

10.1. ECO Fund Applications: 1-20 May 2019 Funding Round

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PURPOSE

[1] The Report to Council to approve recommendations for ECO Fund applications for the funding round 1 - 20 May 2019. <https://www.orc.govt.nz/our-council-our-region/eco-fund>

[2] The ECO Fund Vision, Purpose and Objectives are:



Vision:

ECO Fund will support work that protects and enhances Otago's environment.

Purpose:

To support community-driven environmental activities

Objectives:

To support administration costs, align with ORC environmental strategies, support both small and large projects, encourage community collaborations/partnerships, and promote ORC's profile within the community.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

- 1) **Receives** this report.
- 2) **Approves** the funding recommendations of the ECO Fund decision panel for the following applications to a value of \$73,666 as per attached summary sheet of projects):

Applications under \$5,000

Control of Weed Species in and around lakes and wetlands

Creek Project

45th Parallel Project

Predator Free Wye Creek

Satellite Monitored Live Predator Trapping (No More Bad Cats)

Waiwera Kaihiku Farmer-led Watercare Group

Water Testing

Applications over \$5,000

Bring Back the Seabirds- Sandymount Titi colony protection

Environmental Monitoring and restoration of Matinaka Hawksbury Lagoon

*Makarora Catchment Threatened Species Project
Wakatipu Reforestation Trust Staff Costs*

BACKGROUND

- [3] The third round of ECO Fund applications closed on 20 May 2019. 25 applications were received:

| Category | Applications | Total requested |
|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Over \$5,000 | 12 | \$282,490.64 |
| Under \$5,000 | 13 | \$49,240.70 |
| Total Funds Requested: | | \$331,731.34 |
| Total Funds Available*: | | \$73,666.00 |

**Please note \$9,667 was pre-allocated to the Clutha Water Project in the September 2018 round*

- [4] It has been pleasing to again see a diverse range of applications from around the region.
- [5] All applications have been made available for Councillors to view prior to the Communications Committee.
- [6] The ECO Fund Decision Panel met on 30 May 2019 to review and decide which applications are recommended to receive funding.
- [7] Some application names below have been simplified from full names given on applications.

Applications under \$5,000

| Project Name | Decision | Amount |
|---|---------------|--------------------|
| Creek Project | Yes | \$2,309.60 |
| 45th Parallel Project | Yes | \$4,232.00 |
| Control of Weed Species in and around lakes and wetlands | Yes | \$1,363.90 |
| Predator Free Wye Creek | Yes | \$4,993.00 |
| Satellite Monitored Live Predator Trapping (No More Bad Cats) | Yes | \$4,950.00 |
| Waiwera Kaihiku Farmer-led Watercare Group | Yes | \$2,517.00 |
| Water Testing | Yes | \$704.25 |
| Alpine Retreat Trapping Group | No | |
| Catchment Keepers | No | |
| Glenfalloch Nature Walk | No | |
| Predator Free Gibbston | No | |
| School Creek Restoration Group | No | |
| Wakatipu High School Native Planting Project | No | |
| | Total: | \$21,069.75 |

Applications over \$5,000

| Project Name | Decision | Amount |
|---|-----------------|---|
| Clutha Water Project | Yes | \$9,667 x3 (September 2018 / January 2019 / May 2019) |
| Bring Back the Seabirds- Sandymount Titi colony protection | Yes | \$5,568.26 |
| Environmental Monitoring and restoration of Matinaka Hawksbury Lagoon | Yes | \$22,296.20 |
| Makarora Catchment Threatened Species Project | Yes | \$6,100.00 |
| Wakatipu Reforestation Trust Staff Costs | Yes | \$18,631.79 |
| Admin/Volunteer Coordinator/ Marketing Assistant (Haehaeata Natural Heritage Trust) | No | |
| Coastal Forest Reforestation | No | |
| Milton Glass Crusher Pilot | No | |
| Granton Creek Restoration Project | No | |
| Invasive Weed Control at Te Nohoaka o Tukiauau/ Sinclair Wetlands | No | |
| New Strands of Evidence: Double Stranded RNA | No | |
| Project Bruce Sustainability Projects Coordinator Position | No | |
| West Harbour Sycamore Control Program | No | |
| | Total: | \$62,263 .25 |

Total funds allocated: \$83,333

PROGRESS REPORTS

[8] Clutha Water Project progress report has been received and is attached to this report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2019-05-10- ORCECO Fund Report - Clutha Water Project **[10.1.1]**