnerable by community, iwi/hapū, and local or central government, expressions of interest for other catchments are still eligible to apply for funding (see question 2).

If your project does not involve a specific location, please explain in the 'Other' field.

15. Issues facing the waterbody

One of the key objectives of the TMoTWF is to improve the health of freshwater bodies of importance to Māori. Question 15 asks you to describe the problems facing the waterbody/bodies, or the issues your project intends to address. Your response is limited to 1000 characters, so you will need to be brief and to the point. You can use any information you consider relevant, but please reference it.

You can draw on information about the ecological health of the waterbody, such as cultural health indicators and mātauranga Māori, scientific data or analysis (summaries), , previous case studies from your project location, water quantities or flow regimes, water quality trends, and recreational significance (eg, fishing, kayaking or swimming).

The issues facing the waterbody may relate to cultural values including mahinga kai, rongoā, wāhi tapu, and access.

Information on surrounding land use in the catchment is likely to be relevant. You might also describe activities which have or are contributing to the condition of the waterbody (such as sediment, industrial processes, animal effluent, fertiliser run-off, and gravel extraction). You may also want to consider more long-term impacts, such as climate change.

Indicate whether the activities are ongoing. Consider the wider connection of the waterbody to the rest of the catchment. There will be little advantage in a restoration if there is a continuing upstream (or downstream) barrier to recovery.

You might consider:

- whether there is a demonstrated need, problem or opportunity
- the size or extent of the opportunity or problem
- likely consequences of not addressing the problem or opportunity now
- the impact of the problem on the environment or people's lives
- why the waterbody is important to you/local Māori
- community and stakeholder observations, feelings, experiences and effects.

The information sources listed in the [Appendix](#) of this guide may be useful.

16. How your project will address these issues

Describe in 1000 characters or less how your project will address the problem(s), and contribute to the key fund objective of improving the health of the freshwater body(ies) of importance to you. Note: Questions 18 and 19 focus on the other key fund objectives of nature-based employment and building capacity and capability.

Consider:

- the specific, practical action to address the problem (but leave the actual number details to question 21)
- the feasibility of the proposed solution
- the expected improvements to freshwater quality or quantity or other values
- how the activities will contribute to community values and aspirations for freshwater
- how your project aligns with any management or restoration plan for the waterbody (see question 17).

17. Current management/restoration plans

This question asks if there is a management or restoration plan for the waterbody. This includes freshwater strategies or action plans developed by iwi/hapū/marae, the wider community, or local government.

The question refers to completed and mandated or approved plans. If a plan or strategy exists but is not yet being actioned on the ground, answer 'yes'. If a plan is still draft or in development, or is part of the project you are proposing, answer 'no' but refer to the status of the plan in your answer to question 16.

18. Jobs your project will create

This question is limited to 500 characters and relates to the fund's key objective of creating nature-based employment opportunities.

List the **types of jobs** that will be created through your project, such as project co-ordinators, trainers, labourers, caterers, administrators, researchers, supervisors and teachers. When designing the fund, many people we talked to wanted to see roles created that could 'navigate' between Essential Freshwater processes under the Resource Management Act, local authorities or other collaborators, and those with local knowledge or doing the mahi.

Detailed information on the **numbers of jobs** should be given at question 24.

Do not include indirect jobs that might be generated as a wider outcome of the project, for example, if you order goods and the provider takes on extra people to fill the order.

19. Building capacity and capability

The question is limited to 500 characters.

This question relates to the third key objective of the fund: to build capacity and capability for Māori to participate in and make decisions for freshwater management, including in the implementation of Essential Freshwater reforms.

The objective recognises the role of Māori as kaitiaki and the unique perspectives and expertise Māori bring to the management, conservation and revitalisation of freshwater. The fund seeks to help position Māori to participate in freshwater management, and particularly the requirements of the National Policy for Freshwater Management 2020 (the NPS-FM). The NPS-FM is part of the Government's Essential Freshwater reforms, and puts the concept of Te Mana o Te Wai at the centre of future freshwater decision-making. You can watch five short videos on the concept on the [Te Mana o Te Wai video series](#) on YouTube.

Any building of capacity (enough available people to undertake tasks) and /or capability (people with the right skills) is good, for example, building project management skills with a marae is useful.

It is even better if you can explain how your project will build capacity and/or capability to participate in freshwater management.

Consider opportunities to collaborate with local authorities to:

- identify matters that are important to local marae/whānau, hapū or iwi, including how the concept of Te Mana o Te Wai will be applied locally and the outcomes that tangata whenua want for relevant waterbodies in the future
- apply different systems of knowledge for freshwater care and being involved in monitoring (such as mātauranga Māori)
- develop interventions (eg, rules, limits or action plans) to achieve them
- determine what steps should be taken if deterioration is detected.

20. Conflict of interest

The question is limited to 500 characters.

Conflicts of interest may be real or perceived. In most cases, they can be managed. Please list any conflicts and how these will be managed.

21. Project outputs

This question is limited to 500 characters.

The Jobs for Nature programme measures specific outputs from projects, reflected in this question.

There is also space in the expressions of interest form to provide additional outputs unrelated to the specified Jobs for Nature measures. Add any measurable actions you intend to undertake. These could include things such as the number of:

- wānanga or other training initiatives
- community collaboration events
- monitoring actions or surveys.

Note: numbers of people in training are to be specified at question 24; here you are looking at project outputs including training initiatives.

If your project is not investment-ready, you may not have the information. Please provide an estimate if you can. If you have no information on these measures, just tick the boxes that will be relevant so we can understand which measures will (or won't) eventually apply.

Enter the figures for your whole project, even if parts of the project will be funded from other sources. Detail on what will be funded by others is requested at questions 22 and 25.

The following table explains the Jobs for Nature measures and what they mean.

Guidance on Jobs for Nature indicators		
Focus area	Metric	What is meant
Freshwater restoration	Number of plants planted in riparian, lake, or wetlands areas	Intends to cover planting within 30m from edge of waterbody. In general, planting within 30m will have most effect on aquatic restoration.
	Area (ha) of riparian, lake, or wetlands planting completed	As above – planting within 30m from edge of waterbodies.
	Length (km) of new fencing constructed and maintenance of existing fencing	Amalgamated length of new fencing, irrespective of fencing type or purpose, whether fencing is for pest control, stock access to waterways, etc. Note that, per the NPS-FM, new fences excluding stock from rivers, lakes and wetlands should be erected at least 3m setback. For more information: https://www.mfe.govt.nz/fresh-water/freshwater-acts-and-regulations/stock-exclusion-regulations

Guidance on Jobs for Nature indicators		
Focus area	Metric	What is meant
Pest control and fish passage	Total area (ha) of animal pest control completed	Area of animal pest control irrespective of the number of times pest control activities are undertaken.
	Total area (ha) of plant pest control completed	Area of plant pest control irrespective of the number of times pest control activities are undertaken.
	Number of fish passage barriers remediated (removed or managed)	Raw count

You can also add any other freshwater restoration project outputs not covered in the focus areas above.

22. Working partnerships

Provide a list of partners and their specific roles for the project.

If you are working as a project collective please list the partners in the collective.

Where appropriate, indicate who you expect to receive co-funding from by ticking the Yes box. Co-funding can be financial or in-kind. Summarised financial detail is requested at question 25.

If you have partnerships and co-funding agreements in place already, it is recommended that support letters from these partners are attached in your submission email alongside your expression of interest form, to provide the Assessment Panel evidence of these.

23. COVID-19 recovery

Describe in 500 characters or less how the project contributes to recovery from COVID-19. The government has made the TMoTWF available through Jobs for Nature as part of its response to COVID-19. The Government has a particular focus on employment and job creation, alongside its focus on improving environmental outcomes.

Explain how your project will contribute to recovery from COVID-19, including the expected number of new jobs. Consider things such as generating new employment and maintaining existing workforce capacity. You can outline the local employment and economic context. Consider whether your project will:

- employ people in work areas immediately affected by COVID-19
- provide opportunities for skills development
- create contracting opportunities for local organisations facing a longer-term downturn.

24. Nature-based employment outcomes

This question asks for the number of people in full time equivalent (FTE) employment over the life of the project, or in training. Ideally, projects should produce at least one FTE per \$100,000 of Crown investment.

Your answer should relate to full-time jobs or their equivalent over the expected life of the project. Your project could be for a minimum of one year or up to a maximum of four years (ending 30 June 2025).

Consider full-time, part-time, and fixed-term or contract work when answering this. For example, a riparian planting crew of two people working six months per year for four years equates to 4 FTE (0.5 FTE * 2 people * 4 years). Stats NZ defines full-time employment as 30 hours or more per week.

By entering the number of FTE in each year, you will also be indicating how many years you expect the project to run for. For example, if there are 5 FTE in Year 1; 10 FTE in Year 2; and 0 in Year 3–5, that would indicate that this project runs for 2 years.

All people paid for the delivery of a project should be counted, including:

- people employed by the fund recipient for project activities, such as regional council staff
- people who deliver project-related services and are contracted by the fund recipient
- work for firms that are employed, contracted, sub-contracted, or reimbursed by the fund recipient. This includes, for example, fencing contractors and training providers.

Do not include people connected to the delivery of goods paid for through the project, such as commercial plant nursery staff who grow the seedlings bought through the funded project. Central government agencies intend to evaluate and report on this type of information, and there is a risk of double-counting if projects also include this data.

In summary, projects should report people paid for project management, administration and support, and other delivery of services, but projects should not report people paid indirectly through delivery of goods.

25. Project funding

This is the total estimated cash cost to deliver your project in full, including funding from Te Mana o Te Wai and if applicable other Jobs for Nature Funding, other external funding, and your organisation's contribution.

The 'Te Mana o Te Wai contribution' box is the total amount of funding that you are requesting from the Government.

Co-funding

Previous rounds of the fund have favoured proposals requesting contributions less than 50 per cent of the project's total cost, whether the balance is made up of cash or contribution in kind (eg, goods or services provided other than money, such as voluntary labour or donated services).

Do we have to contribute costs to the project?

Preferably – you will contribute in cash or kind. However if you can't, don't let that stop you from applying. We'll consider applications on their merits.

Cash contribution refers to the funding your organisation will contribute to the project either directly or through other sources of income. If your organisation makes a cash co-funding contribution it is good evidence of your commitment to the project. However, if you have a worthwhile project idea and **cannot** contribute in cash or in kind, you will not be disqualified from funding.

Jobs for Nature funding

Parts of projects may be more suited to the funding objectives of other Jobs for Nature funds. If the project is not suitable for TMoTW funding we will actively seek more suitable funding within the Jobs for Nature programme. Conversely if components of your project are/will be funded from other Jobs for Nature funds, you are welcome to apply for TMoTW funding for just the aspect that needs it (as long as it contributes to one or more of the TMoTW objectives listed in the [About the fund He whakamārama mō te pūtea](#) section).

The figures

The values provided must:

- exclude GST
- add up to the total project cost.

Minimum and maximum funding amounts

There is no maximum amount you can request. When the fund of \$30 million has been committed, the fund will close. However, as mentioned in the [About the fund He whakamārama mō te pūtea](#) section, we want to see a good balance of the fund objectives being met over the fund as a whole.

Is there a minimum or maximum I can apply for?

No you can apply for any amount.

In the past, there was a minimum application of \$200,000 for practicality as we don't have the resourcing to work with many small projects. For this funding round we have removed this constraint as we want to encourage smaller scale projects that can be undertaken locally.

26. Project readiness

This section helps speed up the assessment process and ensures that good project concepts aren't discarded because of incomplete applications. If your project idea has merit but needs further development before it is investment-ready, we can help. Indicating project readiness also helps us manage the fund, so it is not fully allocated to projects just because they are first out of the gate.

Can I get help to develop my application?

Yes – contact us for help with the expression of interest.

SECTION C: Declaration

A person with the organisation's signing authority must complete the declaration (eg, the chief executive officer or equivalent delegated authority). This person may be different from the primary contact person for the expression of interest.

Provide the name, position, and signature of the person with the organisation's signing authority and include the date the declaration is signed.

Important: By electronically signing the declaration in the expression of interest you are agreeing to the contents of the declaration.

When your expression of interest is complete.

Deadlines

There is no deadline for lodging expressions of interest to the Ministry for the Environment. When the fund of \$30 million has been committed, the fund will close.

Completeness

Ensure your expression of interest is complete.

You **must** ensure:

- you have completed all sections of the expressions of interest form
- you have electronically signed and dated the declaration
- all dollar figures add up to the total project costs
- answers remain under any word limits.

If your expression of interest is incomplete, or you have altered or edited the form templates in any way, your expression of interest might not be considered for funding.

Submitting the expression of interest

Email your completed expression of interest form and supporting documentation (as required) to tmotw@mfe.govt.nz. Please include 'TMOTW expression of interest' and your organisation name in the subject line.

Along with your expression of interest, we encourage you to submit letters of support from any organisations that you will partner with during your proposed project.

You may also include a 1–2 page cover letter/email with your expression of interest that includes additional information you would like to tell us about your project or partnerships (not required).

After you have emailed your expression of interest, you will receive confirmation that it has been received. If you do not receive a reply within one working day please call to let us know. Emails can be blocked without notification (though rarely) to either party and we do not want to miss your expression of interest.

Important: You must submit your expression of interest by email to tmotw@mfe.govt.nz. The email subject line must contain the words 'TMOTW expression of interest' and your organisation's name (for example, 'TMOTW expression of interest – AEIOU Marae'). We do not accept physically posted expressions of interest.

Appendix: Online resources

Resources for question 15

Resource	Website	What it provides
The Environmental Research Institute (ERI)	www.waikato.ac.nz/eri/	ERI (part of the University of Waikato) researches environmental issues across a range of ecosystems, including freshwater.
Iwi, hapū	Various	Marae based on the waterway may share local values and/or perspectives of freshwater ecosystems. Cultural monitoring data may be available through Iwi or hapū websites.
LERNZ Freshwater Database – LERNZdb	http://lernzdb.its.waikato.ac.nz/	Database of water quality and biological data measured in lakes, rivers and wetlands in New Zealand. Part of the Lake Ecosystem Restoration New Zealand (LERNZ) Project.
Land Air Water Aotearoa (LAWA)	www.lawa.org.nz	LAWA displays water quality data collected by regional councils at over 1100 sites across New Zealand.
MfE Data Service	www.mfe.govt.nz/more/data/mfe-data-service	Environmental datasets published by the Ministry for the Environment. It includes water quality data for rivers, lakes and groundwater.
National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA)	www.niwa.co.nz	NIWA is a Crown research institute that provides public information on rivers, lakes, and groundwater conditions across New Zealand, including water quantity and quality.
Local environmental and recreational NGOs	Various	NGOs involved in local freshwater management may provide information or data.
Regional council and territorial authority websites	Various – see list of councils and links to websites on the Department of Internal Affairs website www.localcouncils.govt.nz/	District and regional councils are required to monitor and assess the state of the environment. Monitoring data such as water quality, river flow, and groundwater levels may be available from council websites.

Funding sources and other resources

The following resources can help you plan your project, and provide further support.

Resource	Website address	What it provides
Ministry for the Environment	www.mfe.govt.nz/more/funding/sources-funding	List of funding sources from the Ministry and other government agencies.
Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI)	www.mpi.govt.nz/funding-and-programmes/	List of funding programmes available from MPI.
Department of Conservation (DOC)	www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/funding/	List of funding programmes available from DOC.
Provincial Development Unit (PDU)	www.mbie.govt.nz/business-and-employment/economic-development/regional-economic-development/provincial-development-unit/	Information on the Provincial Growth Fund.
Community Net Aotearoa	www.community.net.nz	Resources for setting up and running community organisations and projects, including a 'How to' Funding Guide.
Funding Opportunities for Communities	http://generosity.org.nz/giv-us	Funding information for voluntary organisations, iwi and community groups.
Wai Māori	https://waimaori.maori.nz/	Helps to advance Māori interests in freshwater fisheries.
Fundraising Institute of New Zealand	www.finz.org.nz/	Dedicated to promoting philanthropy and excellence in ethical fundraising.
Health and Safety at Work Act 2015	www.worksafe.govt.nz/worksafe/hswa	Information on the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.