

# KCRC 1BT KICK START FUNDING UPDATE

February 2024

This final year of funding is available to landowners in the Awakino, Mokau, Upper Mangaokewa, Marokopa, and Kawhia Harbour catchments for the 2024 planting season to cover riparian, restoration and erosion control projects.

Funding is available to cover the costs of planting and fencing.

Properties and landowners who have not previously received this funding will be prioritised this year.

Applications are will be received from new applicants only up to 15<sup>th</sup> March. Following this date those previously funded will become eligible to apply, funding will be allocated on a first in, first served basis. All work must be completed prior to 30 September 2024.

Landowners need to complete a certain amount of planting to access funding; funding is capped relative to the total hectares of their farm. Landowners choose the site(s), the type of plants and the type of fence they believe are appropriate for the project. They are responsible for purchasing and planting the plants, and for completing the fencing.

In order to access 1BT Kick Start funding landowners/farming businesses must:

- a) Be willing to share progress, information, and feedback with KCRC and other participants in your local sub-catchment group (SCG).
- b) If selected for audit be willing to have a farm visit or drone survey of treatment area (by KCRC or MPI).
- c) Farm within the Awakino, Mokau, Upper Mangaokewa, Marokopa and Kawhia Harbour catchments.
- d) Not have received other funding for the submitted project.
- e) Plant a specified minimum number of plants/trees (or poles); this is 1 plant/tree/pole per \$20 received from KCRC/1BT (for fencing & planting projects). For 1 planting only projects this is negotiable.
- f) Sign a written agreement agreeing to the points above.

The KCRC 1BT Kick Start Application form provides more detail around what is required to receive this funding. If you have any queries please contact Anna Nelson (KCRC Coordinator) 0274 900501, [kcrivercare@gmail.com](mailto:kcrivercare@gmail.com)

## *Highlights so far...*

Our key target of 200,000 plants in 2 planting seasons proved challenging with a slow start to the project and Covid delays. With an extension to a fourth year of planting (2024) we should achieve a new target of 250,000 trees/plants.

The plant survival target of 80% has proved challenging in some sites following one of our driest summers on record in 2021/22. The problem was most pronounced on dry, erodible north-facing hillsides and clay banks. The 2022/23 summer was very different with wet weather increasing plant

survival; however, some flooding events have also severely damaged several riparian fencing and planting sites.

Where necessary farmers have purchased additional plants to fill the gaps.

A total of 87 farming businesses have accessed this funding opportunity to date.

Totals for the first 3 years are shown below:

<b>Project Summary to date (25.10.23)</b>					
Actual		3year project total	2023 (Oct)	2022 Total	2021 Total
<b>TOTAL LABOUR Hrs</b>		<b>16014</b>	4048	7052	4914
<b>Rip plants</b>		89804	42203	32604	14997
<b>Rip Trees</b>		65481	21342	27284	16855
<b>Non-Rip plants</b>		11654	1013	9929	712
<b>Non-Rip Trees</b>		24168	9278	11252	3638
<b>TOTAL PLANTS&amp;TREES</b>		<b>191107</b>	<b>73836</b>	<b>81069</b>	<b>36202</b>
<b>Rip Area planted (ha)</b>		94	27.005	46.65	20.72
<b>Non-Rip Area planted (ha)</b>		31	8.46	13.89	8.63
<b>TOTAL AREA PLANTED (ha)</b>		<b>125</b>	<b>35.465</b>	<b>60.54</b>	<b>29.35</b>
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<b>Rip Fencing (m)</b>	1wire	19203	5587.5	8859	4756
	2wire	22957	6367	13365	3225
	3wire	300	0	0	300
	4wire	5360	1920	840	2600
	5wire	1783	240	980	563
	7/8wire	47110	11554	24354.7	11201
<b>NonRip Fencing (m)</b>	1wire	709	709	0	0
	2wire	2434	1749	685	0
	3wire	240	0	0	240
	4wire	2060	810	0	1250
	5wire	0	0	0	0
	7/8wire	11947	5661	4896	1390
<b>TOTAL FENCING (m)</b>		<b>114102</b>	<b>34597.5</b>	<b>53979.7</b>	<b>25525</b>
<b>Native bush retired/reversion (ha)</b>		<b>72.24</b>	27.48	33.58	11.18
<b>Wetland restored/created (ha)</b>		<b>18.27</b>	3.64	9.33	5.3