

ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES FUND

PROJECTS FUNDED 1 JULY 2019 – 30 JUNE 2020

ABOUT THIS FUNDING ROUND

A total of 13 applications were received in the 2019/20 Environmental Initiatives Fund (EIF) round, totalling \$470,778 in requested funds. One application was withdrawn, and one application was declined. Grants totalling \$328,865 were made to 11 projects.

HABITAT ENHANCEMENT & LANDCARE PARTNERSHIP (H.E.L.P.) WAIHI

Project:	Waitete Stream Riparian Extension
District/Catchment Zone:	Hauraki District/Waihou-Piako Zone
EIF Contribution:	\$23,800
Duration of Funding:	1 year

H.E.L.P. Waihi has been operating since 1997 to establish riparian planting in the Waihi Basin and has a small nursery run by volunteers plus a small contracting team. Involvement of schools has been a significant feature of the group's work, involving students in regular water quality and stream health monitoring assessments. This project will complete the riparian planting along the Waitete Stream to create a continuous bush cover along one of the major tributaries of the Ohinemuri River. The EIF grant will be used to fund contractor labour costs and materials including plants.

KING COUNTRY RIVER CARE INC.

Project:	King Country River Care Community Resilience Project
District/Catchment Zone:	Waitomo District/West Coast Zone
EIF Contribution:	\$30,000
Duration of Funding:	1 year

KCRC was formed in 2018 to provide leadership, co-ordination and support to farmers in the Awakino, Mokau and upper Mangaokewa catchments improve environmental knowledge, promote good farm management practice and ensure that farmers have voice in the development of land and water management policy. More recently with WRC support they have initiated "Risk and Mitigation" workshops which have helped to start the process of farmers developing their own Land and Environment Plan with Beef & Lamb NZ's support. The EIF grant is sought to complement farmer subscription income for the employment of a coordinator to facilitate and enable the achievement of these objectives.

KINLOCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.

Project:	Whangamata Stream Restoration
District/Catchment Zone:	Taupo District/Taupo Zone
EIF Contribution:	\$20,261 (\$14,365 in 2019/20; \$2,948 in 2020/21 and in 2021/22)
Duration of Funding:	3 years

KCA is a ratepayers' organisation formed in 1959 that has undertaken a wide range of projects in the past including establishment of the Whangamata Stream trail and pest control in the Kinloch catchment which feeds into Lake Taupo. This project aims to restore and enhance a 0.5ha area at the upper end of the Whangamata Stream reserve by

removing weeds and replanting with native plants. The Whangamata Stream is one of Lake Taupō's most important trout-spawning streams. The EIF grant will be used for contractors to prepare the site and to purchase native plants.

WHAINGAROA ENVIRONMENT CENTRE

Project: Marine Matters – Community engagement in freshwater and marine health
District/Catchment Zone: Waikato District/West Coast Zone
EIF Contribution: \$30,000 (\$15,000 in 2019/20; \$15,000 in 2020/21)
Duration of Funding: 2 years

The Whaingaroa Environment Centre is an information, resource and action hub, supporting environmental sustainability with the mission to engage and empower people to take action for environmental sustainability in Whaingaroa/Raglan. This project is a continuation of last year's pilot programme of practical, interactive community engagement initiatives in Whaingaroa with the aim of highlighting threats to freshwater and marine environments. The EIF grant will be used to fund a project coordinator and project "advocates".

WAIKATO ENVIRONMENT CENTRE (GO ECO)

Project: Co-ordinator – Predator Free Hamilton and Predator Free Cambridge
District/Catchment Zone: Hamilton City & Waipa District/Central Waikato Zone
EIF Contribution: \$39,500 (\$19,500 in 2019/20; \$19,500 in 2020/21)
Duration of Funding: 2 years

Trading as Go Eco, the Waikato Environment Centre is based in Hamilton and runs a community facility, an eco-shop, provides advice and information, and runs a number of environmental sustainability projects. This project will establish a co-ordinator to work with predator control groups in Hamilton and Cambridge to extend the coverage of pest control infrastructure and provide advice and information to communities and property owners.

RIVERLEA ENVIRONMENT SOCIETY

Project: Conservation coordination – Riverlea Gully
District/Catchment Zone: Hamilton City/Central Waikato Zone
EIF Contribution: \$37,723 ((\$7,139 in 2019/20; \$16,584 in 2020/21; \$14,000 in 2021/22)
Duration of Funding: 3 years

Riverlea Environment Society is a local restoration group within Hamilton City who are working to restore a significant gully ecosystem on both city council and private land. A project coordinator is employed to work with neighbours to coordinate planting and weed control, organise working bees and to provide advice on pest control. The EIF grant will be used to fund the coordinator and some native trees.

COLVILLE SOCIAL SERVICE COLLECTIVE

Project: Colville Harbour Care
District/Catchment Zone: Thames-Coromandel District/Coromandel Zone
EIF Contribution: \$39,715 (\$19,857.50 in 2019/20; \$19,857.50 in 2020/21)
Duration of Funding: 2 years

CSSC is a charitable trust covering the northern Coromandel Peninsula providing a range of services that ensure the wellbeing of the local community. Colville Harbour Care is a specific project supported by CSSC focusing on the restoration of the Colville Harbour margins including planting, pest control, running a native plant nursery and

environmental education. The EIF grant will fund a pest control contractor to undertake trap servicing and project management for the wider CHC project.

KAWHIA MOANA AOTEA WHENUA CHARITABLE TRUST

Project: Aotea Kawhia Ocean Beach Care
District/Catchment Zone: Otorohanga District/West Coast Zone
EIF Contribution: \$22,875.86
Duration of Funding: 1 year

KMAWCT was established in 2015 to youth and their whanau to achieve better futures by introducing them to life skills, conservation and outdoor education. The Trust is part of Te Taiao o Kawhia Moana, a steering committee which is restoring a section of the Kawhia coast. This beach care project provides opportunities for local youth to participate in conservation activities in their local environment and is complementary to Council's Coastcare programme. The EIF grant will be used for monthly beach cleans, fuel costs, rubbish disposal and predator traps.

XTREME ZERO WASTE INC.

Project: Whaingaroa Weed Action & Collaboration
District/Catchment Zone: Waikato District/West Coast Zone
EIF Contribution: \$39,935 (\$28,435 in 2019/20; \$11,500 in 2020/21)
Duration of Funding: 2 years

Xtreme Zero Waste is a community enterprise, zero waste to landfill programme established by the Raglan Community which has been running for 20 years, diverting 78% of Raglan's solid waste from landfill. This project aims to establish a locally co-ordinated and collaborative approach to address the challenge of invasive weeds on private and public land around Whaingaroa. The EIF grant will be used for project coordination to set up a Steering Group, conduct a baseline survey and control woolly nightshade at one site, as well as disposal of weed at the Xtreme Zero Waste facility.

PAM FERGUSSON CHARITABLE TRUST

Project: InAwe EnviroTech Education Workshops
District/Catchment Zone: Waikato District/West Coast Zone
EIF Contribution: \$5,555
Duration of Funding: 1 year

The PFCT is a family-owned, charitable trust seeking to promote environmental technology to young people through hands-on activities, mentoring and school workshops and camps. The EIF grant will contribute to the establishment of a predator trap network and monitoring at the Trust's site in Whale Bay, Raglan.

TONGARIRO NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Project: Kids Greening Taupo
District/Catchment Zone: Taupo District/Taupo Zone
EIF Contribution: \$39,999.99 (\$13,333.33 in 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22)
Duration of Funding: 3 years

The Tongariro Natural History Society (trading as Project Tongariro) runs key conservation projects in the Taupo area including wetland restoration and an urban restoration project called Greening Taupo. Kids Greening Taupō was initiated in 2014 to provide the link between GT and the town's schools, enabling students and the wider community to be actively involved with conservation and environmental education. The EIF grant will partly fund the cost of the KGT project coordinator for three years.