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What about projects that don't become self-sufficient after 3 years? Can they reapply?	Yes - they can still reapply. However, generally it cannot be for the exact same Project. ie your scope might have to change, or some sort of expansion has to occur. Happy to talk details after if required.
Is recognition of 'in-kind' something new in this round?	Yes - that is correct. We are looking at this in certain instances to try and make the fund more accessible.
Linda mentioned that applications don't necessarily need to align with the investment signals. What if my project doesn't align with the strategic outcomes (it's not in construction or organic waste) - can I still apply?	Yes, you can still apply! Your EOI will still be reviewed and processed on its own merit. However, the investment signals are what the current government is intending to invest in, for this funding round. So the ones that meet the Investment Signals have a higher chance of being successful.
How and where do you categorize a new start-up in terms of the level of co-funding?	A new start-up would be closer to the smaller end but it would depend on a number of factors for example where you are at with your capital raising. The ranges we set out are a guideline not a hard and fast rule; contribute what you think best meets those broad expectations. If your application is successful the panel may set a condition that you contribute more based on your financial situation
Are we wasting our time with projects outside the C&D and organic waste priorities?	No, not at all. However, Projects that meet the Investment signals the best, will have a higher chance of success. The more strategic value your project can offer the more favourably it will be assessed.
Why NZ still wanted to open more landfill around the country and we give a solution to recycle all Landfill site and boost up the country with \$500 M carbon industry	We're keen to reduce waste to landfill and look forward to seeing your proposal. Please note that EOIs for waste to energy facilities are very unlikely to be approved. Refer BERL WTE report available online
What is 'normal running costs'?	Normal running costs are costs that we deem 'business as usual'. The WMF does not pay for your current day-to-day costs. However, we do fund / look at 'investing' in a new function or branch that reduces waste. If you need to know more about this, and how this might impact you, we are happy to talk to you offline on this.
Who is on the evaluation team?	Hello - the panel is made up of industry experts, and multiple colleagues from the policy and strategy space at MfE
Hi there. Just wondering if this slideshow will be available to view after this call?	Yes we will circulate it afterwards.
The organics focus appears to be on food rather than green waste is there a particular reason for this?	This focus came out of discussions within the policy and strategy teams, climate change teams and the Minister for the Environment to take a more targeted approach to tackle food waste initially, other types of organic waste may be a focus in future years. With some types of green waste if it relates to food or fibre sectors you could look at whether MPI's Sustainable Food & Fibres Future fund may be appropriate. They accept applications year round and can contact them at sff.futures@mpi.govt.nz

How many applications are made each year on average?	We are receiving an ever increasing amount. Last year we received over 250! Of which 23 were ultimately successful in being approved for funding
Is the client portal the same as GETS used by MBIE or something different?	It is different from both. It is a portal supplied by Tactiv.
Closing is the 19th or 21st May?	The EOI's close on the 21st May 2021. No late submissions will be accepted - please apply early if possible.
Are there other funding opportunities to keep projects that are delivering clear benefits to continue, i.e. not necessarily new or significant scale up?	Not currently through the Waste Minimisation Fund, however you may be eligible for funding from other entities. However MfE is looking at other ways that we can support strategic partnerships with organisations that are delivering clear benefits. Additionally, there is a review of the Waste Minimisation Act underway, which will go out for public submissions at a later date. This review may look at ways the Waste Minimisation Act can be amended to allow for other types of funding arrangements.
Are the EOI's submitted using a template you'll provide when they open?	The EOI's will be online and we will update you with a link shortly. If needed, we can supply a PDF template of what information is required. But all EOIs need to be submitted online.
Is it possible to get an understanding of what is expected in a full proposal given the short timeframe between successful EOI and submission of full proposal?	We'll put further information on our website about this. In general it's more detailed information about the project plan, budget, your resources and the end market (if applicable)
In regards to E-Waste, if there are multiple groups wanting access to items coming through waste facilities, how will this be handled? Will there be shared access or will one take precedence over another? What about existing groups? The project we are wanting to do will require access to a steady flow of equipment, as there will quite a few in the community that will need it.	With E-Waste, we are currently funding TechCollect to develop a regulated product stewardship scheme for e-waste. I would suggest contacting them if you would like to be involved in that. We do fund some regional e-waste recycling and reuse facilities currently. I would suggest searching online to see what other organisations might be offering a similar service in your area already and linking up with existing e-waste services where possible. Access to the e-waste would be something you'd need to consider and have arrangements for prior to applying for WMF funding.
Can we get a pdf copy of the application form now?	Yes we will send it out straight after this. This will give you the questions, just note that all EOI's need to be submitted through the portal.
Can I still apply if I just applied to a Waste Minimisation Fund here in Queenstown Lakes District?	Yes, of course.
Can organic waste include tackling compostable packaging as combined waste stream with food? In order to reduce carbon	Yes, that sounds like it would meet the Investment Signal. For more detailed information, please book a one on one with an Investment Manager (if you have not already). Additionally, some Councils do not accept compostable packaging in organic collections so you may want to consider that.



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How realistic is it to expect projects to be self sufficient in 3 years - many are long term systems change and these are long term initiatives	Our expectation is that projects will be self-sufficient in 3 years, although we acknowledge the difficulties that community groups and not-for-profit groups have in obtaining ongoing funding or support for operational costs. The Waste Minimisation Act is currently being reviewed and will look at other types of funding arrangements that could provide more ongoing support to projects that provide clear benefits.
Hi, is it possible to apply for funding from other sources together with MFE funding?	Yes. We encourage co-funding / collaboration. However, not all other funds have this attitude. So you might want to check with them before you apply.
Will organisations who haven't previously been funded by WMF be considered?	Yes - they certainly will.
What kind of impact are you looking for; do you fund start ups or would that fall under "too Low benefits" ?	This is on a case by case basis. All EOI's will be considered for WMF funding however you may want to look at what other funding is available for start ups. You can access regional support for new businesses by reaching out to the Regional Business Partner Network www.regionalbusinesspartners.co.nz
Is there a centralised place for the previous funded projects? are these publicly available?	Yes, there will be a search function on our website soon. There are a couple of case studies now and more to come
If we hold off till next year to apply- will the strategic outcome "Reducing construction and demolition waste" still be considered or will criteria be different?	Construction and demolition waste is a very high volume waste stream, and it is expected to remain a priority in future funding rounds, however that may depend on what gets funded out of this year's round.
Can an organisation submit multiple applications in the same round this year?	Yes you can. However I would encourage submitting only your strongest project idea, preferably aligned with the investment signals or providing high strategic value.
Requirement for 40% cofunding seems higher than other years? Just wanting to confirm this is the case.	No - we have a lot of Projects that are higher co-funded! It is the first time that we have added it here as a guide.
If a number of entities wish to apply for a group of complementary projects, are these best as a single application or a series of linked applications?	We don't 'link' projects as such, each project will be assessed on it's own merit and be able to be successful even if the other complementary projects were not funded. I would suggest that the entity that will be leading each project submits a separate EOI.

<p>To e-waste question person - we are developing a resource marketplace to address this sort of thing in textiles but that can be applied to other industries. Get in touch deborah@usedfully.com</p>	<p>thanks Deborah</p>
<p>What is the possibility of product stewardship being legislated on products eg timber to make available funding for construction</p>	<p>Thanks for your question. Timber is not currently considered a priority product, however we do welcome EOIs that deal with product stewardship. This would likely also align well with the construction & demolition investment signal this year. I would suggest any EOI should show engagement and partnerships with industry</p>
<p>In regards to tyres and plastic does MFE still class these as high carbon emissions and is there Funding for new projects to reduce this waste</p>	<p>Tyres and plastics are priority products so we welcome EOIs dealing with these waste streams. For tyres, we have a number of projects dealing with this, the largest being Golden Bay Cement which is using end-of-life tyres as feedstock for their cement kilns. There will likely be future funding opportunities for plastics that will be announced later in the year.</p>
<p>What about a PhD project/research that looks into supporting a community based waste minimisation project (with a focus on reducing food waste)?</p>	<p>Yes, this would meet the investment signals. I would suggest making sure the research is not duplicating existing research and also if partnering with a specific community based waste minimisation project to ensure that you have a commitment from them to the research project. It's also beneficial if the research will have findings that can be applied on a national scale ie. making available the findings to other community based waste minimisation projects in other regions.</p>
<p>Can the funding be used for labour hours?</p>	<p>Yes they can be. Alongside a lot of other different Project costs.</p>
<p>Will small and large organisations be defined so we know where our org could fall in regards to supporting funding expectations.</p>	<p>They are not hard and fast rules, so much as guidelines. We would class a large organisation as being a large, commercial business, whereas small organisations might be community groups or SMEs.</p>
<p>What are all the priority products?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • plastic packaging. • tyres. • electrical and electronic products (e-waste) • agrichemicals and their containers. • refrigerants. • farm plastics
<p>Are Councils considered large organisations? How does co-funding work with Councils? Are we expected to co-fund 40-50% of the project?</p>	<p>No, we wouldn't consider a Council a large organisation, we are more meaning large commercial businesses. We do understand that a lot of Councils struggle to fund all the waste minimisation initiatives that would be beneficial to their communities, particularly the smaller Councils. We do ask in the EOI form to explain why the project can not be funded from base-line funding or waste levy funds.</p>
<p>Can steel be considered as a priority product?</p>	<p>It could be. However, this is not currently being worked on or considered right now. We would welcome product stewardship projects that deal with various metal waste streams.</p>



<p>The Government product stewardship policy announced by Associate Environment Minister Eugenie Sage this week named six “priority products”: plastic packaging, tyres, e-waste, agrichemicals and their containers, refrigerants, and farm plastics.31/07/2020</p>	<p>Nice one Alec. Cheers for the help!</p>
<p>Can co-funding be from Callaghan or does it need to be private? And can our own time be considered as cofunding if we are not drawing a fair market salary for our efforts? Especially given many of these applications will be social enterprise (if they are not NFP)</p>	<p>Co-funding can be from Callaghan, and/or private. Yes - 'in-kind' funding will be considered on a case-by-case basis.</p>
<p>If our EOI is accepted/shortlisted? How long will it take to receive funding? Our particular project is ready to go, 100% fits the criteria but we've been desperately waiting for funding round to open.</p>	<p>You will find out if your EOI has been shortlisted in early July. We expect to have notifications of successful applications in September. Then there is a project planning/Deed negotiation stage which can take at least two months. In some circumstances we can put in a retrospective costs clause in the Deed of Funding, however that is on a case by case basis, and would need to be discussed with an investment manager if you were successful in obtaining funding.</p>
<p>Is this funding particularly for waste minimisation in NZ, what if your project involves exported product and reducing waste associated with that?</p>	<p>Yes, the waste minimisation fund is for waste minimisation in New Zealand. However some waste streams (particularly hazardous waste) may have to be exported because appropriate facilities do not exist in New Zealand, so projects dealing with those waste streams could still be funded. However if there are local options for the waste stream it is expected that those would be prioritised over exporting.</p>
<p>Thank you for answering the question previously about the PhD project (working with community based waste minimisation project with a focus on reducing food waste)... Can funding be requested for the PhD students’ school fees and as well as labour hours? Or would you recommend requesting for funding for costs incurred from running the research? Thank you!</p>	<p>Personnel costs can be claimed for, I am not sure about school fees and would have to check with our legal team, however I do not think it is likely that school fees could be claimed for. Other costs incurred from running the research would likely be able to be funded.</p>
<p>What was the email address again?</p>	<p>wmf@mfe.govt.nz</p>



<p>If a project starts before an EOI is accepted, will funding be paid in retrospect?</p>	<p>Unfortunately no - it will not. In rare instances we may agree to a retrospective costs clause in the Deed of Funding however this is on a case by case basis and is not guaranteed. Generally only costs incurred after the Deed of Funding has been signed can be claimed.</p>
<p>Is the link to the portal on the website? Also thank you for the webinar!</p>	<p>The link will go up in the next few days</p>
<p>How much proof of concept are you looking for as far as ensuring we have shown the technology works and it's all good? (Or rather what kinds of proof would be helpful in determining this?)</p>	<p>Feasibility studies are excellent for showing proof of concept. Otherwise showing examples where the technology has been successfully used or commercialised in New Zealand or overseas for that waste stream.</p>
<p>E waste is classed as hazardous waste So if there was a project dealing with this waste stream can this company apply for funding</p>	<p>Yes, e-waste Projects will be considered.</p>