Tena koutou katoa,

The Department of Conservation has a number of contestable funds.   Please pass on to your whanaau, marae, hapuu and Iwi net works.

The Matauranga Kura Taiao and Nga Whenua Rahui funds are specifically targeted to iwi, hapū, and whanau applicants while the Community Conservation Partnerships Fund - Putea Tautiaki Hapori (CCPF) has a community-led conservation focus.

*CCPF*

The CCPF fund provides funding to community-led conservation groups for natural heritage and recreation projects in New Zealand. The fund has approximately $26 million dollars to distribute to community groups for priority conservation work over four years (from 2014). In the first year $8.5 million was allocated across more than 100 community organisations.

The fund is directed at practical, on-the-ground projects. These projects maintain and restore the diversity of our natural heritage and enable more people to participate in recreation, engage with conservation and value its benefits. Projects that may have a transformational impact on conservation growth in New Zealand will also be considered. For examples of successful applications to the 2014 CCPF funding round please see: [http://www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/run-a-project/funding/community-conservation-partnerships-fund/successful-applications-2014/](http://www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/run-a-project/funding/community-conservation-partnerships-fund/successful-applications-2014/" \t "_blank)

Further information about the CCPF fund can be found at: [http://www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/run-a-project/funding/community-conservation-partnerships-fund/](http://www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/run-a-project/funding/community-conservation-partnerships-fund/" \t "_blank)

Details for the upcoming funding round of the CCPF are still being finalised but it is anticipated that dates and application forms will be available shortly. I will provide further details as soon as they are available but meantime am happy to discuss any potential projects.

*Matauranga Kura Taiao and Nga Whenua Rahui*

The Matauranga Kura Taiao fund has a focus on promoting the revival, use, and retention of traditional knowledge and practices in biodiversity management. Applications are welcomed for initiatives that incorporate traditional knowledge and practices which will benefit hapū and iwi, both now and for future generations.  An example of how this funding is used can be found here: [http://www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/run-a-project/funding/nga-whenua-rahui/matauranga-kura-taiao-fund/featured-projects/](http://www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/run-a-project/funding/nga-whenua-rahui/matauranga-kura-taiao-fund/featured-projects/" \t "_blank)

The Nga Whenua Rahui fund focuses on the voluntary protection of indigenous ecosystems on Māori land, while honouring the rights guaranteed to Māori landowners under the Treaty of Waitangi. The purpose of the fund is to reaffirm the bond between tangata whenua and the land. Examples of successful applications to this fund can be found here:[http://www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/run-a-project/funding/nga-whenua-rahui/nga-whenua-rahui-fund/featured-projects/](http://www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/run-a-project/funding/nga-whenua-rahui/nga-whenua-rahui-fund/featured-projects/" \t "_blank)

The funding committee meets four times a year to determine applications. We suggest applicants aim for the next committee meeting which is currently scheduled for 20 May 2015. Applications for this round need to be submitted approximately 6 weeks before the committee meets, so you should aim to have your applications finalised by the beginning of April. If that is too soon, the committee will sit again in August and November but these dates are yet to be finalised.

For more information, fact sheets, and application forms for either of these funds please see the **attached**documents or:[http://www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/run-a-project/funding/nga-whenua-rahui/matauranga-kura-taiao-fund/](http://www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/run-a-project/funding/nga-whenua-rahui/matauranga-kura-taiao-fund/" \t "_blank) or[http://www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/run-a-project/funding/nga-whenua-rahui/nga-whenua-rahui-fund/](http://www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/run-a-project/funding/nga-whenua-rahui/nga-whenua-rahui-fund/" \t "_blank)

Hei konaa mai i roto i aku mihi,

**Tahi-o-Hurae Te Ao Marama Rangiawha**

**Pou Tairangahau** Hamilton - Kaahui Kaupapa Atawhai Manager

**DDI**: [+64 7 838 5688](tel:%2B64%207%20838%205688" \t "_blank) | **M**: +64 27 453 5431 | VPN: 6488