



# Eligibility Criteria

## AND GENERAL INFORMATION

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Ngā Wai Ora o te Whangaehu

The Ngā Wai Ora o te Whangaehu grants programme is an opportunity for the community to engage positively and constructively in addressing water quality issues in the Whangaehu Catchment.

Community groups will be able to access resources that enable them to complete projects that assist in achieving the aspirations of the community in improving the health of the Whangaehu Catchment.

## OUR MISSION

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The mission of Ngā Wai Ora o te Whangaehu is to protect and enhance Te Mana O Te Wai O Te Whangaehu. This is to be achieved through preserving our natural heritage for future generations, enhancing biodiversity, protecting and restoring fresh water habitat, enabling prosperity, tackling plant and animal pests, enhancing recreational opportunities, ensuring safe drinking water, minimising flood risk, and improving and sharing knowledge of the awa and catchment.

There is already a lot of work underway by numerous stakeholders in the Whangaehu Catchment however, we want to capture the ideas and energy of other groups in the community.

Our Ngā Wai Ora o te Whangaehu grants programme is designed to support community-led projects that will help us achieve these goals.

At the heart of the fund is a desire to engage and mobilise communities in cleaning up the river, this includes all waterways in the catchment ranging from rivers, streams, springs through to wetlands.

## WHO CAN APPLY?

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Non-profit organisations such as community groups, schools, early childhood centres, individuals/ landowners, and iwi/hapū groups are eligible for our grants. The project must be non-profit making.

## WHAT CAN YOU APPLY FOR?

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Projects that are applying for this funding need to be completed prior to 20 June 2021.

Projects that focus on the mission of Ngā Wai Ora o te Whangaehu will be considered favourably.

### This is to be achieved through:

- Preserving our natural heritage for future generations;
- Enhancing biodiversity including tackling plant and animal pests;
- Protecting and restoring freshwater habitat, ensure safe drinking water, while enhancing recreational opportunities;
- Minimising flood risk;
- Improving the sharing of knowledge around the awa and catchment; and
- Enabling prosperity.

Applications are assessed on their environmental benefits, feasibility, community involvement and long-term benefits to the region. Administration costs can be included but must be reasonable and in line with the size of the project.

## FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

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- All successful applicants must be prepared to sign a funding agreement with Horizons Regional Council.
- Permission from any landowner whose property the project is taking place on must be presented at time of application.
- Projects/milestones must be completed over the 2020/21 financial year with all project completed and funding uplifted by 20 June 2021.
- Upon completion of the project, a brief report and any supporting imagery must be provided to Horizons Regional Council for reporting and promotional purposes.

# LIST OF ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

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**Applications are assessed according to how well they meet the following criteria:**

- The project must have clear objectives that are consistent with the mission of Ngā Wai Ora o te Whangaehu;
- The application must demonstrate a tangible improvement in community understanding and involvement in cleaning up the river; and
- Projects must be heavily weighted towards tangible outcomes.

**In addition applications should also:**

- Demonstrate a collaborative approach, working with community including iwi/hapu;
- Be designed to become self-supporting without on-going financial contributions;
- Demonstrate the necessary skills and experience to undertake the project;
- Demonstrate how the outcomes of the project would be maintained in the future;
- Demonstrate how the effectiveness of the project will be measured and reported;
- Seek contributions from other sources where appropriate;

**The project must NOT:**

- Present a conflict of interest for Council as a consenting authority;
- Be designed for commercial or personal profit.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

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If you would like some advice on completing your application please contact one of the Freshwater Team from Horizons who will be happy to provide guidance and attend a site visit if required.

After we have received your application, we will assess it against the criteria and other applications made. We will let you know whether or not your application is successful by Friday 4 September 2020.



**Tips for a successful application:**

- Be clear and concise about what your project will achieve.
- Include a project plan, budget breakdown and realistic timeline. Note: project must be completed by 20 June 2021.

## SENDING IN YOUR APPLICATION

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**To submit your form electronically please save and email it to [freshwater@horizons.govt.nz](mailto:freshwater@horizons.govt.nz).**

**If you've printed this form off, please post your hardcopy application to:**

Ngā Wai Ora o te Whangaehu Grants Programme  
c/o Horizons Regional Council  
Private Bag 11025  
Manawatū Mail Centre 4442

**Applications close 4pm, Friday 7 August 2020.**

For all enquiries please contact us by phone on **0508 800 800** or email [help@horizons.govt.nz](mailto:help@horizons.govt.nz).

# WHANGAEHU CATCHMENT

