

Tahua Manawaroa me te Toitūtanga o te Kura



School Sustainability and Resilience Fund

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What is the School Sustainability and Resilience Fund?

The School Sustainability and Resilience Fund helps schools and education providers establish projects that support sustainable practices and build climate or natural hazard resilience for their local community.

We support environmental projects ranging from composting and wetland restoration to weather monitoring and walking school buses. We want the next generation to understand our changing climate, why action matters, and the practical steps they can take to make a difference.

Hei aha te pūtea?

What can the funding be used for?

Any project that helps make our world a better place in the face of a changing climate.

Ideas include stream restoration projects, pest animal control, edible gardens, active transport, and climate change education programmes.



Ka pēhea tēnei tahua e whakawhiwhia?

How is this fund awarded?

All eligible applications will go through a 'participatory budgeting' process. This means that the community decides which projects receive funding via an online voting process.

Each project has an overview and cost estimate attached to it, with the funding being allocated to those projects with the most votes.

If projects are unsuccessful in the public voting round, they will go to round two, where they are assessed by a youth panel. This panel has a separate budget to allocate, giving these projects a second chance at success.

Applications for the youth panel will open Monday 30 March and close Sunday 26 April 2026.

Kei te hiahia ki te tono?

Want to apply?

Check you meet the following criteria:

- You are applying on behalf of an educational institution that's based in the Bay of Plenty (this includes schools, kura kaupapa Māori, kōhanga reo, early childhood centres, kindergartens, and tertiary institutions).
- Your project will improve environmental sustainability or long term resilience to climate change or natural hazards.
- Your application is between \$1,000 and \$5,000 (excluding GST) for sustainability related projects, or between \$1,000 and \$10,000 (excluding GST) for climate change resilience or natural hazard projects.
- Your project hasn't started yet, but it's able to be completed by 11 December 2026.
- If you received funding from us in 2025, that project needs to have been completed and your accountability report accepted by our team.

Tonoa ināianeī

Apply now

Applications for the 2026 funding pool open from 19 January to Sunday 8 March 2026 – but don't delay! Now's the time to decide, design and plan out your project.

Keep an eye on our website for updates
www.boprc.govt.nz/ssrf
or contact our team on
SSRfund@boprc.govt.nz

Te tukanga

The process

Decide, design and plan
HAPPENING NOW!

Applications open:
Monday 19 January 2026

Applications close:
Sunday 8 March 2026

First round:
Eligible projects open for voting
Monday 30 March 2026

Second round:
Youth panel voting
6 - 15 May 2026

Successful applicants notified and announced
Friday 22 May 2026

Funding allocated by
July 2026

In 2025, there were...

