

Frequently asked questions

(Iwi/Hapū Environmental Management Plan Fund)

What is the Iwi/Hapū Environmental Management Plan Fund?

This \$30,000 fund has been established to help hapū/iwi develop planning documents regarding the environmental management of their rohe. These planning documents must be recognised by an Iwi Authority, as required under the Resource Management Act 1991 (sections 61 [2A], 66 [2A] and 74 [2A]).

It has been set up by the Northland Regional Council, which must take the planning documents into account when developing or changing regional plans and policy statements.

The requirement for formal planning documents will help hapū/iwi become more involved in resource management processes by building their capacity and at the same time capturing their current environmental knowledge, passion and practice.

How do I apply for funding?

Applications for the contestable funding will be accepted from Friday, 8 November 2024 to Friday, 28 February 2025 with an aim to notify successful/non-successful applicants by end of March 2025.

Do all applications receive funding?

The regional council will try and support as many applications as possible. However, as funding is restricted, there is no guarantee all applications will be successful.

What kind of application is more likely to succeed?

Applications that are likely to succeed will:

- Have endorsement and support from a relevant Iwi Authority;
- Have an established legal entity;
- Provide in-kind contributions from hapū/iwi;
- Have other funding sources contributing to the plan's development;
- Demonstrate a clear benefit to hapū/iwi in terms of participation in resource management processes.

Is the funding limited to 'Iwi Hapū Environmental Management Plans'?

Yes, you may develop your plan in stages, but the work must be undertaken in the financial year ending June 2025.

What happens after I make an application?

Applicants will be advised of funding decisions by end of March 2025. Successful applications will be processed on receipt of an official invoice, which must be from the hapū/iwi awarded the funding.

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