



Whanganui River Enhancement Charitable Trust

Application for Funding Assistance

River Enhancement Projects (Environmental and Social)

Funding Application - 2026

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Overview

As part of a mitigation agreement signed between Genesis Energy, the Ruapehu District Council and Whanganui District Council in 2002 the Whanganui River Enhancement Charitable Trust was formed. The Trust aims to promote and enhance the quality of the waters and the catchment of the Whanganui River. One objective is to provide funds for river enhancement projects (social, and environmental) and this application form relates to this objective. The Trust includes representatives from each of the founding organisations who together assess the applications against the Trust objective and application criteria.

Objective

- Promote river enhancement projects (social and environmental) within the Whanganui River catchment.

Assistance Available

As outlined in the Trust's 3-year Strategic Plan (2024-26), a total of \$30,000 is available for projects in the Ruapehu District Council area and a total of \$30,000 is available for projects within the Whanganui District Council area. This funding is inclusive of GST where applicable. The Trust can give consideration to larger multi year grants if a specific project is of significant merit.

Application Criteria

1. Projects must relate to the use and enjoyment of the Whanganui River or tributaries.
2. Projects must be of tangible and clear benefit to a wide component of the district community.
3. Priority will be given to projects where labour is provided voluntarily, or wages or salary is funded from elsewhere.
4. Project proposals seeking funding for non-fixed assets or items (e.g., tools, laptops, wheelbarrows, lifejackets, etc) will not be considered.
5. Preference will be given to those proposals that have the support of other parties/organisations.
6. Any development project proposal (wharfs, jetties, toilets, etc) on the Whanganui River will have sought (and include) feedback from the respective Mana Whenua, Territorial Authority (Ruapehu District Council or Whanganui District Council); Horizons Regional Council; and/or the Department of Conservation as relevant to their application.
7. If successful, the applicant will provide written feedback to the Trust on the progress and outcome of their proposal and may be asked to present this at a Trust meeting.
8. All funding allocated must be utilised within an agreed timeframe (usually within 12 months).
9. Any publication of material relating to the project should include an acknowledgement of support from the Trust. The Trust may require that a moderate sign is erected at the project site to further promote the Trust's activities. The Trust will provide the signs.

Applying for Funding

Please complete the attached application form and ensure you have all additional and required information attached. Send your completed application form to the Trust Secretary at the address below by 30th April. Additional application forms can also be obtained from the Secretary.

What is the name of the person who will manage the project?

- Their occupation
- Their experience in managing similar projects

Project Description:

Overview

Title of Proposal:

Description of the Project including goals:

If this project is a continuation of previous work, please explain?

How does this application meet the Trust objective and application criteria? Please explain.

Would you like to present your application at a Trust meeting? If offered the opportunity.

Are the community/iwi involved in the project

- If so how will they participate?

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Have you applied to other agencies/organisations for funding?
If so, who and what was the outcome?

Agency/Organisation	Amount

Is your project being done in partnership with other groups/organisations?
If so, explain the nature of the partnership?

Personal Information Notice

Information about applicants provided to the Trust will be held by the Secretary for the purpose of permitting the Trust to assess and evaluate the application, and to administer the grant.

Information may be passed to other agencies to assist with the evaluation of the proposal.

Names of grant recipients and the amounts of the grant may be made public, and will be published in the Trust's Annual Report and Newsletter.

Each applicant consents to the use and disclosure of their personal information in the manner described above. If requested information with respect to the applicant is not supplied, the application may be declined for consideration.

Applicants may access and correct their personal information by writing to the Trust.

Referee

Please provide details of a person who may be contacted as a referee for your application. This person should be a suitable independent person (i.e. not the applicant or a member of the organisation/group making application).

Name:	Phone:
Mailing Address:	Fax:
	Email:

Declaration

I certify that to the best of my knowledge the information in this application is complete and correct.

In signing this form, and if this application is successful, I agree to provide the Trust with the following:

- Access to the site if requested by the Trustees
- Progress reports at intervals agreed by the Trust
- A final report evaluating the project outcomes against the objectives
- Opportunity for the Trust to have publicity from the work

I further agree that if money has been advanced by the Trust and the project subsequently does not proceed, such money shall be returned to the Trust, and understand that where money is paid in installments that failure to provide timely reporting may lead to funding being discontinued. I agree to the Personal Information Notice above.

Individual

Name:
Signature:
Date:

Group or Organisation

Name of person with authority to commit an organisation to this application:
Signature:
Date: