

Whenua Whānui Fund

Information sheet

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Purpose

KMR's Whenua Whānui Fund is aimed at supporting marae and community groups to participate in restoration efforts for Kaipara Moana.

Who can apply

Legal entities and non-legal entities that can partner with a fundholder can apply for this scheme. Projects must be based in the Kaipara Moana catchment and on lands such as public land, whenua Māori land and other land with multiple ownership, or private land where a community group is able to work with a landowner. Eligible groups include marae, landcare groups, land with fish and game purposes, trusts administering land with multiple ownership, trust boards, reserve boards, kaitiaki groups. Groups will need the written consent of the primary body or persons legally responsible for the land.

What we can fund

1. Project Management, Engagement & Education

We can contribute a modest amount to community groups for managing a project, engaging with potential project participants, and educating the community about the restoration efforts. This contribution needs to be matched with in-kind contributions from the landowners, iwi/hapū, marae or community group.

2. Sediment Reduction Plans

To participate in the KMR programme, each remediation project will require a property- specific Sediment Reduction Plan. Community groups could identify an individual to be trained and accredited by us to engage with landowners and develop the Sediment Reduction Plans, and KMR will fund their work on a by-project basis. Alternatively, an existing KMR Field Advisor can develop the Sediment Reduction Plans free of charge.

3. Contribution to work on whenua

We can contribute up to 70% towards significant costs for projects, including:

- Fencing to exclude stock from rivers, streams, drains, wetlands and estuary margins.
- Riparian planting, its preparation and maintenance as it is established.

What we don't currently fund

- Capital infrastructure (beyond fencing, plants, troughs and gates)
- Establishment costs for a business
- Paying for water quality monitoring
- Research/Innovation projects

What we expect from you

- Projects must fit with KMR's principles and objectives.
- Projects must be contributing to sediment reduction and be of long-term benefit to Kaipara Moana.
- In-kind contributions must be consistent with requirements.
- Your project will not be eligible for the Whenua Whānui Fund if it is already receiving funding through KMR's Landowner Grants Scheme in the same financial year.

How to apply

Please fill out the Whenua Whānui Fund Expression of Interest Form and email it to hono@kmr.org.nz. We will be in touch with you to discuss your project.