



# BIODIVERSITY FUND



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Landowners and community groups play a vital role in protecting and enhancing Dunedin's native biodiversity and helping achieve Dunedin's vision to be one of the world's great small cities.

Recognising this role, the Dunedin City Council created its biodiversity fund in 2007. It allocates \$80,000 a year to the fund.

Funding is available for practical activities that benefit native biodiversity. We prioritise funding of areas of important native biodiversity on private land.

The fund provides grants for projects that take place within the wider Dunedin city district.



*Bellbird at Dunedin Botanic Garden - Paul Sorrell*

## How much can I get for my project?

See [www.dunedin.govt.nz/biodiversityfunding](http://www.dunedin.govt.nz/biodiversityfunding) for amounts available for grants. We can provide up to half the cost of a project.

## How are funding decisions made?

Applications for DCC grants are assessed by DCC staff, elected members and community representatives who administer and distribute the fund as appropriate.

## What we fund

Biodiversity fund grants are for practical activities that benefit native biodiversity including:

- Revegetation plantings of locally appropriate native species
- Weed or predator control that benefits a native ecosystem
- Fencing off native forest remnants or wetlands from stock
- Native fauna projects e.g. nest boxes.

Grants are for materials such as plants, traps, herbicide or fencing materials.



*Puawananga/white clematis flowering on Mt Cargill*

## How does the grant work?

If your application is successful and a grant is approved, you will be asked to enter into a grant agreement with the DCC. Applicants can claim an approved grant after they've completed and paid all costs for the project.

## When does my project need to be finished?

Projects must be completed within two years. If your project is not completed within this timeframe, your grant will be forfeited.

## Do we need to know how things went?

Yes, we look forward to hearing how things went.

## How do I report back?

When the project is finished, you complete a short report and send in your project documentation to claim the grant money. You must keep and send in all records of your expenses, including your contributions to the project.

Once you've claimed the grant, you're eligible to apply again for more funding.

## What if I want to make changes to the project or can't complete it?

Talk to our biodiversity advisor who can provide advice and support. Minor changes to the project can be approved but major changes may require a new application.

Don't worry if circumstances change and you can't carry out the project. Let us know and the grant will be forfeited.



*Native plantings in revegetation project for coastal forests north of Dunedin – grant recipient April 2019*

## How do I apply?

Applications can be made at [www.dunedin.govt.nz/biodiversityfunding](http://www.dunedin.govt.nz/biodiversityfunding). There are more details here about what we do and don't fund, eligibility criteria and how projects are prioritised.

## When can I apply?

Applications can be made in March and September.

## Contact

Our biodiversity advisor is available to advise and support you if you're considering applying for funding. Please call us on 477 4000 or email [biodiversity@dcc.govt.nz](mailto:biodiversity@dcc.govt.nz)

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