

DUNEDIN BIODIVERSITY FUND APPLICATION FORM

September 2009 Funding Round
Closing date for applications is 5pm Friday 2 October 2009

Please refer to the brochure for guidelines on fund criteria. If you have any questions please contact Debbie Hogan ph 474 3331 or dhogan@dcc.govt.nz.

Section 1: Applicant and Site Details			
Name of Applicant:	_____		
	<i>If the applicant is not the landowner then consent of the landowner is required with a letter of support.</i>		
Contact address:	_____		

Phone number:	_____		
Fax number:	_____		
Email address:	_____		
Website:	_____		
Location of project:	_____		
Valuation Number or Property ID:	_____		
	<i>This can be obtained from your rates notice.</i>		
Legal description:	_____		
Formal protection in place:	ASCV*	QEII Covenant	DOC Covenant
<i>Please circle one or more</i>	Not Protected	Private Reserve	
If the site is listed as an ASCV* in the Dunedin City District Plan please provide the site number.	_____		

*ASCV refers to Area of Significant Conservation Value

Section 2: Project Summary

This section details your project.

Name of project (if any):

Outline of the proposed project and what its aims are:

Start date:

Expected duration and staging of project:

If your project is to be staged please provide a brief description of what is involved with each stage.

Is this a new project?

Yes

No

If no what action has been undertaken on the project so far:

What do you require the funding for? *Please provide a brief description*

Section 3: Resources and funding requested

This section requests information that relates specifically to the budget and financial information for your application.

The Dunedin Biodiversity Fund provides grants allocated on the basis of a cost sharing arrangement of 50:50 i.e. the Council will only fund up to half of the project cost. The applicant must make a contribution to the costs. The maximum grant is \$5,000 per project. Please do not include GST in your costs. Any machinery will be evaluated on its individual merit to the project. Labour contributions are eligible as a project cost but should ideally not form more than a third of the total project cost.

What is the total cost of the project (GST exclusive)?

What is the total amount being requested from this fund?

Section 4: Details of Project

Please include a location map, photos, drawings, project plans and any other information that you think will support your application. This information can be included in the management plan attached to the application.

If the project involves fencing, please indicate the length (metres) of fencing to be erected, area that will be protected and the type of fence proposed.

If the project involves planting, please provide details on the area to be planted, the number, type and size of plants, and where they will be sourced.

If the site is not protected are you prepared to formally protect the area if this funding application is successful?

Is the site significant in terms of the ASCV criteria in the District Plan?

These can be found on the back of this application form or in section 16 of the District Plan.

How will the project contribute towards the vision and goals of the Biodiversity Strategy for Dunedin?

What natural values will be protected or enhanced by the project?

Will the project enable effective on-going management to be achieved?

Does your project have any links to other projects or formally protected sites within the area? If yes please describe.

If there are no links could they be established?	_____

Will other groups or organisations be involved in the project?	_____

Section 5: Terms and Conditions	
<p>I/We hereby declare all details contained in this application are true and correct and I/we have the authority to make this application, including on behalf of the group or organisation (if relevant).</p> <p>I/We consent to the Dunedin City Council collecting personal information provided in this application, retaining and using these details. Please note that the list of successful applications will be published on the City of Dunedin website.</p> <p>I/We agree to the terms and conditions contained in this application and the brochure. Please note that a formal agreement with the Dunedin City Council must be entered into for successful applications.</p>	
Signatory	Signatory
Name	Name
Date	Date

Checklist		
<i>List of items you have included in your application. Please ensure each item is numbered and referred to within this application form. Please tick the relevant box –</i>		
1	Completed and signed application form	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Site Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Photographs of the project area	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Quotes for any work proposed	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Assessment of the significant values of the site that has been undertaken	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Management plan	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Any other supporting material or information that may be useful in considering your application	<input type="checkbox"/>
 <i>Applications can be:</i>		
<u>Posted to:</u>	Debbie Hogan, City Planning, Dunedin City Council, PO Box 5045, Dunedin	
<u>Delivered to:</u>	Planning Enquiries, First Floor, Civic Centre, 50 The Octagon, Dunedin	
<u>Emailed to:</u>	dhogan@dcc.govt.nz	

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Assessment Criteria

In order to assist you in making a successful application, please consider the points set out below. These are summarised from the relevant documents as a guide. The Hearings Committee will use these criteria to consider and prioritise applications.

District Plan significance criteria (ASCV):

Rarity/distinctiveness: the degree to which vegetation and habitat types that were formerly common are now reduced in extent, or are naturally rare, or support native species (plants or animals) that are uncommon, in decline or threatened with extinction within an ecological district/subdistrict, ecological region or nationally, including those listed in Appendix 16A (of District Plan).

Representativeness: the degree to which vegetation is representative of that which formerly covered Dunedin City's ecological districts. Representativeness is defined by the percentage present of the native plant species that are known to have been in that vegetation type in the Dunedin district since European settlement (the 'characteristic' species), and the percentage contribution of native species to the plant cover.

Viability: the degree to which existing natural habitat or vegetation is capable of maintaining or recovering its structure and composition in the absence of additional management, or is subject to a formal restoration programme.

Context in the Ecological Landscape: the degree to which an area of native habitat or vegetation links other such areas or contributes to the ecological significance of the immediate vicinity. Such areas have a significant ecological function if they are within flying distance for the majority of native birds, a maximum of approximately 500m, or if they increase habitat suitability for terrestrial and aquatic flora and fauna by providing cover, shelter, food, nesting sites, a buffer from harmful influences, etc.

Diversity/pattern: the number of species of native vascular plants and animals, and the number of vegetation/habitat types, contained in an area.

Naturalness/intactness: the degree of absence of disturbance and damage by human activity and the activity of introduced animals.

Size and shape: the size of an area of vegetation or habitat and the degree to which its shape influences the viability of the site.

Biodiversity Strategy for Dunedin:

Vision:

Dunedin is a city where: the community works together to understand, enhance and celebrate the value of biodiversity in Dunedin for the benefit of current and future generations

Dunedin is a city that: maintains an network of viable habitats and ecosystems extending from the alpine zone of the inland Rock and Pillar Ranges to the harbour, coast and islands.

Goal 1: Increase community involvement and responsibility in biodiversity conservation.

Goal 2: Establish and monitor the state of biodiversity in Dunedin.

Goal 3: Reverse the decline and enhance Dunedin's unique indigenous biodiversity.

National Priorities for protecting rare and threatened native biodiversity on private land

National Priority 1: To protect indigenous vegetation associated with land environments (defined by Land Environments of New Zealand at Level IV) that have 20 percent or less remaining in indigenous cover.

National Priority 2: To protect indigenous vegetation associated with sand dunes and wetlands.

National Priority 3: To protect indigenous vegetation associated with 'originally rare' terrestrial ecosystem types not already covered by priorities 1 and 2.

National Priority 4: To protect habitats of acutely and chronically threatened indigenous species.

Full details of the national priorities can be found on the Department of Conservation website www.doc.govt.nz.