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Funding for Community Conservation

In addition to WWF's Habitat Protection Fund there are a number of other sources of funding for community groups carrying out biodiversity conservation and ecological restoration.

As a first step, check your local regional, district or city council website as they often offer funding materials and advice for community conservation projects. They can also connect you with people involved in projects in your area who can work with you and support your project.

Funding for conservation and restoration projects is available from:

[Biodiversity Funds](#) supplied by the Department of Conservation are available for community conservation projects on private land.

The **Department of Internal Affairs** runs the [Pacific Development and Conservation Trust](#) which funds community conservation projects in New Zealand and the Pacific.

The **DIA** also run the [Lottery Environment and Heritage Grants](#)

Forest and Bird run the [BirdLife International Community Fund](#). The purpose of this fund is to provide assistance for community projects which conserve or restore globally threatened bird species and/or important bird areas in New Zealand and the Pacific Islands region.

Forest and Bird also administer the [J.S. Watson Trust](#) which funds projects that promote the conservation of plants and animals and natural features of New Zealand, advance knowledge in these matters by way of research, literary contribution, essay or articles, or other efforts and provide general education of the public to give them an understanding and love of the world in which they live.

The [ASB Community Trust](#) fund projects in Auckland and Northland that protect and enhance the environment in which we live.

[Project Crimson](#) provides funding for conservation, restoration and research projects involving pohutakawa or rata.

[BNZ Save the Kiwi Trust](#) funds kiwi recovery projects and projects that contribute to the restoration and conservation of kiwi habitat.

[Air New Zealand Environment Trust](#) provides funding for projects which have a direct impact on the restoration of the New Zealand environment. This can cover a wide range of activities from directly restoring or regenerating land or waterways, through to education and research.

Some [regional and local councils](#) also provide funding for community conservation projects. Check your local council website.

The [Funding Information Service](#) (FIS) also runs a database, FundView, which contains information about funding for community groups in New Zealand. FundView is a subscription based service but you may be able to access this database from your local library or community centre.

Please note that we cannot guarantee the accuracy or relevance of this material for your particular situation.