

“HOW TO” OBTAIN FUNDING

How to Obtain Funding to create, restore or protect your wetland
 Your wetland is a special part of Southland and there are many opportunities to apply for funding to create, restore or protect your wetland. You may also be entitled to rates relief from the Southland Councils on your wetland. Here is a range of different funding opportunities to help you manage or protect your special piece of Southland:

Option	Organization	Contact
<p>Apply for funding assistance for fencing, riparian planting or pest and weed management</p>	<p>The Nature Heritage Fund helps meet the cost of protecting areas of high ecological value by providing contestable finance for projects that protect ecosystems. Some options for protecting forests include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fund provides the finance and negotiates the purchase of areas in need of protection for its clients. • The Nature Heritage Fund provides assistance with fencing, survey and legal costs in order to obtain a covenant. • Some funding is available to help private landowners with management costs on land that already has formal protection. To receive assistance, proposals need to meet certain criteria which can be found on the website. 	<p>Nature Heritage Fund application forms can be downloaded from the website or can be obtained from: The Executive Officer Nature Heritage Fund PO Box 10-420 Wellington Email: NHF-Admin@doc.govt.nz Phone: 04 471 0726 Applications for funding close: • 10 February • 30 April • 31 July • 31 October of each year Website: http://www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/landowners/nature-heritage-fund/</p>
	<p>The Biodiversity Condition Fund aims to improve and maintain the condition of areas of indigenous vegetation, species and habitats (including wetlands and water bodies). It will fund projects that enhance biodiversity on private land, and particularly on areas under legal protection. Projects could involve, for example, fencing, weed control, restoration planting or pest control. Applications are open twice a year to landowners.</p>	<p>Applications can be downloaded from the website or you can contact Alan White, Fund Manager or Stephanie Weller, Fund Adviser, if you have any questions Email: biofunds@doc.govt.nz Phone: Toll Free on 0800 86 2020 Biodiversity Funds Department of Conservation 18-32 Manners Street PO Box 10-420 Wellington Website: http://www.biodiversity.govt.nz/land/nzbs/pvtland/condition.html</p>
	<p>New Zealand Landcare Trust promotes a sustainable approach to land management and provides independent advice on landcare issues to farmers, land owners and a diverse range of community groups. Southland’s local representative helps landowners with local Biodiversity Condition Fund applications.</p>	<p>Janet Gregory, Regional Coordinator, NZ Landcare Trust Email: janet.gregory@landcare.org.nz Phone: 03 208 7883 Mobile: 027 222 4005 Website: www.landcare.org.nz Address: RD 3 Otama, Gore 9773</p>

	<p>If you live in the Waiau Catchment you can apply to the Waiau Fisheries and Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Trust which provides grant money for fencing. The grant can vary between 25 - 50% of the cost of fencing. The grant is written off after 20 years. The Trust requires landowners to sign a Habitat Enhancement Agreement. This Agreement provides security for the Trust's financial investment and security for the enhanced habitat.</p>	<p>For more information contact Jan Riddell, Planner or Mark Sutton, Field Officer Email: Jan@waiautrust.org.nz Mark@waiautrust.org.nz 159 North Road Invercargill New Zealand Phone: 03 215 9117 Website: http://www.waiautrust.org.nz/</p>
	<p>If you live in the Waituna catchment you may be eligible to obtain assistance from the Awarua Waituna Advisory Group (AWAG). AWAG offers a subsidised riparian fencing and planting scheme designed to improve water quality flowing into the lagoon. The lagoon is fed by three streams (Moffat Creek, Waituna Stream and Currans Creek).</p>	<p>For more information contact Katrina Robertson, Land Sustainability Officer Email: Katrina.robertson@es.govt.nz Cnr North Road and Price Street Invercargill Phone: 03 211 5115 Website: http://www.farmnews.co.nz/awag/</p>
	<p>You might be able to become a part of Environment Southland's Living Streams programme. Living Streams aims to empower communities to take action by providing water quality information to raise community awareness and ownership of problems, and through the development of effective partnerships to achieve healthy waterways. This programme offers funding assistance for activities such as fencing and riparian planting to help improve water quality</p>	<p>For more information contact Amy Kirk, Project Manager Email: amy.kirk@es.govt.nz Cnr North Road and Price Street Invercargill Phone: 03 211 5115</p>
<p>Apply for rates relief</p>	<p>Under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, land with a QEII covenant in place is deemed non-rateable to the extent of the covenant.</p>	<p>Contact your local council's Rates Officer or Graeme Watson or Mark Sutton "see how to legally protect your wetland" to ask about rates relief if you have or are considering a QEII covenant for your property.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southland District Council, Lisa Jackson Phone: 0800 732 732 Email: emailsdc@southlanddc.govt.nz • Invercargill City Council, Jeanette Jones Phone: (03) 211 1777 Email: customer.service@icc.govt.nz • Gore District Council Phone: (03) 208 5091 Email: info@goredc.govt.nz • Environment Southland, Sue Scott Phone: 0800 76 88 45 Email: service@es.govt.nz