

SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT FUND (SMF)

APPLICATION FORM FOR PROJECT GRANT 2007

This application form is for project proposals to the Ministry for the Environment's Sustainable Management Fund (SMF) for projects commencing 1 July 2007. This application is to be completed with reference to 'A guide for SMF applicants 2007' ("the guide") available at <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/withyou/funding/smf/index.html>. If you would prefer the guide emailed or posted contact the funds team on 04 439 7400.


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When you see the following icon  please refer to the guide for help and further explanation.

1. APPLICANT'S DETAILS

 Refer to page 7 point 1 of the guide

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2. PROJECT TITLE

 Refer to page 7 point 2 of the guide

Project title (maximum 8 words): Aroha Whenua - Hokianga Harbourcare Program


3. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

 Refer to page 7 point 3 of the guide

Provide a brief description of your project (maximum 100 words):


The Aroha Whenua program is a locally coordinated approach to involve the community in catchment management. It's objective is to take the restoration activities pioneered by the Hokianga Harbour Care Collective (HHCC) to a second level, involving whanau, hapu, community groups and schools within the harbour catchment, raising their awareness of how communities can create a rich, healthy, sustainable and self-reliant future for themselves and the coming generations. This program creates ten local nurseries around the harbour for stream planting to restore harbour water quality and its ecology.

4. START AND FINISH DATE OF PROJECT

 Refer to page 8 point 4 of the guide


Start date: 1 July 2007 Finish date: This is a ten year program, this funding covers up to June 2010

5. FUNDING REQUESTED

 Refer to page 8 point 5 of the guide


\$ 500,000.00 (excluding GST) over 3 year(s)

6. TYPE OF ORGANISATION

 Refer to page 8 point 6 of the guide

Tick one: Community Iwi/hapu Industry Local government

SECTION 1. PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

 For help in completing this section refer to the associated point (ie, 1.1) of the guide starting on page 9

1.1 Project Manager

Provide details of the person that will be managing this project and their relevant skills and experience. (Maximum approx 80 words)

Randal Stensness - Chairman HHCC, will continue to lead all local "on the ground operations", helping local nursery groups establish themselves as autonomous and well led teams that share with each other.

Members of the HHCC team and other volunteers will be recruited to support Randal in managing this

Will Stensness - HHCC Projects Manager, will carry out other project initiatives within the wider program

Peter Goldsbury - Strategic Expertise Ltd, is project management coach, supporting the funder interface

1.2 Partners

Who are your three key partners in this project and what is their involvement? (Maximum approx 20 words per row)

ORGANISATION NAME	DETAILS OF THEIR INVOLVEMENT
Marae, communities and schools around the Harbour Overseas and other visitors	- Carrying out all the activity in their local areas resurrecting the traditional practices of kaitiakitanga (responsibility for the future) - Assisting at a physical and technical level as local volunteers
Whaingaroa Harbourcare Government /local authorities Other researchers, and our International networks.	- Providing a role model, technical training and "on the ground" support - Participate collaboratively with a focus on long term outcomes - Providing access to science based expertise and evaluation resources - Accessing and sharing international lessons, technology, experience
Strategic Expertise Limited Young student project teams from tertiary institutions and Volunteers with expertise.	- Supporting and facilitating community based program management - Connecting young people into this win-win education outside the classroom, with emphasis on sharing and leadership development - Constantly networking to leverage opportunities and partnerships

1.3 Resources

What resources do you have available collectively to use on this project (eg, internet, phones, personnel etc)?
(Maximum words approx 80)

HHCC already operates its first nursery employing around three people. It uses personal vehicles for planting operations etc and they have their own local office facilities including computers with broadband access and telephones.

HHCC includes local members with expertise in organisational management, including accounting, education and computing. Robust accountabing systems will be used to record and audit all finances.

A geomapping database and GPS will be used to prioritise, plan and document replanting actions

1.4 Multi-year funding

If you are applying for funding exceeding one year provide an example of another project which you have successfully completed using public funding, otherwise enter N/A. (Maximum words approx 80)

Hokianga Harbourcare has used government funding via task-force green and other WINZ facilities to establish and operate its nursery and replanting operation, together with support from WWF and a wide range of volunteers including a stream of young international visitors who stay and participate.

This local community initiative is a long term one with a wide range of potential outcomes that impinge on many government environmental, social and enterprise programmes. It must be a multi-year, multi-agency phased program. With the scope of the waterway replanting task ahead of it it will take around ten years to complete.

SECTION 2. OUTCOMES



For help in completing this section refer to the associated point (ie, 2.1) of the guide starting on page 10

2.1 Problem or opportunity

What is the problem or opportunity that you plan to address with the project? (Maximum words approx 250)

After three years of research and communication with the regular channels concerning the degradation of the Hokianga harbour, we concluded that the requirements of the RMA 1991 were not being actioned. We established the HHCC with the objective to use local community leadership and the participation of those whose traditional food sources and health have been directly affected by waterway pollution.

In addition to cleaning up a seriously polluted harbour environment, this project is necessary to empower our local communities suffering high unemployment to reassume responsibility as local kaitiaki and regain their self-confidence and mana. We agree with E. F. Schumacher who pointed out in "Small is Beautiful" that the roots of sustainable development lie in a healthy environment with its full natural capital of resources, and in the cultural identity, the education, the organisation and the collaboration of the community members and a collective sense of self-reliance. - see www.smallisbeautiful.org

We have taken every opportunity to prepare for this including. (1) Reconnecting with the wisdom and practices of our Tupuna to better understand the issues and appropriate practical solutions, then sharing them. (2) Whaingaroa Harbourcare has helped us develop freshwater management skills to establish a native nursery and start riparian replanting. (3) We have developed both local and international links with expertise in indigenous, environmental scientific and educational communities (We presented and networked at the Sustainable Resources 2004 Conference in Boulder, Colorado. In March 2007 our Chairman will travel with a group from the NZ Youth Voice to US where he will visit the Islands of Haida Gwaii (<http://www.ecotrust.org/buffettaward/2006/guujaw.html>), Lopez in US (www.lopezclt.org) and also attend a hands-on workshop on mushroom cultivation and bioremediation techniques (www.fungi.com).

2.2 Solution

What will you do to address the problem or opportunity? (Maximum words approx 250)

Members of HHCC have done all they can using their own very limited personal resources. This funding gives us an opportunity to replicate our learning and get many more people involved right around the harbour, each being responsible for planting, waterway restoration and maintenance in their local area.

With this Aroha Whenua Project, HHCC will help and support many of the 38 hapu around the Hokianga catchment, schools, youth projects and community groups wishing to establish nurseries and to contribute to clean up our waterways. This is a long term project that will restore and maintain the health, habitats and ecosystems of the harbour for the wellbeing of all in our region and beyond.

We are approaching this as a Community program using "Systems Thinking" It embraces youth, environmental, community, cultural and economic dimensions that mesh with many separate Government agencies and Regional Council initiatives, so our objective is to cross-lever these connections, growing them from a local need level, with direct costs being significantly self funded by the end of year three.

This project funding will be used to help speed community learning and exploit our international interconnections, using these to drive ongoing development in such areas as bioremediation, program management, evaluation, monitoring, benchmarking, youth participation, sharing and education. We expect these to spin off into gardening and food for health, growing long term sustainable income with technologies like crafts, fishing, education, microfibre, biofuels, tourism etc. We want our local economy, community, catchment and harbour to be seen as an international sustainable development role model.

2.3 Success

How will you know if the project has been successful? (Maximum words approx 250)

Our Aroha Whenua vision sees:

"Future generations of New Zealanders sitting on a rock with their grandchildren again in a clean and beautiful harbour, drinking freshwater, safely swimming, fishing and enjoying its abundant fruits" .

This bold vision of the future drives all our activities and decisionmaking. Looking back from this helps us see all the paths that can lead to it and to recognise and exploit other opportunities to help build the future of our dreams. This is the concept of backcasting from The Natural Step (see www.naturalstep.org) which we applied using the Tipu Ake ki te Ora Organic leadership model (www.tipuake.org.nz)

We seek a sustainable future for our communities with employment in environmental restoration, education, organic gardening, tourism, sustainable forestry and use of the fishing resources that will be returned by the project.

The Outcomes:

A. Water quality will be such that the Harbour ecosystem will be rich in marine life and people healthy.

B Our community will treasure our catchment and will proudly participate in preserving its richness.

C The effect of farming, forestry and urban land and resource use will be buffered from the harbour.

D. Regional Council policies will require and support riparian strip planting in addition to waterway fencing so the farming community will have partners in the local community helping them achieve their effluent and nutrient runoff targets and responsibilities.

E. Communities and marae around the harbour will grow stronger, self sufficient and sustainable.

F. Our youth will be growing leadership appropriate to their important role in the future.

2.4 Ministry's priorities

How does the project link to one of the identified priority areas of the SMF? (Maximum words approx 250)

PRIMARY LINKAGE with MfE priorities

Freshwater management initiatives: - protection and preservation of freshwater and harbour resources, community engagement in making this happen for its own and the world's future, driving a change in land use on riparian strips from farming to filtering, protecting the marine ecology and recreation.

This includes being very proactive about environmental, social and economic sustainability.

SECONDARY LINKAGES with MfE priorities

Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change: - Using our native planting to offset carbon and to provide shelter that will nurture the stream edge ecology and species likely to be threatened by global warming.

Communities making a difference: - Using the taonga, talents skills, energy and connections of our local community to grow a well future for all in our catchment, and share this with others.

LINKAGE WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES outside MFE (as the problems of the Hokianga Harbour, its catchment and its communities can only be solved by applying "Systems Thinking".

WINZ / MSD / MYD including Police and other agencies - providing pathways to help our currently underemployed and dependent community and youth grow self sufficiency and wellness.

MOH - Stimulating health by clean water, good sanitation, food, exercise and positive self images.

MinEdu - Providing project based "education outside the classroom" opportunities for students. Generating learning resources and community learning role models that can be shared.

MED / MTE - Opening up niche opportunities for regional development, trade and enterprise.

SECTION 3. OUTPUTS



For help in completing this section refer to the associated point (ie, 3.1) of the guide starting on page 11

3.1 Project brief

Provide a brief description of how you intend to carry out the project. (Maximum words approx 250)

Our friends at Whaingaroa Harbourcare in Raglan have with little external support carried out a bold riparian strip planting program over ten years. This has driven a major improvement in the quality of the water in their harbour; all this at a time when farming intensity in the catchment has increased markedly.

Their experience helped us establish HHCC as a volunteer group that has operated almost entirely using its own resources with little external funding. We will use the proven expertise, credibility and local connections we have nurtured to help grow and support a strong network of local marae, schools and community groups who will run local self-managing nursery operations; restoring and maintaining their own local waterway and harbour environment. It will require one season for each to get stock levels up.

This project will ensure that our low income communities have the funding, training and the support they require to quickly build and establish their nurseries (using kitsets HHCC will supply). Each area nursery will have a bold planting target of close to 100,000 trees pa. (500 seeded per day) As the seed, labour and water is mostly a local resource, the main operational expense that constrains them is the supply of seed raising mix. HHCC will manage the contracts for bulk purchasing and delivering this and the other consumable materials required. (like planter bags that will be recycled where possible)

For its support operations, HHCC will require the use of the equivalent of two 4wd vehicles with trailers and a boat, as many of the areas to be planted in winter are in hard to get places. HHCC will liaise with local farmers and territorial authorities to secure contracts for ongoing work and income.

HHCC will integrate all project management, reporting and evaluation activities with all funding and other partners involved, including negotiations for securing unemployed wage / task force green top ups.

This program looks far beyond the nurseries themselves, to growing community leadership, courage, pride, skills and sustainability; building capability and revenue generating enterprises.

3.2 Deliverables

What will be the tangible deliverables as a result of the project? (Maximum words approx 250)

Establish ten nurseries each with 5 persons planting 100,000 plants per annum - Includes the supply of nursery kit sets, complete with seed boxes and expertise/training as required. 10 @\$10,000 \$100,000

Operating expenses for each Nursery covering consumables like seed raising mix, bags, local planting transport. (5 loads pa potting mix at \$1800 per 12m3) \$10,000 pa for 10 Nurseries for 3yrs \$300,000

HHCC Central Program Support operations - including running two 4WD vehicles with trailers and a boat to support remote planting. Liasing with farmers and territorial authorities to arrange and prepare contracts for ongoing fencing and planting riparian strips \$60,000 pa for 3 years \$180,000

Project Management office expenses, meeting funder reporting, evaluation and approval processes. Also raising funds from other sources for training, wage top up and other costs \$20,000 pa 3 yr \$60,000


Develop educational resources for fundraising, training and to demonstrate and share the concepts and responsibilities of kaitiakitanga. This will involve, booklets, videos, seminars, conferences, hui and a website which will report / celebrate progress Year 1 \$20,000, 2 and 3 \$ \$10,000 each \$40,000

To extend our learning we will grow and lever on HHCC international and local networks to gain and share expertise to allow the program to be monitored, benchmarked and enhanced as we proceed. These partnerships include organisations involved in youth leadership, indigenous wisdom, environmental sustainability, business enterprise development and scientific research. \$10,000 pa for 3yrs \$30,000

(Please note that this program requires "systems thinking". It is co-dependent on WINZ / MSD categorising this as valid employment for local people and not subject to the 6 month limits and stand down periods that are currently applied to task force green personnel. Also it needs long term regional authority encouragement and support initiatives to help farmers with riparian strip fencing. Extending this to include re-planting, weed control and maintenance of the waterway reserve land that this creates)

3.3 Key performance indicators	
What three measurements will you use to monitor the project? (Maximum words approx 40 per row)	
INDICATOR	MEASUREMENT
1. Water in the Hokianga Harbour will be clean and healthy, supporting abundant marine life and recreational activities again	Local Authority and Ministry of Health measurements Fish and other marine population numbers Number of visitors engaging in water recreation (eg fishing, swimming, kayaking tours etc.)
2. Planting on riparian reserves	Number of trees planted (target 100,000 per nursery per annum) Km of stream planted. (target 10 Km per nursery per annum based on density of one per square metre and 10m wide)
3. Employment opportunities and revenue generated in Hokianga area	Number of people moving from unemployment onto positive nursery / replanting work (target 55 people based on 5 each in 10 nurseries and 5 in HHCC) Proportion of this funded by own revenue streams Number of permanent spin-off jobs that grow from this.

SECTION 4. COMMUNITY AND PARTNERSHIPS

 For help in completing this section refer to the associated point (ie, 4.1) of the guide starting on page 12

4.1 Community involvement

Which communities will be involved in the project and how will they be involved? (Maximum words approx 250)

- a. Marae and communities around the harbour
 - establishing and managing local on the ground nursery operations and replanting
- b. Schools in the area
 - participating outside the classroom, helping with research, evaluation, reporting and public relations
- c. Individuals who will offer skills, tools and resources
 - as volunteers making a contribution to HHCC operations, eg financial management, legal etc
- d. Voluntary organisations around the harbour and region (eg Forest and Bird, Rotary, Lions)
 - helping with working bees in weekends etc and providing facilities (eg for bird watching, tracks)
- e. Corporate organisations wanting to participate in socially responsible activity
 - encouraging staff involvement and support with expertise and resources (eg supply of vehicles),
- f. Overseas visitors wanting to experience life and work in rural Aotearoa, aiming be 100% pure
 - creating international recognition and cross stimulation.
- g. The Youth community and voice.
 - young people supporting others and sharing skills - unique leadership growth opportunities
- h. The Kaitiakitanga Network (sustainability / integrated bottom line)
 - connecting people who take a more indigenous, holistic and organic world view
- i. Technical Specialist Communities / Networks
 - networks that share their learning to develop best practices
- j. The Global Community
 - collaborating in the interests of the future and together countering threats like global warming

Also included but not listed are government and territorial authority communities of interest.

4.2 Fostering partnerships

How will the project foster partnerships between different groups of people? (Maximum words approx 250)

HHCC is growing an ever widening range of networks with groups like those listed in 4.1 who subscribe to our kaupapa, that being the need to protect and enhance the environment we pass on to our children. When we talk about partnerships we work on a win-win basis where we lever on each others skills, knowledge and sphere of influence.

At this stage our most important operational partners will be the farmers and landowners along the riverbanks. We look to help them in meeting their responsibility to fence and protect waterways from stock, effluent, nutrient and soil runoff to prevent it polluting the harbour.

Our program will be supporting those territorial authorities who are responsible for administering the RMA legislation to ensure that water quality is maximised. This program also aligns with the kaupapa of many other government organisation seeking outcomes like those specified in section 2.4 (Alignment)

Research Partners like NIWA will support us with long term monitoring and evaluation of water quality, including silt, nutrient and other flows into the harbour.

Project with tertiary education providers and schools will bring expertise and local buy-in.

HHCC operations will focus extensively on giving opportunities to our often unemployed rural youth, both in terms of training, employment and in growing leadership skills We have established working partnerships with a wide range of young people in NZ and beyond. Our Chairman departs for Canada and the US on 28th Feb on a learning journey where he will be later joined by other young Kiwis working with others in the US to be part of international Youth Voice determined to safeguard their future.

HHCC is an active member of the Kaitiakitanga network (www.kaitiakitanga.net) and through it had a member attend the Sustainable Resources Conference in the US in 2004. This sharing network is linking us to some of the world's most innovative and environmentally sound practices and thinking.

SECTION 5. VALUE FOR MONEY



For help in completing this section refer to the associated point (ie, 5.1) of the guide starting on page 13

5.1 Influence and inspiration

How will the project influence or inspire others? (Maximum words approx 250)

At a time when the government is making a big commitment to sustainability and wants to project the country as a carbon negative role model, this project represents some very positive "action on the ground" by people who have a vested interest in their catchment and are determined to make a difference to their harbour environment on behalf of all their future mokopuna, and all New Zealanders.

Many involved are from whanau, hapu and iwi who have a proud whakapapa and heritage as kaitiaki of this place that goes back to Kupe and the earliest Polynesian explorers to visit Aotearoa. This HHCC program is already re-igniting the values and responsibilities of a community that is currently underemployed and disadvantaged in many ways.

This program is not a "hand-out" from the State, nor is it a "hand-up". Certainly it is not "race based" Rather it is a request from an innovative and proactive local community group for MfE seed funding that will allow a whole community to initiate a bold ten year programme from which the nation will collectively benefit. This funding they will lever with their own energy and enthusiasm and that of volunteers.

The business model outlined in section 6 (financial) shows that it is intended that MfE funding of direct establishment and operating costs will be progressively supplemented by other income, so will not be required after the end of year three. Over this time it is also expected that some of the people concerned will have grown the confidence to use the skills and experience they have found within HHCC to branch into other separate enterprise initiatives.

The "whole systems thinking" approach we are taken to implement and manage this program in partnership with many government and other groups, may well be a pilot that could influence and stimulate further innovative cross agency initiatives in other places.

5.2 Sharing success

How will you share the success of the project and what you have learned? (Maximum words approx 250)

Our philosophy is one of partnerships and networks sharing knowledge.

Our program and its project activities will be managed and reported transparently on our website where it is available to all. We expect a large amount of media interest in this program and the very different approach it employs.

We expect to celebrate the opening of each nursery with a public event where people from all the other nurseries and key partners and local communities are invited.

For each nursery / area, we will display the seed propagation production rate, number of trees planted other key project performance indicators on our website so all can celebrate progress.

Via the Kaitiakitanga Network (www.kaitiakitanga.net) and other channels we will share ideas and experience with other similar communities at a local level.

5.3 Learning from others

Do you know of any similar projects that have been undertaken? How will you learn from them? (Maximum words approx 250)

We are modelling our technical nursery and replanting operations on Whaingaroa Harbourcare in Raglan who have undertaken their work over 10 years. The Hokianga has a much greater area to plant which is hard to reach, so with many marae around the harbours, local nurseries will minimise transport costs.

We have our Chairman attending a seminar in the US in March with Paul Stametts, one of the world's foremost authorities on mushroom cultivation and the bioremediation of toxic site using fungi (www.fungi.com). We suspect that understanding this "natural technology" could increase our restoration effectiveness.

We are also in contact with other communities internationally that are involved in environmental and social restoration, including affordable housing schemes, ecohousing and organic gardening techniques, indigenous development youth leadership and more. (e.g. www.lopezclt.org, www.whaingaroa.org, www.whirinaki.org, www.skidegate.ca/)

We are familiar with the work of John Todd (www.toddecological.com) who develops the ecomachine and artificial wetland techniques for sewerage processing and water restoration. Some of these could be appropriate for use in settlements and towns surrounding the Hokianga.

We link with others in universities and research establishments to keep up with other developments in our areas of interest. We also invite students teams from tertiary institutions and other volunteers with expertise that we could use to work with us in creative ways.

SECTION 6. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

 For help in completing this section refer to the associated point (ie, 6.1) of the guide starting on page 15

6.1 Expenditure

Provide a breakdown (both cash and in-kind) of the estimated expenditure for the project. (All figures you enter must be exclusive of GST).

CASH EXPENDITURE	TOTAL \$ 2007/08	TOTAL \$ 2008/09	TOTAL \$ 2009/10
Personnel (wages/salaries)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Administration (rent/lease offices, etc.)	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Consultants and contractors	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Rental and leasing of equipment	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
Travel and accommodation	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Promotion and distribution	20,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Financial and/or legal expenses	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Other 1 – specify: Nursery establish and op costs	150,000.00	150,000.00	100,000.00
A: TOTAL CASH COSTS	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 180,000.00
IN-KIND EXPENDITURE	TOTAL \$ 2007/08	TOTAL \$ 2008/09	TOTAL \$ 2009/10
Personnel (wages/salaries)	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Project support – specify: vehicles / services / koha etc	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
B: TOTAL IN-KIND COSTS	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
C: TOTAL PROJECT COSTS TOTALS A + B = C (EXCLUDING GST)	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 290,000.00	\$ 240,000.00

6.2 Income

Provide a breakdown (both cash and in-kind) of the estimated income for the project?

CASH INCOME	TOTAL \$ 2007/08	TOTAL \$ 2008/09	TOTAL \$ 2009/10
Income from the SMF	240,000.00	190,000.00	70,000.00
Other 1 – specify: Stream planting contracts	0.00	20,000.00	50,000.00
Other 2 – specify: Nursery plant contracts / koha		20,000.00	40,000.00
Other 3 – specify: Other new enterprise opportunities			20,000.00
D: TOTAL CASH INCOME	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 180,000.00
IN-KIND INCOME (list contributors below)	TOTAL \$ 2007/08	TOTAL \$ 2008/09	TOTAL \$ 2009/10
Strategic Expertise Ltd - Mentor Project Mangt	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Various - sponsored vehicles resources etc	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
E: TOTAL IN-KIND INCOME	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
F: TOTAL PROJECT INCOME TOTALS D + E = F (EXCLUDING GST)	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 290,000.00	\$ 240,000.00

6.3 Share of costs			
As a percentage, how much of the total project costs are you seeking from the SMF?			
	YEAR 1 2007/08	YEAR 2 2008/09	YEAR 3 2009/10
To calculate the percentage, divide the 'Income from the SMF' by '(C) Total Project Costs' x 100. If you are not applying for funding exceeding one year enter N/A in boxes Year 2 and 3.	80 %	66 %	30 %
6.4 Additional information			
If there is any additional information about the project, provide it here. (Maximum words approx 250)			
<p>Our philosophy is to use the funding from MfE to cover essential nursery establishment and operating costs to allow communities without resources to immediately start participating either as volunteers or being paid by the likes of task force green or topped up benefits. These are people doing positive work on behalf of all New Zealanders - they are no longer the "unemployed".</p> <p>Strategic Expertise Ltd and associated volunteers will provide services in kind of \$20,000 (nominally 267 hours pa at \$75) to help establish the contract and budgets with MfE and other government departments. This will provide mentoring and support for members of the HHCC team to ensure that financial systems including, reporting and management of the funds are set up to be robust and transparent.</p> <p>Other organisations and individuals will be sought to provide capital plant, vehicles and other operational service in kind to reduce the ongoing burden of lease payments, maintenance and operational costs.</p> <p>Monthly budgets and performance reporting will be computerised and a summary transparent on the project website.</p> <p>Drawdown of funds will be based on rolling quarterly budgets, with the expectation that proven delivery performance and financial accountability / reporting in the current budget period will be a condition of any funding being approved and released for the next one.</p> <p>For detailed correspondence re establishing this program and contractual requirements please contact:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Peter Goldsbury - Project Management Consultant and Coach, Hokianga Harbourcare</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">c/o Strategic Expertise Ltd, 20 Hastings Parade, Devonport, Auckland 0624 Work / Home phone 09 4454454, Mob 021 465 372 Email pgoldsbury@stratex.co.nz Skype: petergoldsbury Website: www.projectmanagement.co.nz</p>			

We would prefer that you email your completed application form to applications@mfe.govt.nz
by 12pm Monday 26 February 2007.

Alternatively you may post or deliver your application to:

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Ministry for the Environment
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