



ASB Community Trust
Te Kaitiaki Putea o Tamaki o Tai Tokerau

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Closing Dates
June 1 and December 1

Environment – what we fund

ASB Community Trust supports projects and organisations that protect and enhance the environment in which we live

General Support

The Trust will consider general funding for operating and project costs where community organisations are:

- working at a community level to raise awareness of issues affecting native species, flora and fauna, waterways and marine environments
- working to conserve land, marine habitats, waterways and ecosystems
- delivering evidence-based conservation of rare, endangered or threatened species (including pest control, monitoring and translocation) to protect Northland's and Auckland's biodiversity
- working to conserve native flora and fauna, including weed eradication
- increasing awareness of environmental issues.

The Trust will generally consider funding up to maximum of \$30,000 for applicants who are applying for the first time.

Funding will be considered for costs relating to:

- Operating costs
- Equipment
- Website and brochures
- Capacity building
- Volunteer costs (eg, transport and training costs)
- Project costs.

Assessment

Funding priority will be given to projects that demonstrate:

- a fit with the Trust's strategic objectives
- that the project has significant environmental value and clear environmental outcomes. Where the project has economic benefits it is expected that other funders will be contributing and that the organisation has a long-term plan for sustainability.
- best practice approach and evidence that the project is in line with national and regional priorities (ie, the NZ biodiversity strategy)
- community demand for the activity, including community and iwi support and volunteer involvement
- consideration for the impacts of climate change
- an ability to raise awareness about issues, a proven track record in the environment sector, a hands-on practical approach and community accessibility.

Cultivation

This is funding for organisations, who can in turn provide support to smaller projects and organisations.

Funding will be considered for the umbrella or lead sector organisations to provide:

- administrative responsibilities
- audited accounts and audit report
- business planning for financial sustainability
- co-ordination, recruitment and retention of volunteers
- long-term planning and/or service or programme development
- liaison and collaboration with relevant organisations
- individual project costs for the groups being supported.

Assessment

Priority will be given to organisations with:

- a proven track record in the environment sector
- good internal procedures
- the capacity to provide appropriate assistance.

Please contact Environment Grants Advisor Kim Collins before filling in an application form.

What we don't fund

- Legal costs
- Activities seen to be the responsibility of central and local government
- Initiatives for private landowners on private land (with the exception of Nga Whenua Rahui legal agreements)
- Ongoing consultant costs
- Landscaping
- Educational resources for schools

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Minor Building Project
and Sustainability grants**

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Sustainability

Funding in this area aims to encourage sustainability throughout the not-for-profit sector

The Trust wants to help organisations become more sustainable through reducing carbon emission.

We will consider funding environmental organisations that are supporting cross-sector not-for-profit community organisations to reduce their carbon emissions (mitigation at the source) by:

- reducing electricity usage e.g. engaging energy saving devices such as low energy light bulbs or upgrading to power saving equipment
- reducing private transportation usage e.g. through incentives for public transport use
- reducing air travel e.g. through using technology such as video and teleconferencing
- organic waste reduction

Assessment

Funding priority will be given to those projects that demonstrate they are:

- working with disadvantaged communities
- working to achieve maximum community benefit
- recording, evaluating and disseminating the findings of the project to the wider community

This policy will run for 12 months, until September 2010. Its relevance and effectiveness will then be reassessed.

Before applying, please contact

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Minor Building Projects

The Trust will consider funding minor building projects – up to a maximum of \$50,000 – where there is a demonstrable environmental benefit by enabling:

- volunteer involvement (eg, volunteer facilities)
- conservation outcomes (eg, native plant nursery, or native animal breeding and recovery centres)
- community-wide education through awareness raising (eg, environment centres)
- collaboration of environmental organisations (eg, shared office space)

Organisations may make an application for funding under this policy once every three years.

Assessment

Requests for funding will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Fit with the Trust's strategic objectives
- Clear outcomes and impact – the project has clear environmental outcomes and will assist the organisation in meeting its goals and objectives.
- Organisations must own, or have long-term tenure, for the building or land where the project is to take place.
- Best practice approach – building plans should evaluate and, where practical, implement sustainable building practices.
- Avoid duplication – consideration should be given to other organisations working in the sector that are providing similar services or programmes, or are working towards the same outcomes.
- Climate change – consideration for the impacts of climate change.

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General Support and Cultivation grants**

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