

**Grants and Funds Submission Summary**

Portfolio: Environment

This summary template is to provide information on grants and funds choices to meet the high and low savings values set through the Budget 2025 Invitation Letters for each portfolio. Letters outlining the Budget 2025 strategy and the relevant high and low amounts have been issued to Ministers (with Chief Executives CC'd).

A copy of this summary must be attached to your Minister's submission letter to the Minister of Finance, and uploaded to the CFISnet document sharing function by **1pm Monday 23 December 2024**. Agencies must also submit the relevant Annex 2: Savings (all agencies) for individual grants and funds initiatives.

	High Amount	Low Amount
<b>Total Operating</b>	\$43.28m (compared to \$21.36m "high" ask)	N/A - (\$10.68m "low" ask per letter)
<b>Total Operating per annum (from 2025/26 onwards)</b>	\$10.82m (compared to \$5.34m "high" ask)	N/A - (\$2.67m "low" ask per letter)
<b>Details</b>	<p>A review of environment funds and grants identified savings options totalling \$12.07m each year (annual average) of \$46.24m total over the four-year period. These saving exceed the "high" scenario requested.</p> <p>Savings options were generated in three categories: (i) Funding not required for allocated purposes (\$5.04m average each year); (ii) Proposed use of the Waste Disposal Levy (if agreed these options would replace use of Crown funding and constitute a saving for the Crown) (\$4.33m average each year); and (iii) Stopping or downscaling funds (\$3.05m average each year).</p> <p>Environment Ministers have worked together and support all of the saving options that have been identified.</p> <p>In undertaking assessment, there was particular regard to improving value for money, including through potential consolidation and simplification of arrangements, as well avoiding or reducing the costs of administering and managing funds – consistent with the Minister of Finance's request.</p> <p>Environment Ministers are interested in the possibility of repurposing some savings towards a broad environment investment fund, for further consideration in early 2025. As part of this work we would look to utilise growing headroom in the waste disposal levy to build the broader fund (noting that the levy can only be used for environmental purposes under the Waste Minimisation Act). However, there may be a case for repurposing some savings to support the establishment of a new fund with strategic significance for environmental investment, including better alignment of activities with government priorities.</p>	<p>The Ministry identified savings options that exceeded the "high" scenario, with Ministers supportive of these savings being realised. As such, no specific commentary or rationale related to the "low" scenario is being provided.</p>
<b>Risks and mitigation</b>	<p>There is no impact of any significance on Government priorities. The identified savings support delivering effective and fiscally sustainable public services by removing funding from small and tightly defined funds that are either not needed or not considered strong value-for-money. The direction of moving to a broader fund, which would strengthen investment prioritisation and improve investment flexibility, also has potential to further improve value-for-money over time, including better alignment with government priorities.</p> <p>Some savings in Crown funding stem from the funding source for some activities being shifted to the Waste Disposal Levy. This is consistent with government expectations from Budget 24, making wider use of the levy now possible from recent changes to the Waste Minimisation Act. There is current and forecast headroom within the levy to accommodate additional activities.</p> <p>The most significant risk would be a reduction in funding for environmental training programmes delivered through Toimata. This risk is considered manageable with the provider, given a wider revenue base with other funding partners and ongoing work on further revenue diversification.</p> <p>A water science research fund is proposed to stop. This change would likely attract some adverse comment. There is no strong rationale for the continuation of the fund given wider funding for research, both within the Ministry and the core research roles of other organisations.</p>	<p>The Ministry identified savings options that exceeded the "high" scenario, with Ministers supportive of these savings being realised. As such, no specific commentary or rationale related to the "low" scenario is being provided.</p>

**Initiative Breakdown for High and Low Grants and Funds Amount**

Please ensure that the initiative IDs, PA Objective and Title match their corresponding CFI/Net Submissions  
 Please ensure that the sum of the High and Low columns match the high and low amounts outlined in Budget 2025 Invitation Letters for the portfolio  
 Average per annum should be calculated as the average savings from 2025/26 onwards, please refer to Budget 2025: Guidance  
 Individual Budget 2025 Savings Templates are required for each initiative (grant and/or fund)

Initiative ID	PA Objective	Vote	Portfolio	Title	High Amount (average per annum, \$m)	Low Amount (average per annum (\$m)	Comments
16368	Grants and Funds	Environment	Environment	Climate Emergency Response Fund - Waste Initiatives (MYA)	(3.734)		no impact to this gov't work plan
16368	Grants and Funds	Environment	Environment	Regional Planning Implementation - Regional Readiness (MYA)	(0.396)		no impact to this gov't work plan
16368	Grants and Funds	Environment	Environment	Regional Planning Implementation - Delivery Partners in First Tranche Regions (MYA)	(0.075)		no impact to this gov't work plan
16368	Grants and Funds	Environment	Environment	Regional Planning Implementation - Non-Government Organisations (MYA)	(0.100)		no impact to this gov't work plan
16368	Grants and Funds	Environment	Environment	Indigenous Biodiversity Fund (MYA)	(0.738)		no impact to this gov't work plan
16368	Grants and Funds	Environment	Environment	Kaipara Moana Remediation	(3.525)		Recommended waste levy transfer - no impact to FY25/26 work
16368	Grants and Funds	Environment	Environment	Promotion of Sustainable Land Management	(0.800)		Recommended waste levy transfer - no impact to FY25/26 work
16368	Grants and Funds	Environment	Environment	Water science and economics	(1.500)		this fund would stop
16368	Grants and Funds	Environment	Environment	Environmental Training Programmes	(0.300)		Minor impact - recommend we docus measure fully on envirschools (not Te Aho Tū Roa)
16367	Grants and Funds	Environment	Climate	Climate Resilience for Māori (MYA)	0.000	(1.250)	this would halve funding for pilot projects, but pilots would still progress
16368	Grants and Funds	Environment	Environment	United Nations Environment Programme	0.191		Exchange rate cost pressure
16368	Grants and Funds	Environment	Environment	International Subscriptions	0.078		Exchange rate cost pressure
16368	Grants and Funds	Environment	Environment	Framework Convention on Climate Change	0.080		Exchange rate cost pressure
<b>Total average (\$m)</b>					<b>(10.819)</b>	<b>(1.250)</b>	
<b>Total (\$m)</b>					<b>(43.276)</b>	<b>(5.000)</b>	