

The Pat Kelly Enviroschools Action Fund

At Horizons we want to create opportunities for our communities to grow economically and socially in a way that preserves or enhances agreed environmental and cultural values. We want to make our region a great place to live, work and play – now and into the future.

Our aim with the Enviroschools programme is to equip our youth with the competencies they need to be leaders in sustainability. Enviroschools enables children and young people to explore, design, make decisions and take action on issues relevant to them and their communities.

The Pat Kelly Enviroschools Action Fund aims to support participating Enviroschools in realising and implementing an action project.

Who can apply?

The Action Fund is available to all official Enviroschools in the Horizons Region.

What can you apply for?

There are 20 awards of up to \$1,000 each available. This fund is classed as donation so does not attract GST.

Funding requirements

Funding criteria is very broad but should link in some way to the Enviroschools kaupapa, e.g., one for the five Theme Areas, or Me in My Environment, or one of Guiding Principles, or all of the above.

Examples of projects funded in previous years include purchasing of fruit trees to set up a school orchard; funding towards a new glasshouse; and buying worm farms or recycling bins to tackle waste streams.

Please see additional project criteria below:

- Horizons Regional Council cannot provide the funding up-front. This means you need to undertake the initial spending before invoicing Horizons for reimbursement.
- The Action Fund cannot be used to cover costs spent retrospectively or prior to the action project.
- You will need to agree on a way of capturing student learning around this project. Work with your Facilitator to nut this part out. This can be through student/class portfolios, an online blog, case studies/snapshots, videos etc.
- Successful recipients will need to ensure they undertake a project evaluation or reflection to measure if any change has occurred. Refer to Section 4 'Reflect on Change' in your Enviroschools kit to help you evaluate how your project went. This will allow us to track and measure outcomes. It will help us understand the difference your action project made, and perhaps guide further actions for you in the future.





 In receiving funding, you must agree to be part of an overall case study. This will include using some of the evidence captured by you such as photos. These are likely to be used on social media.

Proposals need to be submitted by 3 December 2021.

Tips for a successful proposal

- Be clear and concise about your action project and what you are hoping it will achieve.
- Discuss how your action project came about and what from the initial investigation prompted that particular action project.
- Include a project plan, a breakdown of how costs will be spent, quotes for these costs, and a realistic timeframe.
- Detail how you will measure success or evaluation.
- Ask your Facilitator to help.

Sending in your proposal

Your project proposal should include proposed costs and quotes.

Students will need to ensure their action project has the permission of the school/centre prior to sending in their proposal.

Email the proposal to:

• <u>sarah.williams@horizons.govt.nz</u>

What happens next?

We will contact you by email by the end of the school year to let you know the outcome of your application.

You will have until the end of May 2022 to spend your Action Fund. However, reporting on the project is not due until December 2022.

