

Auckland Regional Waterway Protection Fund FY24-25

Funding Round Successful Applications
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About the Fund

This contestable fund assists landowners and community groups to deliver stock exclusion and restoration of riparian margins on privately owned land throughout the region. The goal of this work is to improve water quality in rural streams, rivers, wetlands and waterways, which subsequently positively impacts the receiving environments of Auckland's harbours and the Hauraki Gulf.

The fund provides a matched 50% contribution to these landowners and groups for riparian stock exclusion fencing and planting projects. The Fund can also contribute to installing alternative water supplies for stock. The work carried out by landowners and community groups reduces the levels of contaminants entering our waterways, including reducing sediment. These actions also improve ecological outcomes such as increased habitat and biodiversity in waterways and wetlands.

Providing this assistance fits with the *Auckland Plan 2050, Direction One: Ensure Auckland's natural environment and cultural heritage is valued and cared for*. The programme also contributes to Auckland Councils regional delivery of the *National Policy Statement – Freshwater Management (NPSFM)*, and the *Auckland Long Term Plan 2015-2025: Environmental management and regulation, improving the quality of water in streams and harbours*.

Healthy Waters department within Auckland Council leads and manages the delivery of the Regional Waterway Protection Fund.



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Waterway Protection Application Number	Funding Awarded	Local Board Area
2425001	\$45,383.06	Franklin
2425004	\$2,648.00	Rodney
2425006	\$24,551.98	Franklin
2425009	\$30,397.68	Rodney
2425010	\$20,884.04	Rodney
2425011	\$40,196.94	Franklin
2425012	\$10,933.00	Franklin
2425013	\$2,704.09	Franklin
2425014	\$24,626.68	Aotea Great Barrier Island
2425019	\$21,404.54	Rodney
2425020	\$38,806.25	Franklin
2425021	\$31,092.80	Franklin
2425023	\$16,038.65	Franklin
2425024	\$36,889.67	Franklin
2425025	\$16,975.58	Franklin
2425028	\$5,296.83	Franklin
2425029	\$15,967.58	Franklin
2425034	\$2,659.00	Rodney
2425035	\$6,486.00	Aotea Great Barrier Island
2425033	\$15,310.00	Franklin

The FY24-25 Round

This financial year the Regional Fund was opened for applications at the end of July and closed early September. The Fund team engaged with over 70 landowners who expressed an interest in funding. Following the closing of the application period, there were 27 applications. The funding team assessed the applications for degree of water quality and environmental outcomes.

Of the 27, 20 applications were considered eligible for funding and likely to achieve positive outcomes as per the criteria. The total amount of funding awarded was \$409,252.37. The funding agreements for these projects were completed in December 2024. The applicants will have up to 2 1/2 years to complete their waterway protection projects.

