

ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT CONTESTABLE FUND APPLICATION FORM 2024

Applications open: 28 March 2024
Applications close: 1 May 2024

OVERVIEW / BACKGROUND

ABOUT US

Biodiversity Hawke's Bay is a regional community-led 'for purpose' organisation established to work with, and on behalf of, the community to deliver on the objectives of the *Hawke's Bay Biodiversity Strategy 2015-2050*. For more information visit www.biodiversityhb.org

ABOUT THESE GRANTS

Annually, we offer a small number of grants to individuals and organisations in Hawke's Bay to support projects that advance one or both of our two key goals:

1. **Biodiversity and Ecosystem Restoration:** These projects work to sustain, protect, and improve populations of native species, their habitats, and the ecosystem services they provide
2. **Growing the Biodiversity Communities in Hawke's Bay:** These projects actively connect our community through education, engagement, and collaborating in environmental restoration.

GRANT CATEGORIES

Support will be considered at one of two levels:

- **\$1,000-3,000** to support smaller or early-stage projects
(Please complete Sections A and C below)
- **\$3,001-15,000** to support larger or more established projects
(Please complete all sections below: A, B and C)

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Projects will be evaluated based on their likelihood of success in achieving one or more goals that advance the purposes of the *Hawke's Bay Biodiversity Strategy 2015-2050* and HBRC's Strategic Plan 2020 - 2025. Priority will be given to those applications with high biodiversity value, and those that engage or educate communities in biodiversity restoration, which may include management, protection, and information.

1. **Biodiversity and Ecosystem Restoration:**
 - Protect and/or enhance indigenous ecosystems including but not limited to threatened ecosystem sites as identified by HBRC Ecosystem Prioritisation system, and /or
 - Protect and/or enhance a threatened or naturally uncommon ecosystem type, and /or
 - Supports a threatened or at-risk species (as per the DOC classification system), and /or
 - Supports taonga sites or species.
2. **Growing the Biodiversity Communities in Hawke's Bay:**
 - Creating opportunities for meaningful engagement or environmental education that motivates a community on an ongoing basis, and /or
 - Working in partnership with local mana whenua recognising their role as kaitiaki of indigenous biodiversity and building knowledge of mātauranga Māori and/or
 - Supports and promotes social connectivity and partnerships of environmental projects, and/or
 - Provides opportunities for extending knowledge of biodiversity values or management techniques.

Supporting Considerations

Other factors considered when evaluating applications:

- Techniques and proposal are well researched, and
- Risks have been considered and mitigated, and
- Project is ready to begin within 12 months, and
- Project management plans including timeframes, key milestones and how the project will be maintained for the long term will be in place before project begins, and
- Co-funding is ideally secured, which can include support in kind, and
- For major biodiversity restoration projects, the site is or will be legally protected, or steps are being taken to ensure long-term maintenance of the benefits to be achieved by the grant.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information or assistance please contact:

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SECTION A

APPLICANT DETAILS

Name of applicant: **Bruce Staples**
Name of group / organisation: **Jervoistown Forest Project**
Address: **45 Napier Street
Jervoistown
Napier.**
Email: **bruce@staples-moon.com**
Phone: **027-600-8531**

FUND CATEGORY

Please tick which grant category you are applying for:

- \$1,000-3,000; to support smaller or early-stage projects
(Please complete Sections A and C of this application form)
- \$3,001-15,000 to support larger or more established projects
(Please complete all sections of the application form: A, B and C)

PROJECT DETAILS

Project name: **Jervoistown Berm Afforestation Planting**
Project location: **Middle berms of Gordon Rd & McElwee St.**



(please attach a map)

Landowner: Who is the landowner, and do you have permission to work on the land?
e.g. private land, council land, DoC land etc

These are council controlled berms. Napier City Council Parks & Reserves have approved this work. The adjacent landowners also support the planting.

Project purpose:
(One sentence)

To provide biodiverse habitats with patches of “native bush” within the precincts of Jervoistown on land that is otherwise maintained as mown lawn.

Project description: What are you planning to do? At what location? Who is involved (include any partnerships)? What are the benefits of doing the project?

This project is being carried out by a group of local residents volunteering their time & labour.

Three distinct areas of planting, which are intended to provide pockets of native bush within the Jervoistown precinct to compliment the existing Friends Bush & Nevermans Bush.

(This group is already active in maintaining the Neverman’s Bush Reserve, so these plots will be added to their maintenance working bees.)

1. “Tidy up” & enhance “Tim’s Bush” on Gordon Rd., an existing mature planting on the northern berm. Weed removal & mulching (mostly done), underplanting to fill in gaps and provide a native understory. *(Two working bees have already been held to prepare the ground for this season’s planting.)* While the current trees are not strictly “native”, they provide a nursery environment to grow a native understory.

2. Extention of “Tim’s Bush” towards Napier St.
Weed control, mulching and planting to be undertaken.

3. Replacement planting on northern McElwee St. Berm, east of Jervois Rd. where a forest of large privet trees was removed this season. This planting will also consist of native trees and shrubs.

A Brief History of the Jervoistown Forest Project

With the support of Belinda Sleight of Biodiversity HB, our group began in early 2022, initially volunteering with Fish and Game Hawkes Bay to help them by potting up native trees for sale to rural landowners. Later this work was extended to include planting native trees in the areas being developed around two new lakes within the grounds of F&G HB, as well as other maintenance work in the grounds.

In June of 2022 we met with the Napier City Council's Team Leader Parks, Reserves and Sportsgrounds, to discuss possible projects on NCC owned land within Jervoistown. This resulted in permission to do maintenance work and new plantings in Neverman's Bush (officially Neverman's Reserve*) and on two of the larger Council berms (the subjects of this funding application) within Jervoistown, with another large berm area also a possibility.

We have organised several community working bees in Neverman's Bush and will be inviting the community to help with the planting of the two berms which are the subject of this funding application.

JVP also organised a Community Open Day at F&G HB in April 2023 with the dual purpose of engaging community members with F&G HB and with the JFP. We designed a publicity leaflet for this event which was delivered into every letterbox in Jervoistown (which includes both the more built up area, as well as the more rural areas that are officially part of Jervoistown).

We also communicate with our community via the Jervoistown Facebook Page, letting them know about:- the work we are doing, community working bees, and also providing information e.g. about the importance of trees for biodiversity and for we humans, and about pest plants and what to replace them with in their gardens. We have also had an article about the JFP published in the October 2022 "Wings over Wildlife" newsletter.

We are hoping that future projects will include the larger berm area mentioned above and, much more ambitiously, planting along the Pirimu Stream (which runs along the western border of Jervoistown) to meet up with the planting being done by the Pirimai Residents Association along the Cross Country Drain and around the Bupa Retirement Village to the north of Jervoistown.

* Currently, one of our members is working with NCC and Valmai Neverman (The Neverman family donated Neverman's Bush to NCC some 20 years ago) to have a picture board sign erected near the Bush. It is planned to hold a community event when the picture board is installed by the Council -another opportunity to include the community in our project.

SECTION B

For requests of between \$3,001-15,000, please provide more information by completing the next six questions.

Does your project protect or enhance local biodiversity and / or ecosystems and if so, please describe how?

n/a

Does your project engage or educate communities in biodiversity restoration and if so, please describe how?

n/a

Have you engaged with local mana whenua and if so, please describe how?

n/a

Are you collaborating (working with) with other organisations in your project area? If so, please describe.

n/a

Describe how the project will be maintained for future generations?

n/a

For large biodiversity projects, is the site legally protected or are steps being taken to do so? e.g. QEII

n/a

SECTION C

For all requests, please complete the following.

PROJECT TIMINGS

Estimated start date: Already started.

Estimated end date: December 2024.

PROJECT BUDGET

Please provide a budget for the project. Budget template example below:

Description of expense	Quantity	Unit cost (\$)	Total cost (excl. GST)
Purchase of plants for "Tim's Bush"	50	5	250
Purchase of plants to extend "Tim's Bush"	100	5	500
Purchase of plants for McElwee St. replacement	50	5	250
Total projects costs			\$1000
GST			\$150
Total project cost including GST			\$1150

Total funding sought **\$1,150.00**

Has other funding been sought or obtained for the project? If so, please provide details.

No other funding has been sought, however, mulching material is being donated by Council contractors. All other labour & materials is donated by local volunteers. Volunteers have already propagated (eco-sourced) plants which will be supplemented by locally purchased plants using this grant.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

I/We agree to the terms and conditions of the Environmental Enhancement Contestable Fund.

I/We agree that Biodiversity Hawke's Bay will not be held liable for any false or misleading information supplied.

I/We agree that if funds have been misappropriated, Biodiversity Hawke's Bay has the right to request a full refund of any grant funding paid.

I/We agree to provide any additional information to Biodiversity Hawke's Bay to enable the application fund to be processed.

Full Name of Applicant: Bruce William Staples

Signature of applicant:



Date:

30 April 2024

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