

Mid Canterbury Environment Funders Overview

May 2023

Applicants may apply for any number of funding opportunities for which they are eligible. It is fairly typical for project costs to be shared among several funders with a strong fundraising component undertaken by the applicant's members/volunteers. This list is partially based on the 2021 MC Funders Forum matrix.

Funder	What	Who	Where	When	How	Value	Find out more
Community Trust of Mid and South Canterbury	Health, social and wellbeing Sports and recreation Arts, culture and heritage Education Environment	Not for profit groups Registered charities Incorporated societies	Mid and South Canterbury – Rakaia to the Waitaki	Operational costs up to \$15k – April, September deadlines Main Rounds – May & October deadlines Capital up to \$20k – Feb & July deadlines https://comtrust.org.nz/deadlines-meeting-dates/	Online	2 x operational costs Rounds - up to \$15k 2 x Main Rounds – operational & capital – Over \$20K 2 x capital Rounds – up to \$20K 1 x Round by invitation only	http://comtrust.org.nz/ 03 687 7589 021 819 060 crm@comtrust.org.nz
Braided Rivers Community Trust	Any philanthropic purpose	Any individual or group residing within the Trusts boundaries	Within the Trust's geographic boundary	6 meetings per year	Download form from website	Currently \$100k pa	www.ashburtontrust.co.nz 0273189755 accounts@ashtrust.co.nz
Te Tahua Taiao Ngā Taonga - Lottery Environment and Heritage Committee	This fund provides grants for plans, reports and one-off projects that will protect, conserve and promote New Zealand's natural, cultural and physical heritage.		New Zealand	January-February June-July		Small projects, where the grant requested is for less than \$250,000. Large projects, where the grant requested is for \$250,000 or more. One-off projects. The on-going costs of pest and predator control (considered on a case-by-case basis).	https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/lottery-environment-and-heritage/
Perpetual Guardian - Robert C Bruce Charitable Trust	For afforestation projects of public land. Two types of grants are available: – Project grants (for organisations) for afforestation projects on public land – Research grants (for individuals) for research directly related to forests and afforestation.	Charities excl clubs	New Zealand	Mid-January to March	Online	Various - refer to website	https://www.perpetualguardian.co.nz/philanthropy/grants-and-scholarships 09 909 5182 philanthropy@pgtrust.co.nz
Mackenzie Charitable Foundation	Cancer, Agriculture , General charitable purpose	Open	Province of Canterbury	4 grant rounds per annum and special cases on demand	Download form from website	Open value	www.mcf.org.nz Trevor@112wills.nz or 021 344806
Ashburton District Council	Biodiversity Grant		Ashburton District only	Main funding round February each year. Round 2 for Biodiversity and Heritage Grants in August	Download forms from website	The maximum individual grant available is \$7,500 and can be no more than 50% of the total project cost.	https://www.ashburtondc.govt.nz/our-district/supporting-our-community/Pages/grants-and-funding.aspx
	Trail Maintenance Fund		Ashburton District only	February-March			
Environment Canterbury	The Ashburton Water Zone Committee has a budget to support projects in their zone that help meet the CWMS targets and advance their Action Plan.	Open	Ashburton Water Zone (Mid Canterbury)	Up to \$50k per annum	Email dave.moor@ecan.govt.nz	Open value	https://www.ecan.govt.nz/your-region/your-environment/our-natural-environment/biodiversity-funding/ dave.moore@ecan.govt.nz
	Waitaha Action to Impact Fund Funds may be used for: tangible goods (plants, building materials, etc)	Community organisations in Canterbury	Canterbury	July 2023 for around eight weeks		\$182,000 available for new applications in 2023/24 2024/25, will see a new	https://www.ecan.govt.nz/get-involved/support/waitaha-action-to-impact-fund/

	<p>services (project management, technical advice, education, etc) community engagement (coordination, facilitation, etc) capacity and capability (upskilling, salary, etc) sponsorship/donation (events, awards, etc) other on case-by-case basis.</p>					planning and funding cycle begin based on ECAN's LTP	
	Regional Fish Habitat initiative - identifying, prioritising and remediating fish habitat			Proposal accepted up to April 10 th for the following year		\$100,000	Contact Chloe Armour at 027-678-9772 or email chloe.armour@ecan.govt.nz
Transpower Community Care Fund	Grants to long lasting (no events or programmes) community projects with wide community benefit in areas where National Grid assets or projects impact the community. Benefits to Community/Environment/Māori are priorities. No operational costs.	Not for profits, registered charities, incorporated societies. Not other funders. At least 15% of funding to Māori organisations.	Where Transpower's national grid is located – typically no further away than 5km	Funding decisions made late March and late September. EOIs to be in by end of October and end of April respectively.	Two stage online application	Up to \$300k in funding granted (top ups possible). Typically 15 to 20 projects funded each round.	https://www.transpower.co.nz/apply-communitycare-fund 04 590 7005 CommunityCare.Fund@transpower.co.nz
Mazda Foundation	The maintenance and improvement of the natural environment		New Zealand	Three closing dates for funding rounds every year: 31 March, 30 June, and 30 September.			http://mazdafoundation.org.nz/grant-guidelines/
The New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Trust	The development and enhancement of habitat for the benefit of game birds and other wetland inhabitants	Open to anyone with support from the landowner and a recognised habitat referee	New Zealand	Applications for grants close on June 30 each year			https://fishandgame.org.nz/environment/nz-game-bird-habitat-trust/
DOC	DOC Mātauranga Kura Taiao Fund This fund supports whānau, hapū and iwi to preserve traditional Māori knowledge and its practical use in the management of indigenous biodiversity.	Individuals or organisations with legal status and representative of a whānau, hapū or iwi.	New Zealand	There are no closing dates for applications. The Komiti meet four times a year to consider applications.			https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/funding/nga-whenua-rahui/matauranga-kura-taiao-fund
	Nature Heritage Fund This fund helps private landowners, local government, community groups, and others permanently protect high value ecosystems.	Private landowners. Local and regional government bodies, and local authority trading enterprises. Professional and community-based organisations. Local, regional, and national "umbrella" organisations. Non-government organisations (NGOs). Central government departments and agencies.	New Zealand	February			https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/funding/nature-heritage-fund/more-about-the-fund/
	Community Fund – Pūtea Tautiaki Hapori	Community-led conservation projects on public and private land. Projects must reduce the extinction risk of priority threatened species and/or protect and enhance threatened ecosystems. Applications must support biodiversity priorities identified across New Zealand.	New Zealand	November-January	Online (email)	\$7.2M for the 2022/2023 year	https://www.doc.govt.nz/globalassets/documents/getting-involved/funding/community-fund/doccf-threatened-species-and-ecosystems-guide-for-applicants-2022.pdf

MBIE Tourism Infrastructure Fund	Develop tourism-related infrastructure that supports regions facing pressure from tourism growth	All local councils. Not-for-profit community organisations that can demonstrate support from their local council.	New Zealand	Possibly inactive (Round 6 closed on 2022)		Projects over \$25,000. Applicants are expected to co-fund their project to the maximum extent they are able, and to a minimum of 50%.	https://www.mbie.govt.nz/immigration-and-tourism/tourism/tourism-funding/tourism-infrastructure-fund/tourism-infrastructure-fund-eligibility-and-co-funding-criteria/
Rakaia Catchment Environmental Enhancement Society	Fund projects within the Rakaia River catchment that enhance the cultural, ecological, and biological health of, and recreational opportunities within the catchment area	The Fund is open to individuals, voluntary groups, iwi, landowners, community and conservation organisations, recreation groups, schools, universities, scientific research groups or any such organisations or groups that the Society deems to be suitable applicants.	Rakaia catchment	There are two rounds for funding applications per year, with applications closing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 February • 31 July 		\$100,000 per year	https://www.manawaenergy.co.nz/rakaia https://www.manawaenergy.co.nz/s/RCEEF-Application-FormV6-1.pdf

Other possible funders

Lions Clubs (Ashburton, Ashburton County, Ashburton Pakeke, Rakaia, Methven, Hinds, Mayfield)

www.lionsclubs.org.nz

Rotary Clubs

<https://rotaryoceania.zone/>