

Funding recommendations for Regional Environment and Natural Heritage Fund 2018/2019 round

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RENH18/190 22	Te Matuku Bay Landcare Group	Environmental Weed Control - Te Matuku Scenic Reserve	The project is a continuation of the ongoing comprehensive weed control programme which aims to protect and restore the ecological values of Te Matuku Scenic Reserve. It aims to reduce the population of climbing asparagus and improve conditions for native seedling regeneration through weed control. The weed control programme is a part of a comprehensive community-led restoration programme for the Scenic Reserve.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this project be supported.</p> <p>This application contributes to the grant programme conservation outcomes regarding management of plant and animal pests identified in the Regional Pest Management Strategy. The project contributes to weed management in the ecosystem and increases its biodiversity for ecological and recreational values.</p> <p>The applicant has clearly demonstrated how this project will deliver value for money and has a proven track record delivering similar work. This project is well connected with neighbouring landowners.</p>	\$15,000	\$15,000		\$15,000	as a contribution towards hiring of professional weed control contractors
RENH18/190 44	Medlands Limited	Shakespeare Point Protection	This project aims to control pest numbers on Shakespeare Point to improve the overall biodiversity of the area, specifically increasing bird life and native species population including Pateke.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this application be supported with multi-year funding.</p> <p>This application contributes towards grant programme conservation outcomes regarding the effective management of a regional priority indigenous ecosystem or species, and management of plant and animal pests identified in the Regional Pest Management Strategy. The project area holds both a critically endangered regional ecosystem "Costal turf" which includes the presence of threatened plant species including <i>Thyridia repens</i> and priority species including Pāteke which are rare in the Auckland region and are threatened nationally. This project aligns with both local board outcomes and regional outcomes for biodiversity management and conservation.</p> <p>The project contributes to Pest Free Auckland goals and works on connecting current pest control initiatives on Aotea through collaboration with active trusts on the island. The project follows best practice as guided by Auckland Council biosecurity and has measurable objectives through annual monitoring of biodiversity increase and regular pest monitoring in the project area.</p>	\$10,725	\$7,500		\$7,500	as a contribution towards pest control equipment and materials
RENH18/190 02	Project Litefoot Trust	LiteClub - Auckland	The aim of the project is to help more community sports clubs reduce their environmental impact. The overall objective is to drive a transformation of New Zealand's community sports infrastructure so that this industry becomes electricity independent, water neutral and zero waste by 2025. The group will work with 22 community clubs to achieve tangible sustainable living goals and positively influence behaviour change outside the club environment.	Sustainable living	<p>It is recommended that this application be supported.</p> <p>This application contributes towards grant programme sustainable living outcomes providing an innovative way of gaining attention on sustainability and resource efficiency in a diverse sector of the community that is not often reached by traditional sustainable living initiative</p> <p>Project Litefoot has a track record of success and tangible outcomes in supporting sports clubs towards reducing energy and water use and reducing waste. The project has significant reach with sustainable living messaging and role modelling to a sector of the population that may not be reached through other sustainable living initiatives. Over 22 clubs it has been estimated that the changes achieved through the project will save over 120 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions. There is potential to build on the outreach component of the project to further incentivise behaviour changes in the home.</p>	\$28,046	\$22,000		\$22,000	as a contribution towards the project cost

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RENH18/19019	Te Auaunga Friends of Oakley Creek Incorporated	Te Auaunga - Oakley Creek Restoration Project	The project aims to progress the development and restoration of Te Auaunga - Oakley Creek as a sustainable waterway feature in the urban fabric of Auckland City. This involves identifying and prioritising opportunities, on-site planning, management and implementation, in partnership with the community and key stakeholders.	Healthy Waters	<p>It is recommended that this application be supported</p> <p>This application contributes towards grant programme healthy waters outcome regarding educational and community programs surrounding water quality that promotes waterway protection and erosion control. The regional significance of the Oakley Creek restoration makes this an important project to fund.</p> <p>Funding is requested towards a lead contractor to progress the development and restoration of Te Auaunga - Oakley Creek. The lead contractor will oversee the implementation of the restoration plan which involves native tree planting, weed control, re-vegetation of riparian areas on private properties, native and pest fauna monitoring, animal pest control, stream water quality monitoring, native plant propagation, and community outreach and advocacy. Without an experienced contract lead, the complex Oakley restoration plan is not likely to be implemented in a coordinated or timely manner. The applicant has a proven track record and reputation to deliver and the participation of the community and other stakeholders, including Māori, is well established.</p> <p>The applicant was awarded a 3 multi-year grant in the 2015/2016 funding round which has supporting lead contractor costs between 2016 - 2018. A single year grant is recommended for this application to support a wide spread of multi-year funding opportunities across groups.</p>	\$105,000 Including: (2018/2019 : \$35,000; 2019/2020: \$35,000; 2020/2021: \$35,000)	\$15,000		\$15,000	as a contribution towards the project lead contract fees

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RENH18/19036	Waiheke Conservation Collective - Predator free Waiheke under the umbrella of Hauraki Gulf Conservation Trust	Waiheke mustelid control 2019 - 2020	The project aims to support the successful ongoing efforts of the experienced local trapping teams to control mustelids population across central Waiheke. The project is part of a wider initiative on Waiheke Island which focuses on habitat protection for a number of significant threatened species including little blue penguin and northern kākā.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this application be supported.</p> <p>This application contributes towards grant programme conservation outcomes regarding management of plant and animal pests identified in the Regional Pest Management Strategy and protection of sites of ecological significance and species which are priority indigenous species in the Auckland region.</p> <p>The project aims to control mustelids, pest animals identified in the Regional Pest Management Strategy as affecting priority indigenous species in the Auckland region. The project has been tailored to specifically benefit kākā and little blue penguin by prioritising control around their nesting sites and other significant ecological sites on Waiheke Island.</p> <p>The applicant has successfully delivered the pilot study project plus the ongoing establishment and development of this work which contributed to the successful Te Korowai o Waiheke funding. The applicant is part of the Waiheke collective who together have access to people with the right technical skills.</p> <p>Best practice is being implemented and monitored closely and records are available via Trap NZ.</p> <p>The project provides an integral engagement tool. Traps and trappers are raising awareness and promoting positive environmental attitudes and behaviour change amongst landowners and community ahead of the Te Korowai o Waiheke project being implemented which aims to see mustelid eradication by 2025.</p> <p>Ngāti Paoa are involved and are leading discussions with the wider Māori community.</p> <p>Being connected with the Waiheke Collective and working closely with Te Korowai o Waiheke this will achieve outcomes well beyond the project aims.</p>	\$39,307	\$30,000		\$30,000	as a contribution towards the project cost

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RENH18/190 84	Pest Free Kaipātiki Restoration Society Incorporated	Volunteer Initiatives Programme - Weed Control Contracting for Kaipātiki Restoration Network	The project aims to support the work of the Kaipātiki Restoration Network groups to restore native biodiversity and eliminate invasive weeds from Kaipātiki. The Kaipātiki Restoration Network mainly depends on volunteer teams and educating individuals to take action in their neighbourhood but some projects are of a scale where professional expertise and resources are essential so professional weed contractors are needed to undertake some of the intended work.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this application be supported with multi-year funding.</p> <p>This application contributes towards grant programme conservation outcomes regarding landscape scale and management of plant and animal pests identified in the Regional Pest Management Strategy. The project is carried out on Significant Ecological Areas and contributes to effective management of sites within the Kaipātiki Local Board area. Pest Free Kaipātiki has an overarching Pest Free Strategy. Kaipātiki Local Board area has 33% land cover of Significant Ecological Areas and these areas are part of the North West Wildlink.</p> <p>Pest Free Kaipātiki are following a best practice strategy and representatives from Auckland Council including biosecurity, biodiversity, RIMU and parks staff contribute and are consulted through the Technical and Engagement Committees. This work aligns with the Regional Pest Management Plan Parks and buffer programmes while supporting the community groups to carry out effective and efficient pest plant control at their particular sites. The group have skilled staff, community and technical support and capacity to deliver the work. They have delivered this work in the last financial year and currently support 25 community groups working on Significant Ecological Area land.</p>	\$105,000 Including: (2018/2019 : \$40,000; 2019/2020: \$35,000; 2020/2021: \$30,000)	\$55,000 Including: (2018/2019: \$25,000; 2019/2020: \$15,000; 2020/2021: \$15,000)		\$55,000 Including: (2018/2019: \$25,000; 2019/2020: \$15,000; 2020/2021: \$15,000)	as a contribution towards professional pest plant control contractor and support towards project administration costs
RENH18/190 89	Edith Tuhimata	Te Mahaniani Cultural Heritage Trail - Nga Tohu Kaitiaki	The aim of this project is to establish a cultural heritage trail including restoration planting, signage and carved pou/gateway from the carpark at the Manukau Lighthouse up and around the valley. The project supports Ngāti te Ata efforts to enhance and develop te reo me ona tikanga (Māori language, customs and culture) through the protection of taonga which reflects Te Mahaniani as a site of cultural significance and rich natural heritage.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this application be supported.</p> <p>This application contributes towards grant programmes kaitiaki outcomes with the project empowering mana whenua kaitiakitanga of Auckland's natural environment.</p> <p>The project incorporates Māori protocols and kaitiakitanga principles in all aspects of project design. Native planting planned as part of this project will minimise land degradation and encourage native fauna and flora. The project design and signage aim to encourage people using the trails on Te Mahaniani point and by doing so, it also encourages people to be more active outdoors, walk the trails, listen to bird calls and be surrounded by rich, native and managed environments. The project includes newsletters, video media and guide books offered to visitors to the trails.</p>	\$10,000	\$10,000		\$10,000	as a contribution towards plantings, carvings and graphic designs

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RENH18/19088	Blocktree Limited	Carbon Click - Converting physical tree planting projects to digital assets	This project aims to support large-scale carbon sequestration by creating a technological solution that has the ability to convert physical tree planting projects to digital assets. This technology will provide a simple carbon offset system that empowers businesses to incorporate transactional carbon offsetting into their business model.	Sustainable living	<p>It is recommended that this application be supported.</p> <p>This application contributes towards grant programmes sustainable living outcomes regarding projects that contribute towards behaviour change, education of adoption of practices that contribute to sustainable living.</p> <p>The applicant proposes a not-for-profit project that both addresses a current need (to augment New Zealand's carbon sink); creates a demand (by monetising tree planting initiatives); and resolves the issue of opacity in carbon offset markets. The transaction model supports multiple revenue streams and an extended market reach (B2C and B2B). The technology enables a vertical market penetration, from primary commodity (tree) to fast moving consumer goods (FMCG) point-of-sale. The reinvestment mechanism aims to decarbonize third-party supply chains, enabling the project to have a positive impact beyond the core business of tree-planting and carbon offsetting.</p> <p>The concept demonstrates sufficient differentiation from existing products. The applicants have identified the 'competition'; other similar models exist, however none of the competition replicates what the applicant proposes and none exist in the Australasia region (they have a presence in the UK and US only).</p>	\$39,509	\$20,000		\$20,000	as a contribution towards the project cost
RENH18/19009	Ayrlies Garden and Wetlands Charitable Trust	Ayrlies Wetlands Operation Clean Water	The project aims to improve the Ayrlies wetlands water quality and preserve rare and threatened native aquatic birdlife. The work will also reduce sediment build-up on adjacent coastal waterways like Turanga Estuary and Clifton Rd beach. The project establishes a continuation for the existing boardwalks in the wetlands which allows the water to flow naturally through existing and additional wetlands plantings and be filtered before entering the waterways.	Healthy Waters	<p>It is recommended that this application be supported.</p> <p>This application contributes towards grant programme healthy water outcomes regarding protection of threatened and/or endangered native aquatic species. The project site is home to many rare and threatened native aquatic wild life and the site is both a Biodiversity Focus Area and Significant Ecological Area within the Hunua Ecological District Forest Remnants Wetlands.</p> <p>The project is low cost compared to potential to deliver regionally significant water quality outcomes. While the project has limited direct community involvement the project site is open to the public and there will be opportunities to provide information to the high number of visitors the wetland and gardens attract on the restoration work and importance of this work for aquatic species and water quality.</p> <p>In developing the gardens the applicants have demonstrated their ability to complete restoration work to a high standard. Planting associated with this project will be consistent with the rest of the wetland which is very successful and has provided habitats for many threatened native bird life.</p>	\$9,578	\$5,000		\$5,000	as a contribution towards the project cost

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RENH18/19080	Streamland Suffolks Limited	Protection and riparian planting northern stream and gully in 110-Paddock	The aim of the project is to completely exclude stock and to stabilise the banks of the Northern Stream and gully in 110-Paddock which flows into the Araparera River by fencing and plantings 335 meters of riparian margins with native plants.	Healthy Waters	<p>It is recommended that this application be supported.</p> <p>This application contributes towards grant programmes healthy water outcomes regarding stock exclusion. This project will protect an area that is unfenced and grazed and is in a gully prone to erosion. The area to be fenced and planted has a buffer of greater than 10m and will also protect the erosion prone gully area.</p> <p>The applicants have worked extensively with the local community and also shared their experiences with other farmers by participating as a flagship farm with the Integrated Kaipara Harbour Management Group (IKHMG). As a flagship farm the applicants have held numerous open days and have given presentations at the IKHMG huis to show the work they have done on their farm. The applicants also have had their own native plant nursery and work with the local school on the Trees for Survival programme.</p>	\$7,325	\$5,000		\$5,000	as a contribution towards fencing cost and native plants
RENH18/19017	Urban EcoLiving Charitable Trust	Tread Lightly Caravan and Tread Lightly Drain Game	The Tread Lightly Caravan and Tread Lightly Drain Game programmes aim to engage and educate 13,000 students from 34 primary and intermediate schools across the Auckland region about the environmental consequences of their everyday lifestyle. The project aims to increase the awareness of the students and their families and inspire positive behaviour change creating actual environmental benefits such as reduced waste to landfill, reduced pollution in waterways and a greater consciousness when making consumer decisions.	Sustainable living	<p>It is recommended that this application is supported</p> <p>The application contributes towards grant programme sustainable living outcome through educating students to take action on reducing their environmental impact. This Tread Lightly Caravan and Tread Lightly Drain Game are easily scalable and the intent is to link it to the Future Fit calculator. The Tread Lightly Caravan is an established programme which the applicant has been a proven track record successfully delivering to schools across Auckland.</p> <p>This project intends to work with a large group of students across Auckland and educate them to take action for the environment in a way that aligns with the council's priorities. Students participating in the programme make a pledge towards specific action and are provided with resources to share their learnings with their families.</p>	\$40,000	\$21,000		\$21,000	as a contribution towards the project cost

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RENH18/19078	Community Waitakere Charitable Trust	Orangihina Harbourview Predator Control	The project aims to carry out predator control in Harbourview Orangihina Reserve to support the overall outcomes of Wild About Te Atatu project and Pest Free Auckland. With more than 50 birds species confirmed in the wetland reserve including Matuku and Spotless Crake, the project works to engage and educate the local Te Atatu community about the unique environments surrounding Te Atatu and how to enhance the ecological health of the area.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this application be supported with a multi-year grant.</p> <p>This application contributes towards grant programme conservation outcomes regarding delivery on a landscape scale and management of plant and animal pests identified in the Regional Pest Management Strategy.</p> <p>The Wild About Te Atatu (WATA) Orangihina Harbour-view Predator Control project contributes to the grant programmes conservation outcome as work occurs on reserve land that is both a Biodiversity Focus Area and a Significant Ecological Area as well as being a Wild Link Wonder area of the North West Wild-Link (NWW) project.</p> <p>Community Waitakere Charitable Trust has a long and proven track history in the successful delivery of community and environmentally related projects in Henderson, West Auckland area. Community Waitakere have kept the Te Atatu Marae coalition informed of their project work and they retain a close relationship with the coalition. They intend continuing to keep the marae coalition and trust informed of progress and ensure that they are working towards the aspirations of local iwi and hapū.</p>	\$105,000	\$30,000		\$30,000	as a contribution towards the project cost
RENH18/19051	New Zealand Dance Advancement Trust	This Fragile Planet – a live and digital community “artivism” project	The aim of the project is to produce and deliver 'This Fragile Planet' theatre performance to educate and inspire the community about the vulnerability, beauty and hope for this precious planet that we all share; and to provoke thinking towards becoming more sustainable in our everyday living.	Sustainable living	<p>It is recommended that this application is supported.</p> <p>The application contributes towards grant programme sustainable living outcome and offers an innovative approach to inspire and engage Aucklanders to live sustainably through a focus on the Live Lightly climate action theme of 'Talk' - one of the more challenging categories to activate in our regional programme. This project is also walking the talk with a ‘Leave no Trace’ production model, to act as inspiration and exemplar to other Auckland arts organisations, and which could also provide a template for the arts in schools to follow in practice so combining two levels of behaviour change.</p> <p>Funding is recommended for the first year of this project. This project is in the conceptual stage and the first year funding would support developing, designing and implementing the performance concept and sustainable living activation protocols.</p> <p>The New Zealand Dance Company has the track record for delivery, and the project has strong potential to deliver positive impact, diverse audiences, and significant awareness and media publicity for the Live Lightly programme.</p>	\$120,000	\$18,000		\$18,000	as a contribution towards artist, production and activation costs

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RENH18/190 27	Earth Action Trust	Live Lightly!! Newcomers	The project aims to spread and promote the Live Lightly programme among newcomers to New Zealand including new migrants and former refugees. In partnership with the Auckland Resettled Community Coalition the Earth Action Trust will develop and run a culturally specific Live Lightly training programme aiming to increase participation in waste reduction practices and inspire participants to contribute positively to the low-carbon aspiration of New Zealand.	Sustainable living	<p>It is recommended that this application is supported.</p> <p>This application contributes towards grant programmes sustainable living outcomes and will contribute towards behaviour change, education or adoption of practices that contribute to sustainable living. The project will train up seven champions and their families to be a living example of how they can save money, live well and care for the environment with the capacity to share the knowledge, encourage others to sign up to Future fit and pledge on Live lightly.</p> <p>It is conservatively estimated the project reach would be 70 people from the newcomer community and by collaborating with the Auckland Council Low carbon team and other regional migrant services this project could reach a wide range of Aucklanders cross the region who are part of new migrant groupings that are harder for other programmes to reach due to language and cultural barriers. The project uses a train the trainer model which will build capacity, support information sharing and encourage the participants to adopt practices that will help make a difference in their new environment.</p>	\$22,726	\$13,000		\$13,000	as a contribution towards Volunteer and participant support, professional advise and support, venue and workstation hireage and workshop facilitation
RENH18/190 87	Kaipātiki Project Incorporated	Enviro North Partners	This project aims to develop the capacity and capability of the community environment sector in North Auckland. The project provides Auckland North environmental groups, networks and individuals with an opportunity to partner and collaborate on environmental challenges. The groups will work to develop a low carbon action plan for the whole north Auckland region.	Sustainable living	<p>It is recommended that this application be supported with a multi-year grant.</p> <p>This application contributes towards sustainable living outcomes connecting active groups and organisations across the northern area of Auckland. The project could provide learnings for similar regional based initiatives in the west, south and east of the city in particular in areas that don't already have their own localised low carbon action plan. The initiative aligns well with regional priorities and council's region-wide Live Lightly campaign.</p> <p>This project brings together aspects of developing a local low carbon plan and a low carbon broker - across the whole north Auckland region. The level of funding requested for this project is modest and represents very good value for money.</p>	\$29,460	\$27,000		\$27,000	as a contribution towards workshops facilitation and delivery
RENH18/190 75	Kaipātiki Project Incorporated	EcoFest North	The purpose of EcoFest North is to organise and deliver one month of events including a diverse range of community activities and workshops themed around sustaining our natural environment and sustainable living. The events aim to inspire and empower the North Shore residents on their journey towards a more sustainable lifestyle.	Sustainable living	<p>It is recommended that this application be supported.</p> <p>This application contributes towards grant programme sustainable living outcomes regarding behaviour change, education or adoption of practices that contribute to sustainable living.</p> <p>There is evidence from evaluation surveys of the applicant's delivery of EcoFest in previous years that the initiative helps to motivate and empower Aucklanders to adopt more environmentally friendly lifestyles. EcoFest North impacts directly on people at a sub-regional scale however has potential to be scaled up to impact larger parts of Auckland.</p> <p>The applicant has a strong track record of delivering EcoFest North, with a continuous improvement approach to growing and building the festival each year. The project aligns well with the council's Live Lightly low carbon living campaign.</p>	\$119,203	\$9,000		\$9,000	as a contribution towards the project cost

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RENH18/19049	Create Innovation Limited	E. coli incubator for water quality monitoring	The aim of the project is to produce reliable, portable, low-cost incubators for culturing E. coli water samples to better enable Citizen Scientists to monitor E. coli levels in collected water samples. The incubators will help begin the incubation period onsite rather than transporting water samples on ice to a mains powered incubator.	Healthy Waters	<p>It is recommended that this application be supported.</p> <p>This application contributes towards grant programme healthy water outcomes regarding educational and community programs surrounding water quality that promotes waterway protection and erosion control.</p> <p>The E. coli incubators will support educational and community programs involved with sampling of water quality in our streams. The project is small scale and could have real benefits for the community in terms of inspiring young water quality scientists. If successful, it will also lower costs for Wai Care and other citizen volunteer groups that sample for E. coli in our streams.</p>	\$7,525	\$2,000		\$2,000	as a contribution towards incubators production costs.
RENH18/19015	Plastic Free Pohutukawa Coast under the umbrella of Building Excellence Group	Plastic Free Pohutukawa Coast - Phase two	The project aims to work with retailers and consumers in the suburb of Beachlands and the wider Pohutukawa Coast to reduce the consumption of disposable coffee cups and plastic straws in cafes, bakeries and takeaway outlets thus eliminating waste creation and the potential for these waste streams to enter waterways. The project seeks to encourage behavioural change through education and inspiration by providing information to the local community around the impact of disposable cups on the environment and offering more sustainable alternatives.	Sustainable living	<p>It is recommended that this application be supported.</p> <p>This application contributes towards grant programme sustainable living outcomes regarding behaviour change, education or adoption of practices that contribute to sustainable living.</p> <p>This project initially targets the Franklin Local Board area and encourages the community to reduce single-use plastics and move towards a circular economy, reducing Auckland's reliance on landfills. If successful this model could be replicated across Auckland. The applicant is active in the sustainability space and has multiple projects that they're working on. The level of funding requested for this project is modest and the applicant has appropriate project oversight and are in regular contact with Auckland Council Waste Solutions regarding their sustainability projects.</p>	\$2,050	\$1,850		\$1,850	as a contribution towards the project cost
RENH18/19040	Eastern Bays Songbirds Project Incorporated	A partnership to nurture native birds in the Eastern Bays	This project is aimed at re-establishing an environment with thriving natural ecosystems and diverse, numerous birdlife in the Eastern bays through pest control. As part of this project the Eastern Bays Songbird Project and Ngāti Whātua Orākei propose to work together to eradicate pests on Ngāti Whātua land in Orakei, including both open land (between Tamaki Drive and Pourewa Creek) and adjacent residential properties and to extend this pest eradication throughout the Pourewa Valley.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this project be supported with multi-year funding</p> <p>This application contributes towards grant programme conservation outcomes regarding landscape scale delivery and management of plant and animal pests identified in the Regional Pest Management Strategy.</p> <p>Eastern Bays Songbird Project aims to bring native songbirds back to the suburbs of Orakei. They will achieve this through landscape scale pest control in private backyards, public parks and along transport corridors. The group is well organised and well managed by a team of volunteers with a range of expertise. The project has good alignment with kaitiakitanga values and the applicant has a signed memorandum of understanding to work in partnership with local mana whenua on the project. This funding request is to support a paid contractor from Ngāti Whātua Orakei to install and service traps and bait stations across the project area.</p>	\$98,203	\$45,000	\$5,000	\$50,000	as a contribution towards contractor support, pest control equipment and materials.

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RENH18/19071	The Waiheke Collective under the umbrella of The Waiheke Resources Trust	Coordinator role for the Waiheke Collective	The Waiheke Collective is a collaboration between community groups and individuals invested in the ecological restoration of Waiheke Island. The collective was established to collaborate on a strategic level to implement ecological action on the island. The project aims to establish a coordinator role for the collective which is needed to support and enable the group to implement a number of their programmes efficiently.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this application be supported.</p> <p>This application contributes towards grant programme conservation outcomes regarding landscape scale delivery and management of plant and animal pests identified in the Regional Pest Management Strategy. Funding is requested for a coordinator role which is needed to support and enable the applicant group to implement ecological restoration programmes on Waiheke Island.</p> <p>The applicant has identified that a secure coordinator role is required to support and enable effective project management processes towards key large-scale initiatives such as Predator Free Waiheke. The coordinator role will connect and maintain key relationships between The Waiheke Collective and the wider community, sharing resources and opportunity and growing the number of people involved in ecological restoration of the island</p> <p>The applicant group has extensive experience coordinating ecological restoration projects on Waiheke Island.</p>	\$18,200	\$13,000	\$2,000	\$15,000	as a contribution towards the coordinator role.
RENH18/19005	The Forest Bridge Trust	CatchIT Schools (primary and secondary) and CatchIT Communities	The CatchIT Schools programme engages primary students with nature and allows them to become hands-on trappers, using pest control as a pathway to scientific exploration. Inquiry learning allows children to discover what's in their own backyards and then develop actions to catch pests. The CatchIT Communities programme builds upon this by engaging with the wider community around the school encouraging them to undertake pest control and adding their trapping data to the database.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this application be supported.</p> <p>This application contributes towards grant programme conservation outcomes regarding landscape scale delivery and management of plant and animal pests identified in the Regional Pest Management Strategy.</p> <p>The CatchIT Schools programme covers a large portion of the north of the region; there has been a need identified to expand into secondary schools and this request includes the pilot to do so. It is intended to provide a pathway into science exploration via pest control. The pest control skills and knowledge being taught are transferable to anywhere in the region.</p> <p>The Forest Bridge Trust has a long history of well planned and executed projects. They have delivered many projects to a high standard previously; they have technical knowledge amongst current staff but also a range of others to draw on. The project costs are reasonable; funding has been sought and secured from other sources as well as Council funding.</p>	\$27,825	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$25,000	as a contribution towards educators and pest control equipment.

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RENH18/19031	Glenfern Sanctuary Trust	Pāteke Habitat Restoration	The project aims to connect existing native bush to the harbour to create a summit to sea native corridor within the 240 hectares pest managed Kotuku Peninsula. The project also works to enhance water quality that is filtering into Port Fitzroy harbour through stock exclusion and riparian planting of 250 meters of waterways. It will improve habitat for Pāteke and other native species including Chevron skink, kōkopu, kōura and other native avian species present on Great Barrier Island.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this application be supported with multi - year funding.</p> <p>This application contributes towards grant programme conservation outcomes regarding the effective management of a regional priority indigenous ecosystem or species. This project works to effectively manage Pāteke which are a priority species by habitat enhancement. This project also supports current predator control regimes and will work at a landscape scale and connects biodiversity with the Aotea community through visitors to the site which is the islands only regional park.</p> <p>Habitat restoration is highlighted as a priority for the Aotea community and Great Barrier Local board. This project is good value for money as the applicant is contributing 50 per cent of the project cost, the costs will be adequate to achieve desired outcomes and pricing is reasonable.</p>	\$14,043	\$12,000	\$2,000	\$14,000	as a contribution towards the project cost
						Including: (2018/2019 : \$8,343; 2019/2020: \$5,700)	Including: (2018/2019: \$8,000; 2019/2020: \$4,000)		Including: (2018/2019: \$10,000; 2019/2020: \$4,000)	
RENH18/19006	The Forest Bridge Trust	Fencing Hoteo Forest Remnants, Riparian Margins and Wetlands	This project aims to engage and support landowners in the Hoteo Catchment to fence bush remnants and riparian margins, and to help the residents to control weeds and plant these bush fragments with native plants. The Forest Bridge Trust has a vision of a connected landscape on productive land with healthy forest and flourishing indigenous wildlife from the Kaipara Harbour to the Pacific coast.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this application be supported.</p> <p>This application contributes towards grant programme conservation outcomes regarding the effective management of a regional priority indigenous ecosystem or species.</p> <p>The Forest Bridge Trust is a long standing, highly experienced, well managed and people/environment positive outcome focussed group of land owners and supporters.</p> <p>The trust's track record is good, they have a wealth of experience and support amongst their group. Collectively and collaboratively the Forest Bridge Trust have helped with the protection of natural areas, (forest remnants, mature bush blocks, coastal forest, stream and wetland areas) including large areas already fenced off for protection from livestock, large scale native restoration plantings and habitat connectivity and huge efforts across many properties within the project area with long term and sustained animal pest control.</p>	\$40,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$30,000	as a contribution towards fencing cost
RENH18/19033	New Zealand Native Forest Restoration Trust	Pest control and replacement of traps.	The project aims to continue the control of rats, mustelids, possums and cats population on the lake perimeter in Marie Neverman Wetland. The project promotes natural native regeneration in forest areas by reducing rodent consumption of seeds and foliage. The area provides a predator free habitat for threatened wetland and other native bird species including spotless crane, banded rail, bittern, grey teal, dabchick and New Zealand scaup.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this application be supported.</p> <p>This application contributes towards grant programme conservation outcomes regarding management of plant and animal pests identified in the Regional Pest Management Strategy. The project is a QEII Open space covenant and the work proposed is a continuation of an on-going project which has proved successful.</p> <p>The project is guided by a management plan to ensure work aligns with best practice and guidance has been sought from Birds Auckland and South Kaipara Landcare.</p> <p>New Zealand Native Forest Trust owns over 30 reserves which all have various management activities. A reduction in pest animals will contribute to increasing native biodiversity.</p>	\$6,196	\$5,000	\$1,000	\$6,000	as a contribution towards replacement traps and contractor assistance

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RENH18/19023	Pest Free Kaipātiki Restoration Society Incorporated	Action on the land: Pest Free Kaipātiki Predator Blitz	The project aims to roll out a campaign around Kaipātiki to support the development of new volunteer predator control groups. The work includes enhancing existing groups by linking up, training and equipping new residents and volunteers. The eventual aim is to support the establishment of local trapping groups across every reserve in Kaipātiki, and support as many community initiatives as possible. The intended work empowers landscape scale initiatives to develop through neighbourhood 'halo' groups which act to buffer areas of biological significance.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this application be supported with multi-year funding</p> <p>This application contributes towards grant programme conservation outcomes regarding delivery on a landscape scale and management of plant and animal pests identified in the Regional Pest Management Strategy. The project achieves regional significance by being a whole of landscape project, targeting both public and private land.</p> <p>Technical advice has been sought from a number of internal and external parties. The project has measurable objectives and has used best practice monitoring tools to ensure accurate data collection. There is very real need for the materials requested. The project requests seed funding for the initial hardware but will require ongoing consumable materials.</p> <p>The project is good value for money and funding will leverage community investment of a large number of volunteer hours associated with its delivery.</p>	\$36,774	\$18,000	\$4,000	\$22,000	as a contribution towards pest control equipment, staff time and pest control materials.
RENH18/19086	Conservation Volunteers New Zealand	Ecological Enhancement of the Awaawaroa Wetland Reserve	This project aims to protect the only known giant kōkopu spawning site in the Auckland Region. Riparian planting aims to reduce sedimentation from surrounding farmland and roads into the wetland. The planting will enhance wetland margins and improve habitat for Giant Kokopu, long fin eels and spotless crane.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this application be supported.</p> <p>This application contributes towards grant programmes conservation outcomes regarding the effective management of a regional priority indigenous ecosystem or species as the project is focused on ecological enhancement of the Awaawaroa Wetland Reserve, a Biodiversity Focus Area and Significant Ecological site on Waiheke Island which has rare and endangered species present such as giant kōkopu.</p> <p>The project is community-led and has clear and measurable objectives against which to gauge progress towards the expected ecological outcomes, and intends to increase community and volunteer participation through informational signage and media exposure. The applicant capability is high due to having a wide range of experience and expertise available, and the group have delivered numerous successful funded projects in the past.</p>	\$22,041	\$5,000	\$8,000	\$13,000	as a contribution towards native plants, signage and administration fees
RENH18/19045	The Windy Hill -Rosalie Bay Catchment Trust	Spark Me Up Phase four	This project aims to continue the Windy Hill - Rosalie Bay Catchment Trust research into pest management practice and trialling of innovative methods. The Spark Me Up Phase four project will involve the upgrading of the 50 Generation 2 electronic sensing rat traps to Generation 4 with longer life batteries and improved connectivity. The project will also extend the existing sensed cat trap array from 10 to 20.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this application be supported.</p> <p>This application contributes towards grant programmes conservation outcome regarding management of plant and animal pests identified in the Regional Pest Management Strategy. The project works toward an innovative approach to trapping, the results will contribute to national knowledge of remote sensing and will have regional benefit. This project supports pest free Auckland, community visions for Aotea and Local Board outcomes.</p> <p>The applicant has successfully delivered funded projects of similar method over the last ten years, the applicant has the right technical skills to undertake this work and uses skilled field staff with relevant qualifications to undertake trapping.</p>	\$6,730	\$2,000	\$4,500	\$6,500	as a contribution towards the project cost

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RENH18/190 24	Beyond the Fence under the umbrella of Le Roys Bush and Little Shoal Bay Reserves Charitable Trust	Weed and pest control around Le Roys Bush - a halo project	The project aims to stimulate neighbourhood engagement in pest and weed control activities in the area surrounding Le Roys Bush and Little Shoal Bay Reserves. The project protects the nationally significant biodiversity values of the area and engages residents to meet their neighbours and inspire their own sustainable neighbourhood projects.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this project be supported.</p> <p>This application contributes towards grant programmes conservation outcome including management of plant and animal pests identified in the Regional Pest Management Strategy and is innovative in terms of looking at a whole system rather than restricting the project scope to specific property or park boundaries.</p> <p>This project provides an opportunity to engage landowners in their local green spaces and is a model for best practice and for demonstrating what can be accomplished in this type of neighbourhood engagement.</p>	\$18,429	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$10,000	as a contribution towards plant and animal pest control costs.
RENH18/190 76	Omiha Welfare and Recreation Society Incorporated	Rocky Bay Ratbusters	The Rocky Bay Ratbusters is an established community project that has been working continuously for the past four and a half years to reduce and control animal predators through supplying, maintaining and monitoring 250 bait stations in Waiheke Island. The long term aim of the project is to eliminate or severely reduce the rat population of suburban Rocky Bay area and to become an integral part of Pest-free New Zealand.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this application be supported.</p> <p>This application contributes toward grant programme conservation outcomes regarding management of plant and animal pests identified in the Regional Pest Management Strategy. The project site is adjacent to Whakanewha regional park and the proposed growth of the project will help to expand control from this to link other Significant Ecological Areas creating a larger buffer or protection. The project links in with the Auckland Council co-ordinated rat busters programme which provides training, support and co-ordination for volunteers to ensure best practice is implemented.</p> <p>The project connects the Omiha community with their environment and protection of significant ecological areas, specifically their regional park and the wider vision for a predator free Waiheke. Engagement in this community is extremely valuable for the future of Waiheke predator eradication proposals and support to this group is essential to help raise the profile and participation.</p>	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	as a contribution towards bait stations, bait, monitoring tunnels and tracking cards
RENH18/190 41	Waiheke Go Moth Plant group under the umbrella of The Waiheke Resources Trust	Te Putiki o Kahu/Rangihoua Hill Ecological Restoration Project on Waiheke Island	The aim of this project is to trial the introduction and establishment of two locally occurring low stature/shallow rooted native plant species, <i>Microlaena stipoides</i> (a native grass) and <i>Meuhlenbeckia complexa</i> (a ground covering vine) on Te Putiki o Kahu/Rangihoua Hill under a range of conditions following control of moth plant and other invasive weeds.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this application be supported with a multi-year grant.</p> <p>This application contributes towards grant programme conservation outcomes regarding management of plant and animal pests identified in the Regional Pest Management Strategy. If the trial is successful it has the potential to guide restoration procedures at similar sites around the region.</p> <p>The project has a large number of community members involved with many volunteering opportunities. The project has been very well planned in terms of procedure, timing and some of the plant material sourcing. Ngāti Paoa have been involved in the project design and there are opportunities (for rangatahi) to participate and gain skills.</p>	\$21,520 Including: (2018/2019 : \$12,730; 2019/2020: \$8,790)	\$9,000 Including: (2018/2019: \$6,000; 2019/2020: \$3,000)	\$4,000	\$13,000 Including: (2018/2019: \$10,000; 2019/2020: \$3,000)	as a contribution towards the costs of project management, contracted labour, tools, materials and transport.

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RENH18/19054	Megan Fitter under the umbrella of EcoMatters Environment Trust	Little Muddy Creeks Estuary Rehabilitation	The aim of the project is to protect an inanga spawning site and encourage bird life by implementing comprehensive pest control and riparian planting activities along Little Muddy Creeks Estuary.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this application be supported</p> <p>This application contributes towards grant programme conservation outcomes regarding the effective management of a regional priority indigenous ecosystem or species with work benefiting multiple threatened species, a Biodiversity Focus Area, and several Significant Ecological Areas. The project will increase ecological connectivity by creating habitat and reducing predation in the project area.</p> <p>There will also be social connectivity with nature and educational opportunities for the students and other volunteers. This group has successfully delivered a number of council funded projects in the past, including a riparian planting project in this area. Overall, this project represents good value for money.</p>	\$23,969	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$17,500	as a contribution towards the project cost
RENH18/19016	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society Incorporated - Waitakere Branch	Improving the outcome for a wetland health indicator species	The project aims to determine the effectiveness of the long running mustelid trapping regime in Te Henga wetland and identify the potential of adding specific rodent control traps between the existing mustelid control trapline. The project will monitor and observe the Pūweto (Spotless crane) population as an indicator species for the wetland health in conjunction with enhancing the predator control measures in place over a period of three years.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this project be supported.</p> <p>This application contributes towards grant programme conservation outcomes by controlling pests defined in Regional Pest Management Strategy and improving native biodiversity of the Te Henga wetland and increasing the presence of specific wetland birds that are currently listed as nationally critical, at risk or declining.</p> <p>This application seeks funding for a project that has been running successfully for a number of years at a high value wetland.</p>	\$8,134	\$3,000	\$2,500	\$5,500	as a contribution towards traps, consumables and audio recording
RENH18/19068	The Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron Incorporated	Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron Kawau Reforestation	The project aims to develop and implement a conservation plan that includes plant and animal pest control, and native planting on four and half hectares of land located at Smelting House Bay on Kawau Island.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this application be supported.</p> <p>This application contributes towards grant programme conservation outcomes regarding delivery at a landscape scale level and the management of plant and animal pests identified in the Regional Pest Management Strategy. This is a new initiative and funding requested towards a detailed restoration plan will contribute towards long term project success and use of best practice methods.</p> <p>The applicants have noted that there is evidence in other parts of Kawau Island that when the pests and weeds are removed native plants thrive and bird life returns. Similar programmes have been successful at Tiri Tiri Matangi, Motatapu Island and many other islands around the gulf. The site is connected to other similar properties with degraded bush due to introduced browsing mammals being present, but where there is the potential to adjoin onto this project property and the works this group will undertake.</p> <p>This project does promote community participation, members and their family and friends from their club will be involved with planting, weeding and restoration activities.</p>	\$13,750	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	as a contribution towards restoration plan and environmental weed control.

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RENH18/19083	Pest Free Kaipātiki Restoration Society Incorporated	Annual Kaipātiki Chew Card Campaign and Informative Signage Project	The aim of this project is a large scale project to monitor the abundance of pest animals across 42 Reserves in Kaipātiki. The project encourages private adjoining landowners to participate in pest control activities and provides educational information about pest control activities and monitoring through interpretive signs. The collected monitoring data could also help inform other pest control projects across the region.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this application be declined through the Regional Environment and Natural Heritage grant programme and supported through the natural environment targeted rate.</p> <p>This is a well-considered project from a well-established group with very good support from a range of people, organisations, community groups and other networks. This application, as well as previous years of work and funding provides the confidence that this project will be delivered successfully.</p> <p>The project supports enhanced conservation and environmental values long-term, as well as contributing to increasing community involvement and participation.</p> <p>Allocation is toward total project costs.</p>	\$50,691 Including: (2018/2019 : \$17,931.76 ; 2019/2020: \$16,829.67 ; 2020/2021: \$15,929.57)	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000	as a contribution towards the project cost
RENH18/19060	Microneer Limited	The Urban Rat Project	The aim of the project is to encourage and engage households to actively participate in animal pest control by means of data visualisation and gamification to make controlling predators in urban backyards more enjoyable. The collected data interpretation will also provide guidance to further increase pest control programmes efficiency across Auckland.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this application be declined through the Regional Environment and Natural Heritage grant programme and supported through the natural environment targeted rate</p> <p>This application is seeking funding for digital operational costs of a novel approach to engaging Aucklanders in collecting and monitoring pest control across private properties in the region. The project is well-designed with key measurable objectives, and aims to be self-sustaining following an initial two-year funding investment. The connectivity component of this project is outstanding in targeting a wide range of communities and promoting positive environmental behaviour change. The applicant has demonstrated the capacity for delivering the project, and project costs are good value considering the ability for this project to scale following an initial investment.</p>	\$4600 Including: (2018/2019 : \$1,150; 2019/2020: \$2,300; 2020/2021: \$1,150)	\$0	\$4,600	\$4,600	as a contribution towards the project cost

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RENH18/19061	Muriwai Environmental Action Community Trust	Pest Free Muriwai	The aim of the project is to protect native species and important habitats through the implementation of a community animal pest control programme reinforcing the current efforts to protect native birds in both the Edwin Mitchelson Reserve and the West coast-line south of Muriwai.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this application be declined through the Regional Environment and Natural Heritage grant programme and supported through the natural environment targeted rate.</p> <p>The residential areas of Muriwai are in amongst large areas of Pohutukawa, puriri, broadleaved forest and pohutukawa treeland/flaxland/rockland. These areas are Significant Ecological Areas and include Muriwai Beach Domain Recreational Reserve and Muriwai Regional Park. The area is home to a diverse range of native forest birds as well as a gannet colony, which is one of three places in New Zealand where the gannets nest on the mainland. Other coastal species such as fur seals and penguins are also present along the coastline. The area is a popular tourist attraction for its wildlife.</p> <p>The project is following best practice measures around pulse baiting in a highly coordinated effort. They are following appropriate health and safety procedures around bait management. Technical and delivery risks have been identified signs and articles are posted advertising the pulsing period. The applicants are engaged with 244 households, making up about 45 per cent of the district. It is a total community effort and the project is connected with local residents, families, landlords and the local Golf Club. There are intentions to expand the project further and in the application, they expressed interest in targeting other pest animals such as possums as well.</p>	\$5,100 Including: (2018/2019 : \$2,500; 2019/2020: \$2,600)	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000	as a contribution towards the project cost
RENH18/19055	Friends of Okura Bush Incorporated	Weeding Contractor 2019	This project aims to eradicate invasive weeds along the Okura Bush Walkway, Deborah Reserve and Okura Esplanade, to protect the native wildlife and improve the biodiversity in the area.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this application be declined through the Regional Environment and Natural Heritage grant programme and supported through the natural environment targeted rate.</p> <p>This application aims to protect a large area from weeds and pest species. Funding is requested towards the use of a contractor for the purposes of weed control on a mixture of Department of Conservation and council land. A rāhui is in place and work cannot occur over a portion of the landscape. Funding is provided towards Okura Esplanade and Deborah Reserve works.</p>	\$94,040 Including: (2018/2019 : \$40,000; 2019/2020: \$34,040; 2020/2021: \$20,000)	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	as a contribution towards the cost of professional weeding contractor
RENH18/19001	Maskell Trust	Kauri and Rata Protection Project	The project aims to increase protection of a number of mature forest ecosystems which are classified as Significant Ecological Areas and are located in close proximity to Hunua Forest Biodiversity Focus Areas. The work protects well established rare forest ecosystems containing endangered Kauri stands, abundant Rata vines, an extremely large Champion Northern Rata Tree and other very large trees that offer a suitable habitat for threatened bird species such as kākā.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this application be declined through the Regional Environment and Natural Heritage grant programme and supported through the natural environment targeted rate.</p> <p>This application seeking funding for fencing, pest plant and animal control, and plantings on their private property. This site has a number of Significant Ecological Areas that will benefit from this project, adjacent to Biodiversity Focus Areas which together form an important ecological corridor. The applicant has demonstrated strong connections with the local community and wider initiatives (e.g. Forest and Bird Southeast Wildlink) and capacity for delivering this project, as well as having successfully delivered similar projects funded in previous years.</p>	\$44,386 Including: (2018/2019 : \$14,795.50 ; 2019/2020: \$14,795.50 ; 2020/2021: \$14,795.50)	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	as a contribution towards fencing and plant and animal pest control.

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RENH18/190 91	Rotary Club of Pakuranga Charitable Trust	The Combined Rotary Clubs of the Howick Ward Pest Free Project	The aim of this project is to significantly reduce pest numbers, including mammalian and plant pests, within the Howick Ward.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this application be declined through the Regional Environment and Natural Heritage grant programme and supported through the natural environment targeted rate.</p> <p>This project aims to protect native fauna and flora by eradicating and managing pest plants and predator animals in the Howick Local Board and aligns with the board's vision of a 'pest-free Howick'. This project has the potential to get landowners thinking more environmentally and change the way they see pest animals and plants by offering the tools to create a pest-free environment.</p> <p>The applicant has actively sought alternatives to cheaper options of trapping and monitoring tools and this project reflects good value for money.</p>	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	as a contribution towards the project cost
RENH18/190 52	Kaipātiki Project Incorporated	Community Teaching Nursery	The project aims to develop the Trainee Restoration Leaders Programme and get it accredited by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA). After gaining accreditation the programme will be delivered to qualify environmental leaders in restoration and nursery work.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this application be declined through the Regional Environment and Natural Heritage grant programme and supported through the natural environment targeted rate.</p> <p>The courses being offered are open to anyone in the region; in their current form attendees come from all over Auckland already. The courses currently fill a need within the region and the formalising of them will be beneficial to those attending. Communities whose members attend will benefit from the best practice knowledge gained by the attendees.</p> <p>With NZQA accreditation they will appeal to a wider range of people due to NZQA qualifications being recognised by future employers.</p>	\$120,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000	as a contribution towards educator time and project development time
RENH18/190 62	Davian Lorson	Day of Judgement - Pest plant educational Videos	The aim of the project is to produce four educational videos on how to control four key pest plants in the Auckland region. The videos would assist environmental organisations to educate and empower the community to effectively take part in plant pest control.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this application be declined through the Regional Environment and Natural Heritage grant programme and supported through the natural environment targeted rate.</p> <p>This application aims to combine creative arts and best practice pest plant advice to produce an entertaining and informative video. Appealing to a wider audience to achieve critical-mass support to combat pest plants will require a new range of engagement tools. These videos are an example of such tools. The applicants have worked in pest plant control for many years working with community. This project combines their creativity and humour with their 'how to' skills.</p>	\$36,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000	as a contribution towards the production costs of two videos

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RENH18/19010	Catherine Yeates	Bush conservation at 62B Westhead Road, Kohekohe	This project aims to fence off, protect and regenerate sections of native bush at 62B Westhead Road by repairing existing fences and installing new fences to allow for natural revegetation processes and improve water quality. The work includes plant and animal pest control. Protection of this area contributes to an existing ecological corridor of Significant Ecological Areas and Biodiversity Focus Areas which contain threatened ecosystems.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this application be declined through the Regional Environment and Natural Heritage grant programme and supported through the natural environment targeted rate.</p> <p>This application is seeking funding for fencing and pest animal control on their private farmland. This site has a number of Significant Ecological Areas that will benefit from this project, adjacent to Biodiversity Focus Areas which together form an important ecological corridor.</p>	\$4,341	\$0	\$4,300	\$4,300	as a contribution towards fencing and pest control
RENH18/19003	Jenny Christianson under the umbrella of Kaipātiki Project Incorporated	Trial of Methodology of Non-chemical Weed control in Ecological Restoration	The project aims to experiment and document an innovative methodology of site based manual weed control. The approach utilizes soil, water and habitat parameters in restoration and protection of riparian forest, roadside margins, and estuarine cliffs. The trial will also develop additional refined species specific techniques for weed control.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this application be declined through the Regional Environment and Natural Heritage grant programme and supported through the natural environment targeted rate.</p> <p>Project uses innovative approaches and a trial of this kind would be very useful to potentially identify new best practice methods for manual weed control, which is important to meet our weed management goal of minimising herbicide use. The applicant is highly motivated and an active community member with appropriate technical skills or access to advice and support.</p>	\$120,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	as a contribution towards initial survey of site, manual weed control trial, monitoring, re-survey and results reporting.
RENH18/19007	Motuihe Trust	Flora Species Diversity, Nursery, Planting, Weeding 2019-2021	The project overall objective is to develop a diverse and representative coastal native forest in which rare and endangered native fauna and flora thrives on Motuihe Island. Visitors to the island will be able to walk around a predator free island on Auckland's doorstep and see rare and endangered native birds and animals in their natural environment. The work aims to increase the flora diversity on the island and ensure the impetus in the overall objectives is maintained by addition of new species, starting with seed collection and propagation in the nursery on the island, through to planting and protecting from weeds.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this application be declined through the Regional Environment and Natural Heritage grant programme and supported through the natural environment targeted rate.</p> <p>This project is a continuation of previous work and is not addressing a direct threat to the threatened species present, such as predation or habitat loss. Therefore the project impact is limited. The additional plantings will eventually expand the existing habitat for the threatened fauna species on Motuihe Island. The weed control will also protect the existing native vegetation. This will improve the ecological connectivity of the island in the long term. The project will involve a large number of regular and visiting volunteers. The reduced recommendation for funding reflects the relatively high costs involved with the seed collection work.</p>	\$64,030	\$0	\$5,500	\$5,500	as a contribution towards potting mix and weed control
RENH18/19058	Gecko NZ Trust	Mobile Rat Trap HQ	The aim of the project is to build a sustainable community of skilful and well equipped trappers using an integrated engagement model for rodent control.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this application be declined through the Regional Environment and Natural Heritage grant programme and supported through the natural environment targeted rate.</p> <p>The project aims to engage higher numbers of the community in pest trapping (rats to begin with), to protect the native species in their areas. They want to achieve this by being mobile and enabling discounted purchase of items, and raise awareness to encourage behaviour change.</p>	\$38,800	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000	as a contribution towards trailer design and preparation, advocacy materials, mobile eftpos unit, demo traps and educator time

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RENH18/19079	Protect Piha Heritage Society Incorporated	Pest free Piha	The overall goal of the project is to have Piha free of invasive weeds and predators by 2025 via integrated best-practice pest animal and pest plant management programmes. The project aims to engage private landowners to take part in controlling plant and animal pests on their own properties. The group requests funding towards an operations manager salary to support community neighbourhood groups to implement the pest control action plan.	Conservation	It is recommended that this application be declined through the Regional Environment and Natural Heritage grant programme and supported through the natural environment targeted rate. The Strategic Plan for this project includes several species that are listed in the current Regional Pest Management Strategy which includes the pest plants that are containment in the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area. For example, wild ginger and woolly nightshade. The group aims also align with Auckland Councils ambitions of keeping the Waitākere Ranges Regional Park free of ecological damaging pest plants and animals.	\$120,000 Including: (2018/2019 : \$40,000; 2019/2020: \$40,000; 2020/2021: \$40,000)	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	as a contribution towards operations manager salary to develop and implement a pest control action plan
RENH18/19065	Celia and David Timothy Ruane	Schollum Road Native Regeneration and Significant Ecological Area Connection Project	The project aims remove plant pests and regenerate the native bush on 110 Schollum Road, Omaha. The intended work stabilizes the soil and establishes an additional continuation to covenanted bush corridors to support safe passage of native birds.	Conservation	It is recommended that this application be declined through the Regional Environment and Natural Heritage grant programme and supported through the natural environment targeted rate. The project will increase habitat for native fauna and decrease pest plant numbers, chances of weed spread and reinvasion into neighbouring covenanted bush. The plantings will also help with bank stabilisation and may reduce erosion in this area. However due to its lack of community involvement and engagement the impacts of these conservation efforts are on a smaller, local scale, instead of a regional scale to which this fund is targeted towards.	\$3,150	\$0	\$3,100	\$3,100	as a contribution towards pest plant eradication and native plants.
RENH18/19066	Streamland Suffolks Limited	Protection and riparian planting of erosion-prone gully in Ram Paddock	The aim of the project is to completely exclude stock and to stabilize the banks of the Ram Paddock Northern Stream which flows into the Araparera River by fencing and plantings 215 meters of riparian margins with native plants.	Healthy Waters	It is recommended that this application be declined. This application contributes towards grant programmes healthy water outcomes regarding stock exclusion. Multiple applications were received for this property and the application fencing and planting the northern stream and gully in 110-Paddock was prioritised for support.	\$4,700	\$0		\$0	
RENH18/19021	Kashmir Postel	The Sustainable Guide to Island Life	The project aims to produce a short film for tourists making their way to Waiheke Island on how to be a conscious consumer and preserve the natural environment through the use of sustainable products such as a reusable water bottles, cotton shopping bags and reusable coffee cups.	Sustainable living	It is recommended that this application be declined. This application contributes towards grant programmes sustainable living outcomes however the likely impact of this application was not as significant as other applications received in this funding round. As the grants budget is limited other applications have been prioritised for support and it is recommended this application be declined.	\$4,640	\$0		\$0	
RENH18/19082	Streamland Suffolks Limited	Protection and planting Kauri2 stream gully and marshy source	The aim of the project is to completely exclude stock from a stream that flows through the Kauri Two Paddock into the Araparera River by fencing and plantings 210 meters of riparian margins with native plants.	Healthy Waters	It is recommended that this application be declined. This application contributes towards grant programmes healthy water outcomes regarding stock exclusion. Multiple applications were received for this property and the application fencing and planting the northern stream and gully in 110-Paddock was prioritised for support.	\$4,705	\$0		\$0	

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RENH18/190 93	Pest Free Kaipātiki Restoration Society Incorporated	Complete nine Restoration Plans for Kaipātiki reserves and surrounding halo's	The aim of this project is to produce complete restoration plans for three 'general classified' reserves in Kaipātiki. The restoration plans will provide a report on the state of the reserve, and guide the approach to weed elimination for all stakeholders. These plans will define responsibilities particularly between Auckland Council contractors and community groups helping to avoid duplication of work, increase efficiency, and ensure everyone is working towards the same goals.	Conservation	It is recommended that this application be declined. This application contributes towards grant programmes conservation outcomes however the development of restoration plans for council reserves should be supported through other council resources rather than grants to community organisations.	\$23,850 Including: (2018/2019 : \$7,950; 2019/2020: \$7,950; 2020/2021: \$7,950)	\$0		\$0	
RENH18/190 72	Wharepah Farms Limited	Wharepah native planting	The aim of the project is to plant 10 hectares of native plants along streams within Wairoa catchment to increase native bush area by plantings 10 kilometres of riparian margins with native plants to exclude stock and improve water quality.	Healthy Waters	It is recommended that this application is declined This application contributes towards grant programmes healthy water outcomes however the likely impact of this application was not as significant as other applications received in this funding round. As the grants budget is limited other applications have been prioritised for support and it is recommended this application be declined.	\$60,000 Including: (2018/2019 : \$20,000; 2019/2020: \$20,000; 2020/2021: \$20,000)	\$0		\$0	
RENH18/190 37	Rakino Nursery Charitable Trust	Rakino Island Nursery Development for the betterment of the Gulf	The project aims to replace a damaged water tank which was destroyed in a landslide. The water tank is located in Rakino Island native plant nursery which is a community led native plant nursery currently supported by a multi-year project from the Regional Environment and Natural Heritage Grant.	Conservation	It is recommended that this application is declined This application contributes towards the grant programme conservation outcome. This application seeks funding to purchase a new water tank for the community led native plant nursery damage during storms in March 2017. The applicant has a current multi-year funding agreement which will provide \$3000 towards nursery costs which may be used to support water tank repair. It is therefore recommended this application be declined.	\$5,000	\$0		\$0	
RENH18/190 14	CUE Haven Community Trust	CUE Haven Viewing Platform overlooking the Kaipara Harbour	Cultivating Understanding and Enlightenment (CUE) Haven is a newly restored 24 hectare native reserve developed by the community for the community to experience and enjoy New Zealand's natural environment and cultural heritage. The project aims to build a viewing platform for visitors to enjoy expansive views of the Kaipara Harbour and the growing native forest. The design of the platform showcases local Māori cultural heritage and the historic pā at CUE Haven and provides a space for the community to learn more about te ao Māori and concepts such as mohiotanga, kotahitanga, whanaungatanga, manaakitanga and kaitiakitanga.	Conservation	It is recommended that this application is declined. This application contributes towards grant programmes conservation outcomes however the likely impact of this application was not as significant as other applications received in this funding round. As the grants budget is limited other applications have been prioritised for support and it is recommended this application be declined.	\$40,000	\$0		\$0	

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RENH18/19074	Kelmarna Community Garden Trust	Kelmarna Gardens - Sustainable Futures programme	The project aims to further develop the community capacity by to carry on organic farming based on permaculture principles on their own backyards. The project promotes sustainable living practices by motivating Aucklanders to feel more connected with nature and have a greater sense of care for the natural world especially in urban areas within city boundaries.	Sustainable living	It is recommended that this application is declined. This application contributes towards grant programmes sustainable living outcomes however the likely impact of this application was not as significant as other applications received in this funding round. As the grants budget is limited other applications have been prioritised for support and it is recommended this application be declined.	\$33,703	\$0		\$0	
RENH18/19081	Kaipātiki Project Incorporated	Sustainable Whanau Challenge	The aim of the Sustainable Whanau Challenge project is to deliver an online behaviour change competition encouraging individuals and teams to undertake sustainable actions related to transport, waste, water, food, energy and nature.	Sustainable living	It is recommended that this application is declined. This application contributes towards grant programmes sustainable living outcomes however the likely impact of this application was not as significant as other applications received in this funding round. As the grants budget is limited other applications have been prioritised for support and it is recommended this application be declined.	\$114,924	\$0		\$0	
RENH18/19029	Ranui Community Centre Incorporated	Education on up-cycling/environmental practices	The project aims to continue working with different community groups to promote behaviour change in waste reduction and community food production. The applicant requests support towards the salary of a Sustainability Coordinator. The coordinator currently works with different stakeholders and organisations both locally and across the region to achieve waste minimisation goals.	Sustainable living	It is recommended that this application be declined This application contributes towards grant programmes sustainable living outcomes however the likely impact of this application was not as significant as other applications received in this funding round. As the grants budget is limited other applications have been prioritised for support and it is recommended this application be declined.	\$31,200	\$0		\$0	
RENH18/19038	Stephen Thomas	Rakino Island West Bay Wetlands Restoration	This aim of this project is to clear a degraded water coarse and wetlands area. Runoff currently disperses into the sea which is causing erosion and pollution of West Bay, this project will re-establish a natural physical characteristic, provide a water supply and mitigate erosion and pollution.	Healthy Waters	It is recommended that this application be declined. This application contributes towards grant programmes healthy water outcomes however the likely impact of this application was not as significant as other applications received in this funding round. Funding is requested to use earthmoving equipment to clear a wetland and consent may be required. As the grants budget is limited other applications have been prioritised for support and it is recommended this application be declined.	\$30,000	\$0		\$0	

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RENH18/19025	Deep Creek Restoration Society Incorporated	Restoration of Deep Creek at Waiake beach	The project aims to enhance water quality and improve the recreational amenity of Deep Creek at Waiake beach. The proposed scope of work includes weeds control, mangroves trimming, and planting native plants around Waiake beach estuary.	Healthy Waters	<p>It is recommended that this application be declined</p> <p>This application contributes towards grant programmes healthy water outcomes however the likely impact of this application was not as significant as other applications received in this funding round. The potential project impact is localised and the applicant has no prior experience in carrying out these projects. The trimming of the mangroves is not for water quality but for recreational activities so does not fall under the scope of works supported.</p> <p>As the grants budget is limited other applications have been prioritised for support and it is recommended this application be declined.</p>	\$24,000	\$0		\$0	
RENH18/19048	Squawk Squad Limited	Conservation Week 2019	This project aims to connect and engage kiwis in the protection of native birds. As part of Conservation Week 2019 Squawk Squad is focused on getting conservation in the hands of students in the form of google virtual reality headsets in a fully immersive experience education pack.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this application be declined</p> <p>This application contributes towards grant programmes conservation outcomes. This project will educate a large number of students about conservation and has potential raise a large amount of money for conservation. However, these aspects do not directly benefit a regional conservation priority outlined for this grant programme.</p> <p>As the grants budget is limited other applications have been prioritised for support and it is recommended this application be declined.</p>	\$40,000	\$0		\$0	
RENH18/19046	The Sustainable North Trust	Commercial Organics Diversion Project	The project aims to pilot commercial organic waste diversion and would involve the collection of food waste from local restaurants and build interest in rural land application of urban commercial food scrap collection. This pilot aims to provide a partial solution to environmental issues of climate change, waste and agricultural land degradation.	Sustainable living	<p>It is recommended that this application be declined.</p> <p>This application contributes towards the grant programme sustainable living however the likely impact of this application is not as significant as other applications received in this funding round.</p> <p>As the grants budget is limited other applications have been prioritised for support and it is recommended this application be declined.</p>	\$24,596	\$0		\$0	
RENH18/19063	EcoNet under the umbrella of Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society Incorporated	Increasing conservation group effectiveness by improved technology and data sharing	The project aims to enhance conservation groups' effectiveness by improving technology and data sharing. The project will perform a gap analysis and a feasibility study to identify and explore different opportunities that can be utilized to share data more efficiently among a wider range of systems and stakeholders.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this application be declined.</p> <p>This application contributes towards the grant programme conservation outcome. Database development, similar to what is being proposed in this application is currently being investigated by Auckland Council and it is therefore recommended this application be declined.</p>	\$80,000	\$0		\$0	

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RENH18/19067	Environmental Defence Society	Protected landscapes in the Auckland region	The project aims to investigate how landscapes are protected in the Auckland region and what improvements could be made to ensure better outcomes. Investigations will include an assessment of current initiatives including the special legislation covering the Waitākere Ranges and Hauraki Gulf. It will work to identify the likely impact of urban growth on landscapes and examine how existing and novel tools could be deployed to create better outcomes.	Conservation	It is recommended that this application be declined. This application contributes towards the grant programme conservation outcomes however the likely impact of this application is not as significant as other applications received in this funding round. It is recommended that the applicant contact Auckland Council Natural Heritage Strategy Unit to discuss potential opportunities and synergies with respect to this work.	\$35,000	\$0		\$0	
RENH18/19064	Motutapu Restoration Trust	Ecological Restoration - Weed Control of Planting Site	The Motutapu Restoration Project aims to restore the natural landscape of pest free Motutapu by planting a native forest and bringing back rare and endangered wildlife species involving volunteers from the community. The proposed project aims to carry on post planting weed control on a proposed 49 hectares of planting sites over a period of three years.	Conservation	It is recommended that this application be declined. This application contributes towards the grant programme conservation outcomes however potential issues have been identified with this application with regards to support from iwi, Heritage New Zealand and the landowner (Department of Conservation). Land owner permission to carry out the project is a requirement for this project implementation.	\$106,368	\$0		\$0	
RENH18/19090	EcoMatters Environment Trust	Conservation Degustation - An encounter and tasting platter for conservation volunteering	The aim of this project is to provide attendees with an entertaining conservation experience through a “five-course nature degustation” that showcases ways to help care for nature and foster environmental connection.	Conservation	It is recommended that this application be declined. This application has limited direct contribution towards the grant programmes conservation outcomes. The applicant has a long history of delivering funded projects however the likely impact of this application was not as significant as other applications received in this funding round. As the grants budget is limited other applications have been prioritised for support and it is recommended this application be declined.	\$40,000	\$0		\$0	
RENH18/19008	Mark Smale	Adapting Green Wheel ecological assessment tool for Auckland forest remnants	This project aims to adapt and customize the newly developed Green Wheel ecological monitoring and evaluation tool for use in native forest remnants in the Auckland Region.	Conservation	It is recommended that this application be declined. This application has limited direct contribution towards the grant programmes conservation outcomes. The applicant has a long history of delivering funded projects however the likely impact of this application is not as significant as other applications received in this funding round. As the grants budget is limited other applications have been prioritised for support and it is recommended this application be declined.	\$15,162	\$0		\$0	

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RENH18/19018	Imagen8 Limited	Responsible Environmental Education for Sustainability (REEFS)	The project aims to deepen children's connection with nature through an outdoor immersion pilot program supported by their school. The goal of the pilot is for the school students to foster a connection with their local reserve and engage in activities that promote environmental sustainability.	Sustainable living	<p>It is recommended that this application be declined.</p> <p>This application has limited direct contribution towards the grant programmes sustainable living outcomes. In its current format, the likely impact of this application is not as significant as other applications received in this funding round. As the grants budget is limited other applications have been prioritised for support and it is recommended this application be declined.</p> <p>It is recommended the applicant continue to develop and explore their concept and have a detailed plan of how the project will 'look' with clear alignment to the New Zealand Curriculum and other mentioned policies/strategies.</p>	\$40,000	\$0		\$0	
RENH18/19030	Riverhead Management Limited	Historic Tree and Bank Rehabilitation	The project aims to preserve six listed historic oak trees on the road reserve surrounding The Riverhead Tavern. The project includes stabilisation of the neighbouring river bank, eradication of pest plants and replanting the river bank with native plants.	Healthy Waters	<p>It is recommended that this application be declined.</p> <p>This application has limited direct contribution towards grant programmes healthy water outcomes. The likely impact of this application is not as significant as other applications received in this funding round.</p> <p>As the grants budget is limited other applications have been prioritised for support and it is recommended this application be declined.</p>	\$17,945	\$0		\$0	
RENH18/19094	Newton Pontes	Call2Action	The project aims to develop a free access mobile application capable of handling subject databases for diverse uses. The application would be used to promote desired behaviours and cultural values by mapping sites of interest and monitoring the use of public space, and reporting incidents such as road safety, water pollution, littering and other types of incidents.	Conservation	<p>It is recommended that this application be declined.</p> <p>This application has limited direct contribution towards grant programmes conservation outcomes. The likely impact of this application is not as significant as other applications received in this funding round.</p> <p>As the grants budget is limited other applications have been prioritised for support and it is recommended this application be declined.</p>	\$120,000	\$0		\$0	
RENH18/19070	Brian Goldstein	Regeneration of portion of Mount Eden cone	The project aims to regenerate native plant species on an area of the Mount Eden Cone.	None	Application was withdrawn by applicant.	-	-		-	
Total						\$2,786,199	\$475,350	\$200,000	\$675,350	
						Including: (2018/2019 : \$1,505,746 ; 2019/2020: \$700,915; 2020/2021: \$579,538)	Including: (2018/2019: \$358,850; 2019/2020: \$64,500; 2020/2021: \$52,000)		Including: (2018/2019: \$558,850; 2019/2020: \$64,500; 2020/2021: \$52,000)	