

ATTENTION

Funding for Environmental Projects Up to \$25,000 Available

THE FUND

O-I New Zealand established the O-I NZ Environmental Fund in 1983 to encourage studies that would give young people an understanding of the importance and fragility of the environment.

One of the aims of this fund is to encourage whole community involvement in environmental issues, which is why we urge teachers and students to work with organisations such as regional councils, DOC, Forest & Bird, parents and local MP's.

The Fund includes two projects categories:

Category A – Larger projects ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000 in funding.

Category B – Smaller projects ranging from \$250 to \$2000 in funding.

Applications to the O-I NZ Environmental Fund are called for in two stages.

STAGE 1 is an expression of interest in applying for funding.

Simply complete the details in the expression of interest form and submit them to the Secretary, O-I NZ Environmental Fund. The deadline for expression of interest is **31 MARCH**.

REMEMBER TO SELECT A FUNDING CATEGORY.

STAGE 2 is an invitation to make full application.

Expressions of interest that meet the criteria will be invited to submit full application for consideration by the fund committee. The deadline for applications to the fund is **31 MAY**.

GUIDELINES

Schools should refer to Guidelines for Environmental Education in New Zealand Schools (Ministry of Education 1999) when planning their Environmental Education programme and the part their project (for which funding is sought) can play in that programme.

In particular, applications should meet as many of the following criteria as possible:

- Develop students' awareness of and sensitivity to the environment
- Develop students' knowledge and understanding of the environment and the impact of people on it (the key concepts of interdependence, sustainability and biodiversity could be addressed here)
- Develop attitudes and values reflecting concern for the environment
- Develop skills in identifying, investigating and problem solving associated with environmental issues
- Stimulate responsibility for participation and action for the environment
- Co-ordinate and/or co-operate with local community initiatives and organisations benefiting the school and if possible the community
- Show, where possible, how the success of the project will be measured

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- The Principal
- Teacher in charge of science
- HOD Science
- Other department heads

Projects should help educate school students about resource shortage and environmental issues affecting the region, the nation and the world. The aim is to raise students' global awareness by giving them first-hand experience at a local level. Projects may be extracurricular or incorporated into existing teaching programmes.

The O-I New Zealand Environmental Fund is focussed on supporting schools in undertaking practical environmental studies, rather than promoting environmental ideals.

The NZ Environmental Fund will **NOT** make grants for:

- Contract labour
- Building materials deemed to be outside the immediate need for the project
- Relief teachers
- Travel costs and/or accommodation
- Teacher education/professional development
- Beautification or improvement of school property or equipment
- Playground equipment
- Computers and IT materials
- Equipment and/or tools that should ordinarily be provided by the school
- Printing and publication of booklets or documents unless specifically supported by, or an integral part of, the project
- Projects solely centred on native tree propagation, beautification, sun shelter or maintenance programmes
- Sports or community driven projects
- Projects which do not meet most of the listed guidelines

NOTE: Schools are asked to respond expressing interest in order to establish the eligibility of their project. Those projects meeting the necessary criteria will be invited to make full application.

No strict time limit is set for completion of projects. For example, Year 9 students may continue the same project into Year 10, or it may be taken up by the next year's Year 9 students.

CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION

Applications for grants from the O-I NZ Environmental Fund will be considered by the fund committee comprising representatives of the ministries of education, youth development and the environment, O-I New Zealand and the Chairperson representing Central Government.

The O-I NZ Environmental Fund, funded by O-I New Zealand, makes a total of up to \$25,000 available annually but retains the right to withhold part or all of this amount if, in the opinion of the fund committee, the applications do not justify awarding funds.

Any group – kindergarten, primary, intermediate or secondary – within the education system may apply for a grant.

The manner in which the funds are distributed is at the discretion of the fund committee.

The O-I NZ Environmental Fund and/or O-I New Zealand shall not be liable for any accident, illness, damage or loss to property or belongings of recipients as a result of their participating in the Fund.

The O-I NZ Environmental Fund and its sponsor shall have the right to publicise the funding and/or the fund and to use for publicity or similar purposes all projects to which it contributes. This includes first option over any publishing rights.

The fund committee's decisions shall be final.

The O-I NZ Environmental Fund committee will meet to consider applications in June or as soon after the close of applications as feasible.

The deadline for expressions of interest is 31 March



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