

# 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

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| <b>Annual fund amount</b>             | \$50,000   |
| <b>Fund decision makers</b>           | Assessment Panel   |
| <b>Fund type</b>                      | Contestable  |
| <b>Fund frequency</b>                 | Annually   |
| <b>Fund opening and closing dates</b> | Fund opens 1 April and closes 30 May   |
| <b>Decision date</b>                  | Within two months of the closing date  |
| <b>Accountability requirements</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Funding agreement signed by both parties.</li><li>• A project summary and expenditure report within 12 months of funding.</li><li>• Invoices for materials purchased.</li><li>• If salary/wages for a one-off project has been funded, proof of payment may be requested, if required.</li><li>• Reporting of catches (this can be either through Trap NZ<sup>1</sup> or direct to Council biodiversity staff on a quarterly basis).</li></ul> |
| <b>Who can apply</b>                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Applicants must be residents and/or ratepayers of the Selwyn District. The funding is open to iwi, community groups, schools, landowners and individuals.</li></ul>  |
| <b>Who can't apply</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Selwyn District Council and other Public Agencies, such as ECAN, DOC or LINZ, are excluded from applying to the fund.</li></ul>  |
| <b>What can be funded</b>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Purchase of traps and bait for community trapping groups, trap libraries, and individuals operating multi-unit trapping networks.</li><li>• Materials for building trap boxes.</li><li>• Support for running trapping related events, including promotion to the target audience.</li><li>• Salary or wages for a specified project, such as facilitator costs for trapping workshops or</li></ul>   |

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

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|  | coordinator costs associated with delivering the activity or programme for which the funds are requested.  |
| <b>What can't be funded</b>            | <p><i>In addition to Section 6.7 and 6.8 of the C213 Community Funding Policy:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The entire cost of a project - Predator Free Selwyn 2050 grants must complement the applicant's contributions, including in-kind voluntary hours.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Criteria / terms and conditions</b> | <p><i>In addition to the Criteria as in Section 3 and Section 6 of the C213 Community Funding policy:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Predator control work must take place in the Selwyn District.</li> <li>• Any traps used must have passed the National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (NAWAC) testing guidelines. See <a href="https://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/pests-and-threats/predator-free-2050/community-trapping/trapping-and-toxins/animal-welfare-and-trapping/">https://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/pests-and-threats/predator-free-2050/community-trapping/trapping-and-toxins/animal-welfare-and-trapping/</a></li> <li>• Funding can be allocated for work on both private and public land. However, work on public land requires approval from the relevant landowner.</li> <li>• Applicants must record their catches on Trap NZ or send their trap data to the SDC biodiversity team – via the <a href="mailto:biodiversity@selwyn.govt.nz">biodiversity@selwyn.govt.nz</a> email address.</li> <li>• If salary/wages for a one-off project has been requested, Council staff may contact the applicant for a copy of the role description.</li> <li>• Council staff may request to meet with the applicant to discuss project details and if necessary, provide advice. A trapping layout and monitoring plan<sup>2</sup> may be required with the application.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> |

<sup>2</sup> 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.