

OURS.

THE **MANAWATŪ** RIVER
LEADERS' ACCORD

Community Project APPLICATION

**Kei te ora te wai,
kei te ora te whenua,
kei te ora te tangata.**

**If the water is healthy,
the land and the people
are nourished.**

The Manawatū River Accord grants programme is an opportunity for the community to engage positively and constructively in addressing water quality issues in the Manawatū catchment. Community groups will be able to access resources that will enable them to complete projects that will assist in achieving the goals of the Manawatū River Accord.

OUR VISION

The goal of the Manawatū River Accord is to improve the Manawatū River, the mauri (lifeforce) of the Manawatū River Catchment, such that it sustains fish species and is suitable for contact recreation in balance with the social, cultural and economic activities of the catchment community.

There is already a lot of work underway by signatories to the Accord but we want to capture the ideas and energy of other groups in the community.

Our Manawatū River Accord grants programme is designed to support community-led projects that will help us achieve these goals.

At the heart of the fund is a desire to engage and mobilise communities in cleaning up the river.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Non-profit organisations such as community groups, schools, early childhood centres, and iwi/hapu groups are eligible for our grants.

The project must be non-profit making.

WHAT CAN YOU APPLY FOR?

Our Manawatū River Accord grants programme focuses on helping you restore water quality in the Manawatū catchment and achieve the goals of the Manawatū River Accord.

Therefore projects that focus on the vision and goals of the Manawatū River Accord will be considered favourably. These goals are:

1. The Manawatū River becomes a source of regional pride and mana.
2. Waterways in the Manawatū Catchment are safe, accessible, swimmable, and provide good recreation and food resources.
3. The Manawatū Catchment and waterways are returned to a healthy condition.
4. Sustainable use of the land and water resources of the Manawatū Catchment continue to underpin the economic prosperity of the Region.

Applications are assessed on their environmental benefits, feasibility, community involvement and long-term benefits to the region.

Administration (if any) must comprise not more than 10% of the costs applied for.

Strong preference will be shown towards physical 'on the ground' work.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:

- All successful applicants must be prepared to sign a funding agreement with Horizons Regional Council.
- Permission from any landowner whose property the project is taking place on must be presented at time of application.
- Projects must be completed over the 2016/17 financial year with all funding to be uplifted by 30 June 2017. It is preferable that projects will be completed by June 2017, however projects extending further than this will be considered.
- Upon completion of the project, a brief report and any supporting imagery must be provided to Horizons Regional Council for reporting and promotional purposes.



LIST OF ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Applications are assessed according to how well they meet the following criteria:

- The project must have clear objectives that are consistent with the goals of the Manawatū River Leaders' Accord
- The application must demonstrate a tangible improvement in community understanding and involvement in cleaning up the river
- Projects must be heavily weighted towards tangible outcomes.

In addition applications should also:

- Demonstrate the degree of collaboration between community groups
- Demonstrate a willingness to work collaboratively with iwi
- Be designed to become self-supporting without on-going financial contributions
- Demonstrate the necessary skills and experience to undertake the project
- Demonstrate how the outcomes of the project would be maintained in the future
- Demonstrate how the effectiveness of the project will be measured
- Seek contributions from other sources where appropriate
- Be a new initiative or an extension of an existing project.

The project must NOT:

- Present a conflict of interest for council as a consenting authority
- Be designed for commercial or personal profit.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

After we receive your application we will assess it against the criteria and other applications made.

We will let you know whether or not your application is successful by **Friday 24th March 2017**.

Tips for a successful application:

- Be clear and concise about what your project will achieve.
- Include a project plan, budget breakdown and realistic timeline. Please note projects completed by 30 June 2017 will be preferred.
- Detail how the project's outcomes will be maintained in the long-term.

SENDING IN YOUR APPLICATION:

You can apply online: www.Manawatūriver.co.nz or via mail. Please post hardcopy applications to:

Manawatū River Accord Grants Programme
c/o Horizons Regional Council
Private Bag 11025
Manawatū Mail Centre 4442

Applications close **4pm, Friday 3rd March 2017**.

For all enquiries please contact us by phone on 0508 800 800 or email help@horizons.govt.nz.

APPLICANT DETAILS

Additional documentation can be provided by applicant if insufficient space available in application form.

CONTACT NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

NAME OF ORGANISATION: _____

TYPE OF ORGANISATION:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Incorporated Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Local community group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Charitable Trust | <input type="checkbox"/> Iwi |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational facility (School/ECE/etc) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Details: _____

Is your organisation GST registered? Yes No

If yes, please state your GST number: _____

ORGANISATION'S OBJECTIVES: _____

Contact phone number(s): _____

Email address: _____

Website address: _____

Postal address: _____

Physical address: _____

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MANAWATŪ RIVER LEADERS' ACCORD COMMUNITY PROJECTS PROGRAMME?

NEWSPAPER

If so which one? _____

FRIEND/ COLLEAGUE

OTHER

Please explain _____

ONLINE/ WEBSITE

If so which one? _____

APPLICATION DETAILS

NAME OF PROJECT: _____

What are the objectives of the project? _____

Please provide details of your funding request: _____

Start date of project: _____

End date of project: _____

Location of project: _____

How will this project enhance the Manawatū River? _____

How will this project engage the community? _____

How will this project engage with iwi? _____

Who will be involved with the project? _____

Please outline how your project will become self supporting without on-going financial contributions.

Demonstrate how the outcomes of the project would be maintained in the future.

Is this application supported by the wider community? (please attach letters of support if applicable)

Has funding for this project been provided in the past?

Yes No

If yes, please list previous funding sources for this project over the past 24 months _____

Please attach a project plan and timeline

If you require any advice on planting timeframes and species available please contact Horizons Regional Council.

BUDGET

WHAT IS THE TOTAL BUDGET FOR THE PROJECT? \$

What is the total amount (GST excl) that you are seeking from this application? \$

What does this funding include? (Please specify components of project seeking funding. NB Not more than 10% of costs will for administration)

Activity	Description	Cost

Please attach quotes if relevant

Will this funding be for one year or phased over two years? _____

PROMOTION AND EVALUATION

Are there opportunities for Accord members or other community groups to take part in this project?

Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Are there opportunities to involve local media?

Yes No

If yes, please explain further _____

How will you evaluate the success of the project? _____

Is there any other information you believe is relevant to support your application? _____

CHECKLIST

- I have completed all sections of the application
- I have attached copies of quotes where applicable
- I have attached evidence of landowner's permission where applicable

APPLICANT'S OBLIGATIONS

If your application is successful you agree and acknowledge on behalf of your organisation or group the following:

- I agree to ensure that the sponsorship amount and any products or services received as part of the sponsorship will be used solely for the activities specified in this application and for no other purposes.
- I agree to provide a brief report about the activity to Horizons Regional Council and provide photos if available within a timeframe of one month following the sponsored activity.
- If this application is on behalf of an organisation, group or other entity I confirm that I have informed them of this application and will provide acknowledgement of sponsorship receipt via the entity supported (i.e. on official letterhead or alternative official means).
- If the project is being carried out on land not owned by the applicant I confirm that I have sought permission from the landowner to carry out planned activity.

NAME _____

ORGANISATION _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____