

Externally Funded Projects update - February 2024

Meeting: Kaipara District Council Meeting
Date of meeting: 28 February 2024
Reporting officer: Helen Ronaldson, Operations Manager

Purpose | Ngā whāinga

To provide an update to Elected Members on the externally funded projects.

Executive summary | Whakarāpopototanga

The Government have various programmes in place, some ongoing and others discrete that periodically release funds to Councils for projects that meet their funding criteria. The funding programmes include:

- Infrastructure Reference Group – Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE)
- Provincial Growth Fund (MBIE)
- Department of Internal Affairs – Reform packages
- Tourism Infrastructure (TIF)
- Climate Emergency Response through Waka Kotahi
- Local Government Flood Resilience Co-investment Fund

The funding provided to Council from these sources can range from the full cost of the proposed project to a co-funding option where a portion of the project cost will be borne by Council.

Council has 22 current capital projects that have received external funding approval. Six projects are in the construction phase with 16 projects in the earlier phases.

There have been two rounds of funding for the Local Government Flood Resilience Co-investment Fund (flood resilience fund) out of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) open for application. Four of our storm recovery projects were successfully included in round 1 and three projects were successful in the round 2 announcement received late January.

This report is the first in the new format proposed in December 2023. Please note there are no status reports for projects in the construction phase as there has been no update since those issued in December.

Recommendation | Ngā tūtohunga

That the Kaipara District Council:

- a) Notes the Externally Funded Projects update – February 2024 report.

Context | Horopaki

Since 2019, Council has received funding from external sources for various projects.

To ensure Elected Members are up to date with the status and progress of each project with approved funding, a summary update will be provided periodically with the latest project status report for each project in the construction stage included.

Discussion | Ngā kōrerorero

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The external funding ranges from 50% to 100% of the proposed project cost, with Council required to co-fund the project cost that does not attract external funding. Funding may also be available from Waka Kotahi. The funding allocation for the currently approved projects can be seen in the matrix below (see next page).

Project Name	Project Code	Stage	Funding Stream								Project Budget (Total)
			Infrastructure Reference Group (IRG)	Provincial Growth Fund (PGF)	Waka Kotahi	Tourism Infrastructure Fund	LG Flood Resilience Co-investment	DIA Better Off Fund	Agreed changes	Kaipara District Council	
Kaihu Valley Trail	SR111	Implementation	\$4,000,000		\$600,000					\$73,247	\$4,673,247
Mangawhai Shared Path - Stage 2	14066	Closure	\$2,400,000		\$7,954,600					\$2,475,400	\$12,830,000
Mangawhai Shared Path - Stage 3	14066	Implementation			\$5,271,897					\$3,231,163	\$8,503,060
Kai Water	PGF111	Closure		\$740,000							\$740,000
Pouto Wharf	PGF112	Implementation		\$2,401,616						\$542,319	\$2,943,935
Dargaville to Te Kopuru Stopbank	14026	Implementation	\$3,500,000						-\$2,100,000		\$1,400,000
Raupo Upgrade Project	14027	Implementation	\$2,500,000						\$2,100,000		\$4,600,000
Pouto carpark sealing	15057	Procurement				\$124,000				\$151,528	\$275,528
Rangiora carpark improvements	15002	Procurement				\$301,000				\$732,783	\$1,033,783
Mangawhai Comm Park Drainage	16073	Planning				\$206,500				\$210,000	\$416,500
Baylys Beach boardwalk extn	16074	Procurement				\$310,000				\$141,900	\$451,900
Pine Beach day visitor toilet block	TBA	Planning				\$607,000				\$47,000	\$654,000
Pahi public toilet relocation/upgrade	14007	Procurement				\$112,860				\$737,613	\$850,473
Kaipara Cycle Network Connections	15055/15056	Stopped			\$8,000,000						\$8,000,000
Dargaville Community hub	15001	Initiation						\$1,020,000			\$1,020,000
Mangawhai Community hub	15001	Initiation						\$3,020,000			\$3,020,000
Dargaville WWTP maturation pond bund height increase	15086	Planning					\$650,000			\$40,000	\$690,000
Dargaville stopbank repairs	15085	Initiation					\$500,000			\$40,000	\$540,000
Robert St, Mangawhai stormwater improvement	15071	Planning					\$500,000			\$40,000	\$540,000
Awakino railway embankment stabilisation	15065	Design					\$400,000			\$40,000	\$440,000
Awakino river mouth cleaning - opex	TBA	Initiation					\$350,000			\$200,000	\$550,000
Beach Rd culvert	TBA	Initiation					\$400,000			\$50,000	\$450,000
Murphy Bower stopbank	14075	Implementation					\$280,000			\$590,000	\$870,000
			\$12,400,000	\$3,141,616	\$21,826,497	\$1,661,360	\$3,080,000	\$4,040,000	\$0	\$9,342,953	\$55,492,426
			Total external funding								
			\$46,149,473								

Pahi public toilet relocation and upgrade has a completed design and a delivery programme established. The funding agreement is being finalised with MBIE so construction can begin.

Waka Kotahi's Climate Emergency Response Fund programme funds projects in the Transport Choices package with the Dargaville cycle lane and shared pathway originally approved and in the planning phase. This project was known as the Kaipara Cycle Network Connections project and has been ceased as of December 2023 when the funding availability was withdrawn.

Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) – reform packages

The first tranche of the 'Better off' Fund (which supports local government to invest in the wellbeing of their communities) where \$4.04m has been approved for the development of community centres in Mangawhai and Dargaville. Following consideration of various alternative options for the allocation of these funds once the second tranche of this funding became no longer available, the consensus has been to continue with the concept, community engagement, design and consenting for these community centres.

The internal planning for this is now in flight, with recruitment of a Project Manager currently underway.

Policy and planning implications

The policy and planning implications are discussed in each project update, where applicable.

Financial implications

The financial implications are discussed in each active project update.

Risks and mitigations

The risk and mitigations are discussed in each active project update.

Impacts on Māori

Engagement with Te Uri o Hau, Te Roroa and marae is ongoing.

Significance and engagement | Hirahira me ngā whakapapa

The decisions or matters of this report are considered to have a low degree of significance in accordance with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy as the activities are not rate funded. No feedback is required, and the public will be informed of Council's decision via the agenda and minutes publication of this meeting, on the website and through other channels if appropriate.

Next steps | E whaiake nei

The Council notes the report. Next update to be presented at the May Council meeting.