

# **ENM ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES FUND (EIF)**

## **Guidelines – Large Grants (Over \$500)**

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE  
APPLICATION FORM**

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## BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR THE ENM ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES FUND (EIF) – Large Grants

### 1. The Purpose of the Fund

The main purpose of the grant is to support community initiatives that align with priorities of both PNCC and ENM to improve environmental outcomes for the city. Grants will be available to projects taking place within Palmerston North's City boundaries as stipulated by Palmerston North City Council.

ENM will set the funding priorities each year based on PNCC's Eco-City Strategy priorities, and any identified priorities of the network, in consultation with its members.

Applications may be made for Large Grants (more than \$500 and up to \$12,000, exclusive of GST).

### 2. EIF Priorities and Criteria 2020/21

Funding initiatives for the 2020/2021 funding round must demonstrate alignment with the following priorities and criteria for eligibility:

**Priorities:** the initiative must demonstrate alignment with the priorities for this year's funding round (ending 30 June 2021).

#### 1. Respect and enhance the mauri of the Manawatū River.

*Mauri is defined as:  
"life force or essence"*

*Examples of initiatives that align with this priority are:  
The Manawatu River Source to Sea project.  
Removal of plastics and other litter from waterways.  
Removal of weeds from waterways.  
Water quality monitoring of our waterways.*

#### 2. Focus on community resilience, sustainable living, food security and education.

*Community Resilience is defined as:  
"the sustained ability of a **community** to use available resources (energy, communication, transportation, food, etc.) to respond to, withstand, and recover from adverse situations (e.g., economic collapse to global catastrophic risks)"*

*Sustainable Living is defined as:  
"a **lifestyle** that attempts to reduce an individual's or society's use of the Earth's natural resources, and one's personal resources".*

*Food Security is defined as:  
"the state of having reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food".*

Examples of initiatives that align with this priority are:  
 Initiatives aimed at stopping the use of plastics.  
 Initiatives seeking to reduce energy use and utilise renewable energy.  
 Initiatives that find creative ways of reusing everything.  
 Set up and development of community gardens.  
 Gardening and cooking programmes in schools.

### 3. Regenerate and support native biodiversity.

Biodiversity is defined as:  
 “the variety of plant and animal life in the world or in a particular habitat, a high level of which is usually considered to be important and desirable”.

Native biodiversity refers to:  
 “species that occur naturally in a given geographic area. A **native** species that occurs in a given geographic area is one that evolved in that geographic area, as opposed to having been transported there by humans”.

Examples of initiatives that align with this priority are:  
 Predator control projects.  
 Tree planting programmes.  
 Native species monitoring programmes.

### 4. Provide education or development relating to sustainable buildings and/or green spaces.

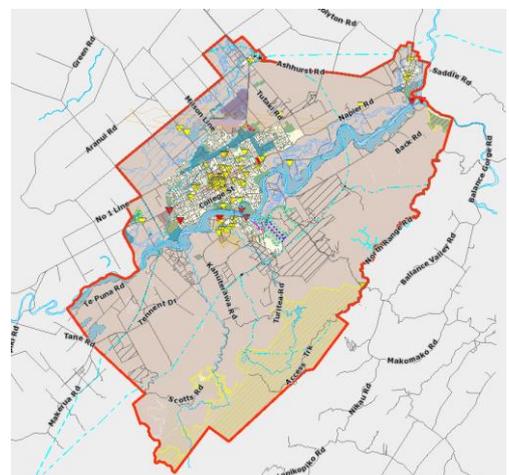
Sustainable buildings are defined as:  
 “**buildings** that can maintain or improve: the quality of life and harmonize within the local climate, tradition, culture, the environment in the region, conserve energy, resources and recycling materials, ... the local and global ecosystem throughout the entire **building** life-cycle”.

Green spaces are defined as:  
 “**land** that is partly or completely covered with grass, trees, shrubs, or other vegetation). **Green space** includes parks, community gardens, and cemeteries. Schoolyards. Playgrounds. Public seating **areas**”.

Examples of initiatives that align with this priority are:  
 Development of new building designs and/or materials.  
 The Edwards Pit Park Reserve developments.  
 The Ahimate Reserve developments.  
 Education in schools via establishment of green spaces.

**Local Focus:** the initiative must take place within Palmerston North City boundaries as stipulated by the PNCC, but applications can be submitted by organisations from outside City boundaries.

You can find a link to an interactive map showing the City boundaries [here](#).



**Environmental Benefits:** the initiative must demonstrate the specific environmental benefits that will be achieved by implementing the initiative.

**Collaboration:** if this is a collaborative initiative, you should provide evidence that you have investigated potential partnerships with other groups. We would also like to see you exploring other funding sources for the initiative.

**Project Plan:** applicants will be required to submit a Project Plan for the initiative. The Plan should cover the objectives of the initiative, a description of how the objectives will be achieved, a timeline and a budget for the initiative. Provision of quotes or estimates for specific items is not compulsory but will be encouraged. A Large Grant application need not be for a new activity but could cover maintenance or expansion of an existing project.

**Reporting:** how the applicant will measure the initiative's success – they will need the capability to record and report on the project's success to ENM.

**Past Environmental Initiatives:** evidence of success in implementing past environmental projects, if applicable.

**Applicant Status:** applications will only be accepted from organisations, not individuals. Applicants must be a current community group with a legal entity, or social enterprises in a build-up phase.

**Requested Grant:** must be more than \$500 and must not exceed \$12,000, exclusive of GST.

**Paid staff costs:** may be applied for in the budget.

**Delivery:** evidence that the applicant has the capability and capacity to deliver the initiative within the expected timeline.

### 3. Fund Details

#### Funding Availability

The fund opens on Monday, 15 February 2021 and closes when the fund is fully allocated.

The maximum funds an applicant can receive in any funding year is 12,000 for Large Grants.

Applications for Large Grants will close at 4pm, on Monday 15 March.

Only one round will be held for Large Grant applications this funding year which ends 30 June 2021.

Other points to note when submitting Large Grant applications are as follows:

- Payment will be made in the form of a grant.
- The grant may be paid in more than one instalment.
- The full amount requested may not necessarily be granted.

- Retrospective expenses will not be covered by Large Grants.

### **Fund Allocation Process**

Assessment and allocation of funds will be carried out by ENM's Funding Distribution Subcommittee.

The Funding Distribution Subcommittee (FDS) includes representation from ENM's Management Committee, ENM Member Groups and other community representatives.

FDS will meet at the end of March (after the Large Grant Funding Round closes) to make decisions on funding allocations for Year 1 (ending 30 June 2021).

FDS members must declare their interest in any application they are associated with or have an interest in. They must remove themselves from discussion and decision making on that application. Conflicts of interest will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Applicants are also required to advise the status of the group seeking funding and to declare any conflicts of interest.

Final decisions on funding are at the discretion of FDS.

### **Reporting Requirements**

Initiatives can commence upon announcement of successful funding and will be expected to be completed within 12 months.

A report on the initiative must be submitted by the due date stated in the notice of funding approval. This report must include:

- photographic or video evidence of the initiative's completion.
- a review of the outcomes of the initiative.
- an evaluation of how successful the initiative has been in achieving its stated objectives.
- how the initiative has contributed to the environmental priorities (see Section 2) in this year's funding round; and
- how the community and the environment has benefited from the project.

In the case that an initiative is NOT completed, or only partially completed within the agreed timeframe for any reason, then:

- if a formal request is made, the FDS has discretion to grant an extension of time for the completion of the project; and
- the FDS may require the full or partial return of project funds to ENM so that any returned funds can be reallocated in the next funding round, or as soon as practicable.

#### **4. Terms of Agreement/Declaration**

Applicants must ensure that these sections of the form are completed fully.