

Policy on Funding Assistance – Heritage Buildings and Protected Trees 2016



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Introduction

Matamata-Piako District Council (Council) provides funding to encourage and assist with the on-going protection and enhancement of the natural environment and cultural heritage in our district. The budgets for these are set each year through the Long Term Plan/Annual Plan process. This Policy provides guidance in administering these funds.

Objectives

The objectives of this Policy are to ensure our distribution of funding:

- occurs in a consistent, efficient and effective manner
- is transparent, fair and accountable
- contributes to the social and cultural well-being of the community and
- encourages on-going protection of our natural environment and cultural heritage.

What projects are eligible for funding?

Applications must meet the following criteria:

- must be listed in Schedule 1 – Heritage Buildings, 2 – Waahi tapu or Part A of Schedule 3 – Protected Trees of the District Plan, within the Te Aroha Character Area or listed with Heritage New Zealand
- must seek to preserve, maintain or enhance the natural environment or cultural heritage value of the site.

Policy

The primary purpose of this funding is to assist with the cost of assessments as required by Council's planning processes. This includes:

- heritage assessments
- structural engineering assessments (seismic assessment)
- assessment by a person on Council's list of qualified arborists.

Applications for funding towards assessments will be considered by staff.

Funding assistance for physical works and resource consent fees will be considered on a case by case basis by Council/Committee.

Work and/or assessments carried out under this Policy must be completed by a consultant/contractor nominated by or otherwise agreed upon with Council.

Funding approval under this Policy does not in any way guarantee that a related resource consent application will be approved.

Funding limit

Funding is available for up to maximum of \$2,000 (exclusive of GST if any) per application.

Relevant Legislation

Local Government Act 2002
Resource Management Act 1991
Reserves Act 1977

Building Act 2004
Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga
Act 2014

Related Policies, Strategies or Guidelines

District Plan
Reserve Management Plans
Activity Management Plans
Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy

Active Leisure Strategy
District Tree Strategy
Earthquake-prone, Dangerous and
Insanitary Buildings Policy

Measurement and Review

This policy will initially be reviewed after one year and then will be reviewed every three years or as required.

Next review date: September 2017.

