

Welcome to the Waste Minimisation Fund

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Tuia i runga	Let us connect to the heavens above
Tuia i raro,	Let us connect to the earth below
Tuia i roto,	Let us connect within
Tuia i waho	Let us connect externally
Tuia i te here tangata	Let us connect to the essence of humanity
Ka rongo te pō	Exploring the unknown (night) connection
Ka rongo te ao	Realising the potential (day) of connection
Haumi ē, Hui ē	Uniting as one, Uniting
Tāiki ē!	In conscious thought

The purpose of the Waste Minimisation Fund

The purpose of the Waste Minimisation Fund is to boost New Zealand's performance in waste minimisation.

There is considerable scope to reduce waste and increase the recovery of useful resources from waste

WMF since 2010

- \$120m+ invested
- 250+ projects
- \$10-12m per year

WMF Expression of Interest round dates

OPEN
30 April



CLOSED
21 May

Available Funding

- Approximately \$13m is available in this funding round
- Applications over \$3m are unlikely to be considered
 - for context out of a portfolio of 96 active projects we only have three projects that are over \$3m
- Minimum grants:
 - \$10,000 – feasibility or scoping
 - \$50,000 – all other project types

Eligibility

- **Legal entity**
- Within the **purpose and scope** of the fund (refer to the Gazetted criteria: <https://gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2019-go1460>)
- Either a **new initiative** or a **significant expansion** of existing activities
- Not for **ongoing financial support** or **running costs**
- **Minimum** grants:
 - \$10,000 – feasibility or scoping
 - \$50,000 – all other project types
- **Maximum** three years of funding
- Must be **co-funded**

Co-funding

All projects are co-funded – you or another party must contribute some of the cost.

Guidelines for co-funding are below

Large- scale well-established organisations

- are expected to contribute **at least 40 %**

Small organisations such as community groups or hapū

- are expected to contribute **5–20 %**
- possibly 'in-kind' (eg, your time) on a case-by-case basis

Assessment

- **An Independent Panel will assess the Expressions of Interest**
- **Benefits, outcomes and strategic value**
- **Effectiveness** (eg, feasibility, value for money)
 - Applications for more than \$3m are unlikely to be considered
- Alignment with **investment signals**
- **Ability to deliver**
- **Clarity**
- The extent to which proposals **involve Māori, benefit Māori, and/or reflect kaupapa Māori**

Strategic Outcomes and Investment Signals

This year's funding round is targeted to the following strategic outcomes:

Strategic Outcomes	Investment signals
Reduce construction and demolition waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Re-design construction and demolition materials, products and services to facilitate reduce/reuse of resources• Improve and enable public and private construction and demolition materials resource recovery services and infrastructure.
Achieve beneficial outcomes for organic waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improved tools to avoid food waste such as data & analysis and practical resources to inform effective behaviour change• Increase domestic capacity of existing food rescue organisations• Support primary and processing sectors in re-design of materials, products and services to minimise organic waste.

Project types

Projects typically focus on at least one of these categories:

- Research, development and innovation including feasibility studies
- Development of waste minimisation infrastructure
- Information, education and behaviour change
- Data and evaluation
- Community activity

Tips for the best chance of success

- Meet all eligibility criteria
- Show your project has high benefits
- Clearly explain your proposal
- Ensure your budget is realistic
- Demonstrate how your project involves Māori, benefits Māori and/or reflects a good understanding of kaupapa Māori
- Show you are able to deliver the project successfully

Common mistakes

- Unclear goals, scope or approach
- Low benefits
- Funding requested is too high
- Is for normal running costs
- No co-funding
- Inadequate resources
- Unproven technology

How to Apply

Submit your Expression of Interest (EOI) through our client portal

The link is available on our website. We recommend signing up for a user account early. You will need to use RealMe to log in to the client portal.

Your organisation may have an existing account if you have previously applied for WMF funding. Please email us at wmf@mfe.govt.nz to find out and we can link you to the existing organisation account.

You can email us for a pdf of the EOI template at wmf@mfe.govt.nz however all EOIs must be submitted through the client portal.

The EOI round will open on 30 April and close on 19 May. We recommend submitting your EOI early where possible so that we are able to respond if you encounter any technical difficulties.

Process and timeframes

- EOIs close on 11.59pm 21 May (no late submissions accepted)
- EOIs are assessed by an independent external panel, which will prepare a shortlist to be invited to submit full applications
- We expect to let applicants know if they've made the shortlist by early July
- The rest of the process is on our website. Those who submitted full applications should know if they've been successful in September

Setting expectations

The Waste Minimisation Fund is highly competitive and oversubscribed. Many of the expressions of interest we receive are high quality however not all can be funded.

Last year the success rate of eligible expressions of interest was 10%.

The Government has gazetted regulations to increase and expand the national waste disposal levy.

The waste levy for landfills that take household waste will increase from the current \$10 per tonne – set in 2009 – to \$20 per tonne on 1 July 2021. This rate will progressively increase each year to \$60 per tonne in July 2024

The increase and expansion of the waste levy will result in increased funding being available to the Waste Minimisation Fund in future years.

Support

We're keen to help give you the best chance of a successful EOI. In addition to this webinar, you can:

- Book a 1:1 videoconference with one of the WMF team



- View the video on our website



- For any general enquiries about applying to the Waste Minimisation Fund please email wmf@mfe.govt.nz



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