

# A helping hand

A guide to funding and support  
for environmental projects





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# Helping you to help the environment

Here in the Bay of Plenty, we share many wonderful natural environments as well as important cultural and heritage sites. Caring for and protecting these places is crucial so they are there for future generations to enjoy.

All around the Bay there are many environmental projects led by locals – people who are planning and acting with inspirational vision and commitment for the future.

At Bay of Plenty Regional Council, we aim to support these projects as much as possible through a range of funding and advisory programmes, where they align with our community outcomes; a healthy environment, freshwater for life, safe and resilient communities and a vibrant region.

The guide introduces all the ways we may be able to help your work and also shares experiences and help available from others. So read on, be inspired and find out the best way to move your environmental project ahead.

There are many other funding sources for environmental projects and we may be able to help you identify which ones are suitable for your idea.

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# Bay of Plenty Regional Council funding and advisory programmes



# Care Groups

Care Groups are organised community groups which work to protect and enhance a local area of environmental importance. Each year, we support Care Groups with funding, as well as offering technical advice and support.

## Focus

Once you have formed your Care Group the group's work could involve coastal dune restoration, wetland and estuary management, stream/lake margin management, catchment management, and/or control of pest plants and animals. Often one issue, such as mangroves in an estuary or acacia on the coast, focuses initial community attention on the health of the natural environment.

## Location

Your group's work could be on public or private land.

## Support

If your group has sound environmental objectives and commitment, we'll register it as a Care Group. This gives you access to our resources and support, which may include helping your group to get started, project planning and management, offering technical advice, providing materials, helping with flyers and communications, and lending equipment for your work.

## Commitment

In accepting support, your Care Group agrees to plan and complete the work. You need to be sure your community has a core group to see the project through.

**We welcome applications for support at any time of the year.**

### To find out more



Visit [www.boprc.govt.nz](http://www.boprc.govt.nz)

Phone 0800 884 880 and ask for your local Land Management Officer

# Environmental Enhancement Fund Grants

Our Environmental Enhancement Fund (EEF) supports community groups to protect and enhance the natural or historic character of an important area. A grant may also help the group promote public access and understanding. Each year, we support EEF projects up to a total of \$25,000 (exc GST).

## Aims

Your group's work will improve the environment, raise environmental awareness and use community skills and enthusiasm.

## Location

Your group's work could be on public or private land which has full and free public access.

## Commitment

In accepting support, your group agrees to access the skills and enthusiasm of the community to help the project succeed. You will need to provide voluntary labour, agree to manage the project – including finances and gain landowner permission and consents if needed. You also agree to help promote the project to the community.

## Funding options

Funding is distributed annually on a first in first served basis and is available until the fund has been fully allocated.

### To find out more



Visit [www.boprc.govt.nz](http://www.boprc.govt.nz)

Phone 0800 884 880 and ask for the Environmental Enhancement Fund Coordinator or email [eefund@boprc.govt.nz](mailto:eefund@boprc.govt.nz)

# Advisory Services

When you're faced with an environmental issue, the right information can save a lot of time, money and hassle. Our land management staff can provide free advice on land management and on the control of pest plants and animals.

## Focus

You could be seeking advice on issues such as:

**Land:** soil and water conservation, nutrient management, erosion control, water quality, protecting native bush, wetlands or streams.

**Pest plants:** species identification and control strategies.

**Pest animals:** identifying the level of infestation, trapping or control techniques.

## Location

Your work is most likely to be on private land.

## Support

Our staff can offer free advice and information (not funding). Often we will make a site visit at no charge to you. Information support includes a wide range of fact sheets on issues such as pest animal and pest plant control, sustainable land management, protection/restoration of riparian areas, and more. You can download these from our website.

## Commitment

Having gained advice or information, you're under no specific commitments. However, where environmental issues need addressing, we encourage you to do so in a timely way.

### To find out more



Visit **[www.boprc.govt.nz](http://www.boprc.govt.nz)** to find or more or download fact sheets.

Phone 0800 884 880 and ask for a Land Management Officer

# Biodiversity

**Bay of Plenty Regional Council has developed a voluntary programme to empower landowners and community groups to protect valuable sites of native biodiversity across the Bay of Plenty. The sites may be bush remnants, wetlands, sand dunes or geothermal areas.**

## Focus

Sites on private land with particularly high biodiversity values have been identified across the region. Work could involve: fencing to protect from stock, control of pest plants and animals, enhancement planting and monitoring of outcomes.

## Location

Your work will be on your own land, within the agreed environmental protection areas. Or a community group may be interested in helping to protect a council or Department of Conservation administered reserve.

## Support

The level of financial support will vary, depending on the nature of the site and the type of work required. In general Council will fund activities on a 50:50 cost share basis provided they meet our criteria, but there are certain higher-priority sites and actions which attract grant funding of up to 100% The level of council support provided will be assessed during a site visit by a Land Management Officer. Ongoing monitoring of protection work and biodiversity outcomes is provided at no cost.

## Commitment

Protection of the site from land use change is important. Covenants are the mechanism for achieving this and there are a number of covenant options available. An information sheet explaining the various options is available from Bay of Plenty Regional Council staff. The protected sites remain in the ownership of the landowner and no right of public access is created. The landowner will ensure the programme of works agreed to in the management plan is carried out.

**We welcome applications for support at any time of the year.**

### To find out more



Visit [www.boprc.govt.nz](http://www.boprc.govt.nz)

Phone 0800 884 880 and ask for someone in the Biodiversity team

# Coast Care

**Coast Care Bay of Plenty is a community partnership programme, which uses local knowledge and enthusiasm to restore the form and function of the dunes in the Bay of Plenty.**

Dunes are the backbone of our beaches and act as a buffer between the land and the sea. A properly functioning sandy beach system will contain a wide, well vegetated and gently sloping dune, which is a reservoir of sand as well as a home to many native plants and animals. During storms the dunes provide a buffer against erosion caused by large waves.

## Focus

We now know that native dune plants play a vital role, binding light blowing sand onto the beach, and allowing the dunes to recover more quickly from natural erosion processes. Without these plants, dunes are less valuable for biodiversity and also potentially more vulnerable. Dunes have been significantly reduced in our region because of grazing by stock and rabbits, excavation for development, the introduction of exotic plant species and crushing by vehicles and foot traffic.

Council can provide volunteers with free plants and advice, education, training, and in certain circumstances fencing materials and weed/pest control support.

## Location

Coast Care volunteers throughout the Bay of Plenty help to restore the dunes at their local beach by replanting native sand binding plants, controlling weeds and rabbits and erecting signs and fences in the dunes.

## Commitment

Volunteers give as much time as they have available, ranging from two hours per year to over 600! Any commitment is appreciated.

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All four coastal district and city councils (Western Bay of Plenty, Tauranga, Ōpōtiki and Whakatāne) along with the Department of Conservation are in partnership with Bay of Plenty Regional Council to run the Coast Care Bay of Plenty programme.

### To find out more



Visit [www.boprc.govt.nz/coastcare](http://www.boprc.govt.nz/coastcare)

Phone 0800 884 880 and ask for the Land Management Officer (Coast Care)

# Sustainable Land Use Programme

The Bay of Plenty Regional Council is focussed on working with landowners to implement sustainable land use and management practices that reduce erosion, sedimentation and nutrient run-off into waterways.

## Focus

Environmental Programmes aim to protect waterways and improve water quality. They detail actions required to reduce contaminants entering waterways and may include riparian fencing and planting, nutrient management, erosion control measures, wetland construction, or farm systems analysis advice. Environmental Programmes can also be used to co-fund some of the items identified in Farm Environment Plans, whether prepared by the landowner, Council, an industry representative (e.g. Fonterra Sustainable Dairying Advisor) or a farm consultant.

## Location

Bay of Plenty Regional Council works primarily in high priority catchments where high levels of contaminants require urgent attention. In these areas we work with landowners to develop Environmental Programmes to address water quality issues and we offer grants to help get the work done. In other areas we provide advice and can still assist with an Environmental Programme but we may not be able to offer a grant for the work.

## Support

Grants for sustainable land use projects range from nothing right through to 100%, depending on what the project involves, where it is, and the likelihood that it will have a significant environmental outcome. Contact the Land Management team for more information or to discuss your project.

## Commitment

An Environmental Programme is an agreement ‘in good faith’ between the landowner and the Bay of Plenty Regional Council. There is no legal protection mechanism, such as a covenant, and no changes to legal title are required.

### To find out more



Visit [www.boprc.govt.nz](http://www.boprc.govt.nz) to find out more or download fact sheets.

Phone 0800 884 880 and ask for a Land Management Officer

# Support for Māori to develop hapū or iwi planning documents

We support hapū and iwi with funding to assist in the development of planning documents. These documents can be useful resource management tools for Māori. Hapū and iwi can apply at any time.

## Focus

Resource management planning for Māori.

## Location

Hapū and iwi plans relate to environmental issues within their respective rohe/takiwa.

## Support

Payments are made in three installments upon achieving agreed milestones and our staff can provide planning advice.

## Commitment

Hapū and iwi planning documents must be recognised by the iwi authority. No contract will be entered into until this is confirmed.

### To find out more about developing hapū/iwi management plans:

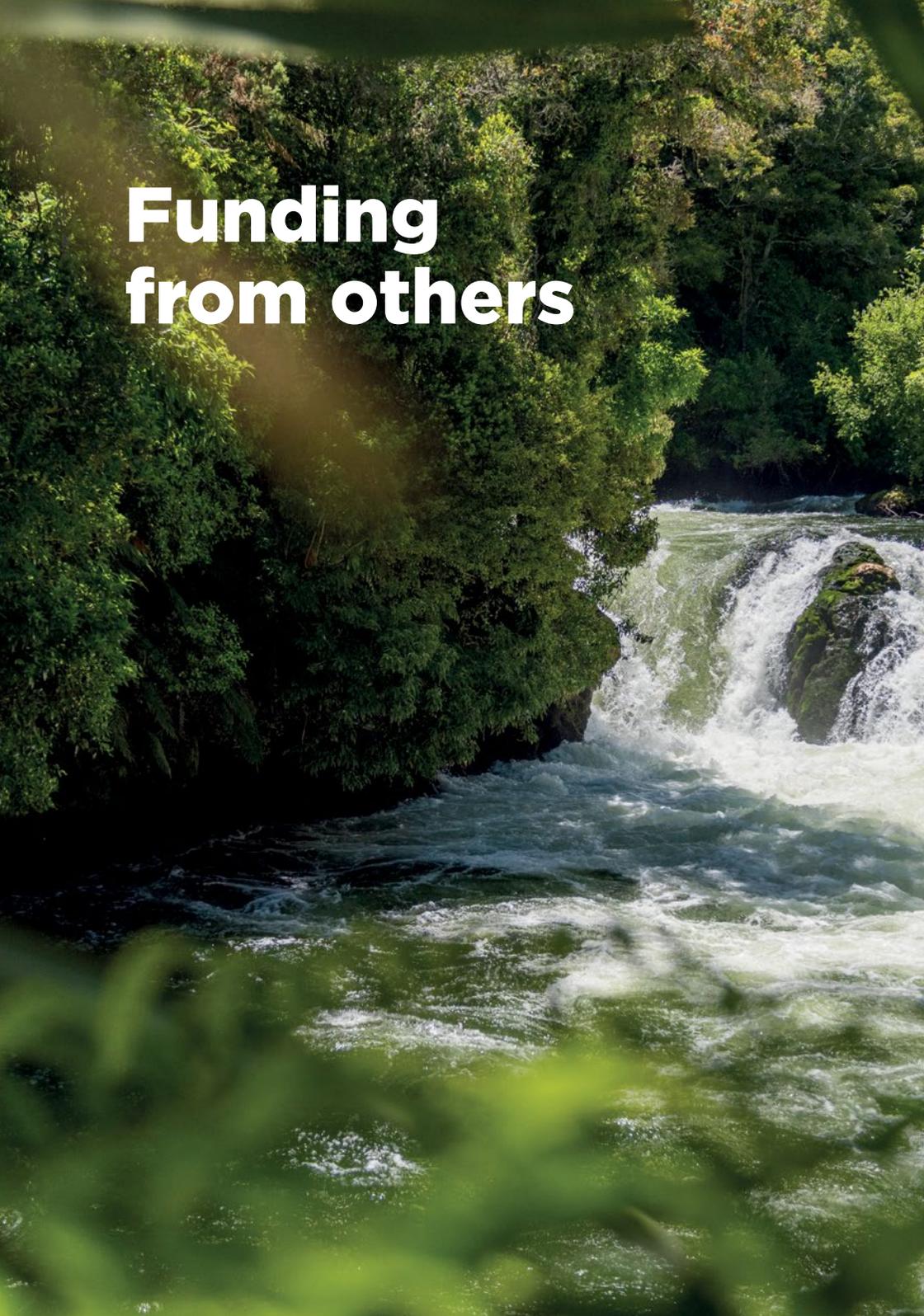


Visit **[www.boprc.govt.nz](http://www.boprc.govt.nz)** to find or more or download fact sheets.

Phone 0800 884 880 and ask for a Māori Policy Advisor

Visit our Rotorua, Tauranga or Whakatāne offices for application forms and information

# Funding from others





## Department of Conservation

The Department of Conservation is charged with conserving the natural and historic heritage of New Zealand. We provide information and advice on environmental protection and management and funding via the Ngā Whenua Rāhui Fund, Mātauranga Kura Taiao Fund, Nature Heritage Fund, and DOC Community Fund – Putea Tautiaki Hapori (DOCCF).

### Ngā Whenua Rāhui Fund

The Ngā Whenua Rāhui Fund provides protection for Māori landowners through the use of 25 year reviewable kawenata (covenants).

### Mātauranga Kura Taiao Fund

The Mātauranga Kura Taiao Fund seeks to preserve the customs, history and stories associated with Māori land and tikanga.

### Nature Heritage Fund

The Nature Heritage Fund helps private landowners, local government, community groups and others protect high value ecosystems.

## DOC Community Fund – Putea Tautiaki Hapori

The DOC Community Fund is directed at practical, on-the-ground projects that aim to maintain and restore the diversity of our natural heritage. The fund enables more people to participate in recreation, learn from our historic places and engage with the benefits of conservation.

### Purpose

The fund has a yearly focus such as the “War on Weeds” in 2017. Keep an eye out for the announcement of our focus for the year at the opening of each funding round. There is an effort to prioritise projects that target this theme, however funding is still available to other projects.

### Location

- This fund is available nationwide.
- Projects may be carried on either public or private land.

### Funding

There is no set limit to the amount of funding a project can apply for from the DOC Community Fund. You can apply for a minimum of one year of project funding and a maximum of three years.

Eligible groups include private landowners and managers, community based organisations, local regional and national umbrella groups, whānau, hapū and iwi groups. Government departments and local authorities are not eligible. Funding will not be provided to projects that make a financial return.

#### To find out more on all DOC funds:



Visit [www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz)

- Rotorua Office: 07 349 7400
- Tauranga Office: 07 578 7677
- Whakatāne Office: 07 3072770

#### To find out more on on the DOC Community Fund:



Visit [www.doc.govt.nz/doc-community-fund](http://www.doc.govt.nz/doc-community-fund)

Email: [doccf@doc.govt.nz](mailto:doccf@doc.govt.nz) or Phone: 0800 862 020

# BayTrust

**BayTrust provides funding to community groups that work towards improving Bay of Plenty communities in a multitude of ways.**

## Purpose

Funding can be provided for charitable, cultural, philanthropic and recreational programmes, projects and activities. BayTrust looks to support projects that align with its visions and values and are working to achieve BayTrust's outcomes and priorities such as strengthening whānau, safe communities and improved natural environment.

## Location

- Projects must take place within the Bay of Plenty region.
- Private/Public Land.

## Funding

BayTrust will invest in programmes that contain the following attributes:

- Are BOP wide or BOP replicable.
- Demonstrate wide, long-term community benefit.
- Support those in the BOP with the greatest need.
- Incorporate a partnership approach for increased impact.
- Are community led.
- Deliver innovative solutions to social issues.
- Contain measurable outcomes and embedded evaluative practices.

Funding up to \$15,000 is considered on a monthly basis.

Funding between \$15,000 and \$100,000 is considered on a quarterly basis.

Funding between \$100,000 and \$500,000 will be considered annually.

## To find out more



Visit [www.baytrust.org.nz](http://www.baytrust.org.nz)

Contact Sam Cummins, Community Engagement Advisor  
Phone 027 772 3235 or email [sam@BayTrust.org.nz](mailto:sam@BayTrust.org.nz)

# Tauranga City Council Community Development Match Fund

Tauranga City Council's Community Development Match Fund is about helping groups deliver new initiatives that foster strong, innovative and vibrant communities, by contributing 50% of the project costs up to \$10,000.

## Purpose

The Match Fund supports a wide range of initiatives (environmental, cultural, recreational etc.) and will consider any new initiative that:

- Empowers communities to improve and strengthen their neighbourhoods.
- Connects communities by encouraging them to work play and talk together.
- Renews and revitalizes local places and spaces.
- Improves the quality of life in communities and neighbourhoods.

## Location

The project must take place within the Tauranga boundaries.

Supported projects/initiatives can take place on either public or private land, however must be free and open to the public.

## Funding

A 50% community match contribution is required collectively from the group's materials and supplies, cash donations, professional services and volunteer labour.

There are two different size grants you can apply for – small (up to \$1,000) or medium (up to \$10,000). Small grants can be applied for at any time. Medium grants are available twice a year – May and November.

Eligible groups include not-for-profit groups, a community with a shared interest or an informal and grassroots neighbourhood group.

Some successful initiatives from the November 2017 funding round include:

*Good Neighbour Aotearoa Trust* – creation of a central city community garden

‘Our Place.’

*Arataki Community Bicycle Hub project* – creation of a community focused bicycle hub in Arataki, using a re-purposed shipping container.

*Curate Church* – a community partnership project to provide grocery gifts to those less fortunate or in difficult circumstances at Christmas time.

The Match Fund does not provide funding to:

- Individual people, businesses, government departments or political parties.
- Duplication of existing public or private programmes within close proximity.
- Operating expenses of organisations including funding permanent staff.
- Maintaining ongoing programmes, events or services.
- Maintenance costs.
- Purchase or improvement of privately owned facilities.
- Activities that involved any alcohol, tobacco, substances and gaming.
- Professional fundraising services.
- Activities already completed.
- Projects already funded/part-funded by Council.

### To find out more



Visit [www.tauranga.govt.nz/community/grants-and-sponsorship/  
community-development-match-fund](http://www.tauranga.govt.nz/community/grants-and-sponsorship/community-development-match-fund)

Contact Debbie Currin, Community Development Coordinator,  
Phone 577 7000 ext: 7208 or email [debbie.currin@tauranga.govt.nz](mailto:debbie.currin@tauranga.govt.nz)



# Western Bay of Plenty District Council Community Matching Fund

## Purpose

The Community Matching Fund was established to support projects by groups working for the benefit of their communities. Council recognises that these groups contribute numerous resources to projects and seeks to “match” the dollar value of this community effort with a grant.

Applications should demonstrate how the project will benefit the community.

## Location

Projects must be carried out within the Western Bay of Plenty District. These may be on either private or public land. However, when on public land they will need the permission of the relevant property or reserve staff.

## Funding

Funding is made of two components – a general fund for social, recreational and cultural initiatives and an environmental fund for projects associated with the natural environment. Applications may have components that

could be allocated to both funds. The General fund has a pool of \$60,000. The Environmental fund has a pool of \$40,000. Applications may have components that could be allocated to both funds. The maximum amount that can be applied for is the full \$100,000, although the full amount has never been granted. Grants between \$2,000 to \$10,000 are more common.

Grants will be “matched” on a 50/50 basis. Council’s half is a cash grant. The community group contribution can be made up of any combination of volunteer labour, donated professional services, funds raised through other means and/or donations of materials.

Community Groups within the Western Bay of Plenty District are eligible to apply.

Groups that cannot receive funding include:

- Animal pest control programmes (e.g. traps, poisons or contractor fees).
- Individuals and for-profit organisations.
- Applications where projects are more suited to funding by other organisations or different Council processes.
- Activities already completed.
- Applications from groups that have received other Council grants within the current Council financial year (e.g. Community Board grants).
- Applications to fund land or property purchases or permanent salaries.
- Maintenance (buildings).
- Programmes duplicating local existing public or private services.
- Facilities for recreation or leisure (see Facilities in the Community Fund).

## To find out more



Visit [www.westernbay.govt.nz/our-council/grants-and-funding](http://www.westernbay.govt.nz/our-council/grants-and-funding)

Contact Glenn Ayo – Email: [Glenn.Ayo@westernbay.govt.nz](mailto:Glenn.Ayo@westernbay.govt.nz)



# Rotorua Lakes Council Neighbourhood Matching Fund

## Purpose

The purpose of this fund is to bring people together to build stronger communities and neighbourhoods by providing resources for self-help projects, which link to Rotorua 2030 goals.

The priorities for this fund include:

- Bringing people together to collaborate on neighbourhood projects.
- Empowering people to enhance and strengthen their own neighbourhood.
- Contributing to families and whānau working, playing and talking together.
- Renewing and revitalising of places and spaces within neighbourhoods.
- Improving the quality of life in a specific community or neighbourhood.

All projects should be initiated, planned and implemented by people living in the Rotorua district. Every grant is matched by neighbourhood or community resources of volunteer labour, donated materials, donated professional services, or cash.

There are two funding options within the Neighbourhood Matching Fund (NMF). The first is Small NMF grants, which are available throughout the year with up to \$5,000 available per application, with a minimum grant of \$50.

## Location

Public land in Rotorua District.

## Funding

Small fund applications to this fund are accepted all year round.

Groups who are seeking larger amounts of funding for their projects should apply to Large NMF grants. The Large NMF grant has a minimum grant of \$1,500 and a maximum of \$20,000.

There are two large funding rounds per year, please check the Neighbourhood Matching Fund page on the Rotorua Lakes Council website to find out each years funding round.

## To find out more



Visit [www.rotorualakescouncil.nz/grantsandfunding](http://www.rotorualakescouncil.nz/grantsandfunding)

- Download an application form, or
- Collect an application form from Rotorua Lakes Council Customer Centre or Rotorua District Library.

Complete and return, enclosing any other relevant documentation. (e.g. financials, letters of support) to Rosemary Viskovic

**Post:** Rotorua Lakes Council,  
Private Bag 3029  
Rotorua Mail Centre  
Rotorua

**Email:** [Rosemary.viskovic@rotorualc.nz](mailto:Rosemary.viskovic@rotorualc.nz)



# Support Network Groups



# NZ Landcare Trust

**NZ Landcare Trust works with farmers, landowners and community groups to improve the sustainability of our landscapes and waterways.**

## Focus

Success is achieved by building good relationships based on trust and mutual respect. Our Regional and Project Coordinators understand the needs of farmers and rural communities, and work closely with them.

Events, such as field days and workshops are a great way of getting people together to share information. In many cases members of the scientific community will present the latest research and answer questions.

Another key area is funding and financial support. NZ Landcare Trust has extensive knowledge and experience applying for grants from DOC, MFE and MPI, and understand what is needed to submit a successful bid. Looking further ahead, we can also provide advice on maintaining project momentum.

Our Regional and Project Coordinators regularly take an active role, helping with 'hands on' work such as weed clearance and native planting.

## Location

- NZ Landcare Trust provides support across New Zealand.
- Public/ Private Land

## Costs

No cost.

### To find out more



Visit [www.landcare.org.nz](http://www.landcare.org.nz)

Contact Janie Stevenson, BOP Regional Coordinator, NZ Landcare Trust,  
Phone: 0275750574, Email: [janie.stevenson@landcare.org.nz](mailto:janie.stevenson@landcare.org.nz)



## Volunteering Bay of Plenty

**Volunteering Bay of Plenty (Volunteering BOP) is based in Tauranga and services the entire Bay of Plenty. The centre works in close partnership with the other Volunteer Centres in the country via the Volunteer Centre Network and liaises with Volunteering New Zealand on a regular basis.**

Volunteering BOP supports volunteering in the region around four main objectives:

1. To make volunteering more visible and valued in the community;
2. To enable every individual, whatever their background or ability, to have the opportunity to contribute to community life through volunteering and to benefit from the experience;
3. To ensure that organisations across all sectors have the information, skills and know-how to benefit from volunteering activity; and
4. To build and maintain quality volunteering support services that champion volunteering.

## Focus

Volunteering BOP aims to be recognised by all sections of the community as a one-stop volunteering shop, attracting a wide range of volunteers and providing professional information on volunteering issues. The chief aim is to increase the quality and quantity of volunteering in the area by providing information, support and guidance to potential and existing volunteers, and to Not for Profit organisations (NFP's).

## Vision

Enriched lives and communities through volunteering

## Mission

To promote, support and enable volunteering throughout the Bay of Plenty

## Location

Based in Tauranga but service the entire Bay of Plenty

## Support

Volunteering Bay of Plenty offer a number of services for different people or organisations. Firstly, the offer services to individuals looking to get in to volunteering and open up their database so individuals can connect with member organisations searching for volunteers. Not for Profit organisations can become members and use the service to find volunteers from across the region. Lastly, throughout the year Volunteering Bay of Plenty hold training, workshops or events that help with volunteer management and recognition.

## Costs

Organisations can sign up to be a member of Volunteering Bay of Plenty to advertise for volunteers and have access to the Volunteering Bay of Plenty recruitment and referral database along with many other benefits. Membership costs range from \$80 to \$120 per year.

### To find out more



Visit [www.volbop.org.nz](http://www.volbop.org.nz)

Email: [admin@volbop.org.nz](mailto:admin@volbop.org.nz)



## Envirohub

**Envirohub Bay of Plenty is a non-profit organisation that delivers innovative and practical projects and programmes designed to educate, inform and inspire our people. It aims to help local communities learn about and take action on environmental issues that support a sustainable future.**

### Focus

Our focus is to generate interest and action in our community to ensure a sustainable environment for us and for future generations.

This is achieved by:

- **The Environmental Hub:** This provides information, advice and pathways for action for communities in the region to live more sustainable lives. Envirohub provides a space where people and organisations can meet and interact for the good of the environment.
- **Fostering relationships:** We want to make it simple for people to connect with environmental services and learn more about the environment.
- **Enabling education and advocacy:** To act as a focal point and facilitator for local and regional environmental groups, highlighting potential environmental challenges and solutions to key organisations.

- Nurturing participation/engagement: To facilitate access to and involvement in local/central government processes and participation of the community in environmental action; voicing opinions on responsibilities towards the environment.

## Key Programmes

**Sustainable Backyards (SBY)** – a month long programme to highlight, celebrate and support the fantastic range of local environmental initiatives run by individuals and community organisations throughout the Bay of Plenty.

**Sustainable Art Challenge** – where Intermediate and High School students as well as adults from Tauranga and the Western Bay of Plenty have their chance to showcase their vision for a sustainable future.

**Collaboration** – Department of Corrections, Child Youth & Family, local and regional authorities, Ministry for the Environment, local community groups, and environmental organisations.

## Location

Envirohub provides support within the Bay of Plenty region.

## Costs

No costs to join the network but some training events involve a small cost.

### To find out more



Visit [www.envirohub.org.nz](http://www.envirohub.org.nz)

Contact Laura Wragg, phone 07 578 6664  
or email [manager@envirohub.org.nz](mailto:manager@envirohub.org.nz)



## Bay Conservation Alliance

### Focus

We are a newly formed (2017) Incorporated Society and Registered Charity aiming to promote and support community groups and organisations protecting and enhancing the natural environment, through the delivery of professional support services. The intent is to lighten the load on groups, so they can focus on and enjoy the hands-on aspects of conservation work.

Ultimately Bay Conservation Alliance (BCA) will support and help to expand the existing work of its members and seeks to develop new, larger, landscape scale conservation projects.

### Location

Initially BCA is focusing in the Western Bay of Plenty. Over time, it is anticipated that we will extend our support services to new members throughout the Bay of Plenty as required.

Our existing members primarily focus on public land. However, to achieve landscape scale initiatives there are likely to be private and public land partnerships required.

## Meet our foundation members

Bay Conservation Alliance has been formed by four foundation members, who are active conservation groups in the Western Bay. These include:

- Aongatete Forest Restoration ([www.aongateteforest.org](http://www.aongateteforest.org))
- Maketū Ongatoro Wetland Society ([www.maketuwetlands.org.nz](http://www.maketuwetlands.org.nz))
- Otanewainuku Kiwi Trust ([www.kiwitrust.org](http://www.kiwitrust.org))
- Uretara Estuary Managers Inc.

The vision is for groups to maintain their own identity but to be able to seek support and operate in a more collaborative way, enriching conservation and community outcomes.

## Support

Our foundation members identified similar challenges particularly around administration type requirements like financial management, fundraising, reporting, volunteer management, education etc.

Combining forces under BCA allows for the pooling of resources and sharing of services enabling all member organisations to operate more efficiently, professionally and effectively. BCA is therefore developing the following support services:

- Administration and accounts
- Fundraising
- Communications and marketing
- Education
- Operational management
- Volunteer management
- Training
- Coordination of activities like working bee's and events
- Advocacy

### To find out more



Visit [www.bayconservation.nz](http://www.bayconservation.nz)



[facebook.com/bayconservation](https://facebook.com/bayconservation)

Contact Michelle Elborn, phone 022 452 5811  
or email [michelle@bayconservation.nz](mailto:michelle@bayconservation.nz)

*If you would like to become a member or find out how you can get involved we'd love to hear from you.*



## HALO Whakatāne

HALO Whakatāne is a community led project consisting of a huge variety of groups, all working to create an unfenced sanctuary in the heart of Whakatāne. HALO is founded on the premise that we can do more together than apart. By combining talents and resources, building relationships, and connecting people, we are empowered.

### Focus

For the last three years HALO Whakatāne has been working with community conservation groups and urban residents, schools and service clubs to expand the network of habitat and species protection. Additional managed areas of species protection and buffer zones, will assist community led conservation initiatives like the Whakatāne Kiwi Project, and Nukuhou Saltmarsh Care Group to protect our iconic species like the kiwi, weka and fern bird.

We aim to significantly increase community efforts to control and eventually eradicate target pest species over 20,000 ha, contributing to Predator Free 2050.

## Location

Support is offered within the Whakatāne District for neighbouring conservation areas and private land (both rural and urban). The boundary stretches west beyond the Whakatāne River to Manawahe and east to the stunning Ōhiwa Harbour.

## What support is offered?

- HALO continues to build networks and resources to support Conservation Community Projects in the Whakatāne Area.
- HALO will encourage the connection and collaboration between conservation projects in the Whakatāne Area.
- HALO will seek funding to support initiatives that contribute to the Halo vision and administer those funds.
- HALO will publicise the connection between our local community groups, businesses, schools, residents, children, and Taiao (environment) and celebrate that connection at events like the Whakatāne Business and Leisure Show.
- HALO Whakatāne contracted the production of the Project IT Application. Community Projects and Urban Trappers have access to an online computer application. This resource provides a tool to record; volunteer hours, maps, species monitoring, reports, trapping data, Health & Safety auditing and other project specific requirements.
- As future funding is secured, Halo Whakatāne will continue to subsidise rodent and DOC 200 traps for Urban Trappers.
- HALO Kaitiaki Kadets (K<sup>2</sup>): Kadets are provided with learning opportunities to acquire the necessary skills to be confident, connected and active contributors to community conservation programmes.
- HALO will help develop, support and sustain conservation actions in schools.

### To find out more



Visit [www.halowhakatane.org.nz](http://www.halowhakatane.org.nz)



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## **Community Operations – Te Tari Taiwhenua, The Department of Internal Affairs**

We have advisory teams located around New Zealand, available to work with you and your community. Our services help to build strong sustainable communities, hapū and iwi in New Zealand. We work with and for community, hapū and iwi to support the building of community connection, innovation and the empowering of local people to create positive change in their communities.

Our community advisors can help in various ways, including providing information and advice about:

- community-led development
- community projects
- developing and strengthening community groups and organisations
- accessing grants
- understanding and working towards achieving meaningful outcomes for communities
- how individuals can contribute and make a difference in their community

Community advisors can also support your community or community group as a facilitator or as a relationship broker helping to connect you with other local people, groups or agencies. We work alongside our colleagues at Charities Services and the Office of Ethnic Communities, and we often have working relationships with local and regional councils, other funders and government agencies.

There is a Community Operations team based in Rotorua, with community advisors who work with rural, marae and urban communities in the Bay of Plenty and Taupō.

The Rotorua Community Operations team support the Lottery Bay of Plenty / Gisborne Community Committee and also the Lottery Rangitāiki River Stopbank Breach Recovery Fund. It also supports COGS committees serving local communities and neighbourhoods:

- Tauranga Moana COGS committee
- Mātaatua COGS committee
- Rotorua COGS committee
- Tongariro COGS committee

The Rotorua team also administer Lottery Marae Heritage and Facilities – this Fund is available for marae around the country.

Phone: (07) 343 1680 or Freephone: 0800 824 824  
(Monday to Thursday 8:30am-5pm, Friday 9am-5pm)

A fund relevant to the environment sector is the national fund administered from Wellington: Lottery Environment and Heritage provides grants for plans, reports and one-off projects that will protect, conserve and promote New Zealand's natural, cultural and physical heritage.

### To find out more



Visit [www.communitymatters.govt.nz](http://www.communitymatters.govt.nz)

Phone: 0800 824 824



# Looking ahead

We hope this guide has given you a clearer picture of how we may be able to help your project. We suggest your group gets together and discusses what and who your project will involve, and when it will commence. When you apply for support its best you present your agreed goals, needs and timeline as clearly as possible.

Before applying for support, you may find it helpful to talk with the Bay of Plenty Regional Council person who is responsible for the programme. Our website also has a wide range of fact sheets, booklets and guides.

All the best with turning your vision into reality. While every environmental project takes a lot of time and commitment, you're making a big difference for the future.

## To find out more



Visit **[www.boprc.govt.nz](http://www.boprc.govt.nz)** for a number of project planning, fact sheets and publications.

Phone 0800 884 880 and ask about the area of support you want to know more about.







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