

Funding Schedule: Predator Free 2050 Fund

1. Purpose of this fund

To support the restoration and protection of Waikirikiri Selwyn's indigenous biodiversity (plants and wildlife) through the elimination of introduced predator animals.

2. Outcomes – what we will see through the initiatives funded by this fund

- Reduced numbers of predator animals across the District, including mustelids, rats, possums, hedgehogs and feral cats.
- Improved protection resulting in increased abundance of indigenous wildlife and plants.
- Increased number and coverage of trapping networks across Waikirikiri Selwyn.
- Relationships and trust built with community and landowners to maximise predator control efforts.
- Selwyn Biodiversity Strategy and Predator Free 2050 goals are contributed to.

3. Fund Activities

Fund decision makers	Assessment Panel
Fund type	Contestable
Fund frequency	Annually
Fund opening and closing dates	As on website
Decision date	Within two months of the closing date
Accountability requirements	• Funding agreement signed by both parties. • A project summary and expenditure report within 12 months of funding. • Invoices for materials purchased. • If salary/wages for a one-off project has been funded, proof of payment may be requested, if required. • Reporting of catches (this can be either through Trap NZ¹ or direct to Council biodiversity staff on a quarterly basis).
Who can apply	• Applicants must be residents and/or ratepayers of the Selwyn District. The funding is open to iwi, community groups, schools, landowners and individuals.
Who can't apply	• Selwyn District Council and other Public Agencies, such as ECAN, DOC or LINZ, are excluded from applying to the fund.
What can be funded	• Purchase of traps and bait for community trapping groups, trap libraries, and individuals operating multi-unit trapping networks. • Materials for building trap boxes. • Support for running trapping related events, including promotion to the target audience. • Salary or wages for a specified project, such as facilitator costs for trapping workshops or coordinator costs associated with delivering the

¹ The Biodiversity team will have access to the Trap NZ project so will be able to see the catches that have been reported.

	activity or programme for which the funds are requested.
What can't be funded	<i>In addition to Section 6.7 and 6.8 of the C213 Community Funding Policy:</i> • The entire cost of a project - Predator Free Selwyn 2050 grants must complement the applicant's contributions, including in-kind voluntary hours.
Criteria / terms and conditions	<i>In addition to the Criteria as in Section 3 and Section 6 of the C213 Community Funding policy:</i> • Predator control work must take place in the Selwyn District. • Any traps used must have passed the National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (NAWAC) testing guidelines. See https://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/pests-and-threats/predator-free-2050/community-trapping/trapping-and-toxins/animal-welfare-and-trapping/ • Funding can be allocated for work on both private and public land. However, work on public land requires approval from the relevant landowner. • Applicants must record their catches on Trap NZ or send their trap data to the SDC biodiversity team – via the biodiversity@selwyn.govt.nz email address. • If salary/wages for a one-off project has been requested, Council staff may contact the applicant for a copy of the role description. • Council staff may request to meet with the applicant to discuss project details and if necessary, provide advice. A trapping layout and monitoring plan² may be required with the application. • If the fund recipient is no longer using their trap, they are required to return it to Council or their local trapping group to be redistributed.

² Using DOC's Practical Guide to Trapping as a guideline. This booklet is available online or can be provided by SDC biodiversity staff on request.