

## Replant for Tomorrow Fund Guidelines 2024



### What is Replant for Tomorrow?

Powerco's Replant for Tomorrow initiative was launched in 2020 in Taranaki. We have now planted more than 20,000 trees in Taranaki, Coromandel, Western Bay of Plenty and the Wairarapa through partnerships with community groups.

In 2024, we are growing this initiative so we can support more planting projects across our electricity and gas network footprint.

The Replant for Tomorrow fund supports local community driven planting projects. We support planting projects that create habitats, enhance biodiversity and protect special environments in the communities that we operate in.

## Why did we introduce the fund?

Every year, Powerco contractors remove vegetation that is growing too close to power lines. Trees cause close to a quarter of all power outages each year, so it is important to keep our lines clear from vegetation to ensure we can continue to deliver power safely and reliably to our customers.

Replant for Tomorrow helps to off-set this tree removal work, by planting native trees and shrubs in suitable environments away from the power lines.

## General

At Powerco we're proud to be part of the communities we serve and are committed to supporting meaningful projects and initiatives across our network footprint.

We have developed this document to make our requirements clear to potential partners when they are making applications for the Replant for Tomorrow fund.

Please read through this document carefully to ensure your application meets our Replant for Tomorrow fund requirements.

- Projects need to be located within our network footprint.
- Projects need to be completed in 2024.
- This fund supports projects that benefit the community, it is not for private gardens, farms or landscaping.
- Funding is open from 2 May until 26 May for 2024 for applications.
- We support planting projects that enhance biodiversity or community wellbeing using native plants.
- You will need to include a planting plan as part of your application. This should cover how you are preparing the planting site, what species you are planting and your maintenance programme.
- Funding is available for between \$1000 and \$5000.
- Organisations or community groups must have a verified bank account that is linked to the organisation or community group. We can not make payments to personal bank accounts.

Powerco's electricity networks are in Western Bay of Plenty, Thames, Coromandel, Eastern and Southern Waikato, Taranaki, Whanganui, Rangitikei, Manawatū and the Wairarapa. Our gas pipeline networks are in Taranaki, Hutt Valley, Porirua, Wellington, Horowhenua, Manawatū and Hawke's Bay.

## Replant for Tomorrow fund requirements

All applications should clearly outline what the outcome and benefits of their project will be, and how their project will:

- Contribute directly to the community.
- Make effective use of the funds requested.
- Provide promotional opportunities for Powerco.
- Provide positive brand awareness for Powerco.

Replant for Tomorrow Fund applications must provide at least two of the following benefits to Powerco:

- Provision of exclusive and meaningful content for Powerco's social media channels.
- Images for Powerco to use on our website and/or socials.
- Opportunities for our staff to volunteer and be involved in the project.
- Mention of Powerco's support in your communications and social media posts.

We will not consider:

- Planting projects that take place outside of our network area.
- Planting on privately owned land.
- Planting projects that have already been completed.
- Planting projects that are taking place outside of the time frame specified.
- Planting projects that have received funding from the Replant for Tomorrow Fund within the past two years.
- Planting projects that are taking place too close to power lines – see our website for more information.
- Planting projects using exotic plants.

## Process for consideration

- All proposals are reviewed by the Community Partnerships team to assess feasibility, suitability and resources required.
- Shortlisted opportunities are further reviewed by a broader stakeholder team.
- You will be notified if your proposal was successful at the close of the funding round. Check the website for dates.
- If successful, and all the appropriate paperwork is returned in time, funds will be paid out 20 June 2024.

## Completion report

All organisations that are successful in receiving funds as part of the Replant for Tomorrow fund, must supply a completion report within one month of the project being completed. Failure to complete the report will affect future applications.

The completion report must include:

- Summary of the planting project.
- Imagery from throughout the duration of the project.
- If there were any media mentions.
- Outline of how the funds were utilised.
- Metrics from the project eg number of people involved with the planting, number of plants planted, area of land planted etc
- The outcome of the planting project and how it benefited the community.

We will supply the report template once funds have been paid.

All applications and queries can be sent through to [sponsorship@powerco.co.nz](mailto:sponsorship@powerco.co.nz)