



KAIPARA MOANA
REMEDATION

Landowner Grants Scheme Application Criteria



What is the Landowner Grants Scheme?

The Landowner Grants Scheme supports landowners on sediment reduction projects that improve water quality and restore the mauri of Kaipara Moana. The Landowner Grant Scheme assists landowners to carry out the works to reduce the amount of sediment running into the waterways, and into the Moana.

KMR Current Priorities

We can contribute up to 50% towards significant costs for projects, towards project including

- Fencing operation to exclude stock from rivers, streams, drains, wetlands and estuary margins.
- Riparian planting and pre and post maintenance operations.

During 2021 and 2022, funding will be prioritised for fencing and planting wetlands and waterways, to create buffers that protect waterways from sediment.

In future years, from July 2022 onwards the Landowner Grants Scheme will be designed to extend into treatment of highly erodible land and include grants funding for afforestation and soil conservation measures.

Who can apply?

Applicants should have some interest in the land, largely this will be landowners registered on their land titles. However, community groups, marae, hapū, trusts and other legal entities can also apply. They will need the written consent of the primary body or persons legally responsible for the land.

Sediment Reduction Plans

You will need a Sediment Reduction Plan, which is a property-specific plan that identifies the most effective remediation work on your land. As part of the KMR programme, a KMR Field Advisor (KMRFA) will visit your land and help develop your plan free of charge.

A Sediment Reduction Plan must be in an approved format and must provide sufficient information, photographs, plans and evidence to demonstrate that projects proposed are of a good standard to appropriately fenced and planted to protect waterways and wetlands.

A Sediment Reduction Plan should address matters such as:

- Installation of post and fences (suitable to match the stock class) that provide stock exclusion to waterways with an absolute minimum of 3 m setback from waterway edge, i.e. comply with national environmental standards, and an average of 5 m if the project proposes riparian planting.
- Provision of troughs, as a contribution to water reticulation, to adjacent paddocks that have been fenced through the Landowner Grants Scheme.
- A KMR riparian planting scheme within an approved on farm sediment reduction plan, plants will need to be sourced from an approved nursery.
- A sediment reduction plan will include a programme of works carried out in stages, for no longer than 3 years.

Important things to know

- Funding is allocated based on market determined prices of certain jobs, and the schedule of prices will reflect the difficulty of the operation i.e fencing on difficult ground.
- Projects must be based on sediment reduction projects for the long-term benefit to the Kaipara Moana.
- There are annual funding caps, based on the overall environmental outcomes of the project.

Requirements for funding

- Fencing applications must meet the latest national and regional regulations on stock exclusion (refer to the new National Freshwater rules and regulations).
- Fencing for coastal marine areas (estuary margins) should meet a minimum 10m setback from highwater mark.

What's not eligible for funding:

- You can't apply retrospectively for funding of projects you've already started/completed.
- Projects designed for personal or commercial profit, required under resource consent or simply to beautify a site, are not eligible for funding.
- Boundary fencing will not be funded generally, unless the fence is designed to keep livestock out of a waterway that is on the property boundary.
- Blocks under 20ha (Funding for blocks below 20ha is discretionary only, based on the severity of the issue to be managed).

Application Process



About the payment:

- a) Payment will be made as per normal payment processes on completion and sign-off.
- b) Payment for the cost of the trees agreed will be directly paid between KMR and the Nursery given to the supplying nursery upon order.
- c) Conditions include fences must last 15 years minimum, and no removal/improvements of fences for [10] years.

Additional notes

- Benching is a common practice for fencing but is not without risk (i.e., channelling water, destabilising toes of slopes, direct erosion in riparian areas and exposure of sub-soil that does not heal). The KMR will not contribute to the cost of benching.
- Resource consents, if required, are obtained by the landowner (i.e., earthworks - 100m of a wetland, as under NES-F). KMR does not contribute to the cost of resource consent or professional fees required.
- Fencing and/or native planting supported by KMR grants cannot be used to secure subdivision consent (including via Transferable Title) **for a period of ten years** from the date of grant approval.