

Rakiura track



Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Fund

APPLICATIONS CLOSE:	<input type="checkbox"/> 31 March each year			(Year) 2022
Please state the year in which funding is sought				
SEND TO:				
Southland District Council PO Box 903 Invercargill 9840				
Email to funding@southlanddc.govt.nz or deliver to your nearest Southland District Council Office				
ANY QUERIES TO:				
Megan Seator on 0800 732 732				
YOUR DETAILS – PLEASE COMPLETE				
Name of organisation	DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION			
Postal address	PO BOX 3, STEWART ISLAND 9846			
Street address	15 MAIN RD, STEWART ISLAND 9846			
CONTACT NAMES				
Please give the names of two people who can be contacted if further information is required. The first contact must be the person who filled out the form. Under the Privacy Act (1993) consent from these people must be given before their details are recorded here.				
Name	Dale Chittenden	Phone	(day)	s 9(2)(a)
Email	dchittenden@doc.govt.nz		(evening)	s 9(2)(a)
Name	Ren Leppens	Phone	(day)	s 9(2)(a)
Email	rleppens@doc.govt.nz		(evening)	s 9(2)(a)
Bank account number to direct credit grant payment if application successful:				
PAYEE DETAILS – PAY TO THE CREDIT OF				
Name of bank	Westpac NZ ltd	Branch	NZ Government Branch, Wellington	
Name of account				
ss 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii)				
Bank	Branch	Account No	Suffix	
TO HELP SPEED THE PROCESS UP IN THE EVENT OF YOUR GRANT BEING APPROVED, CAN YOU PLEASE PROVIDE VERIFICATION OF YOUR BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS. THIS CAN BE A SCREENSHOT OR BANKING SLIP AND IT MUST BE ATTACHED TO YOUR APPLICATION.				
GST Number (if applicable)				

WHAT ARE YOU APPLYING FOR – PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY	
Funding for an activity or facility used by, or for the benefit of, visitors to Stewart Island/Rakiura	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Funding for an activity or facility to mitigate the adverse effects on the environment from visitors to Stewart Island/Rakiura	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PROJECT DETAILS	
What is the name of your project?	Rakiura Great Walk Track Maintenance
Please describe fully: (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)	
For what purpose does your organisation seek a Stewart Island Rakiura Visitor Levy grant?	
<p>We are seeking a mutually beneficial arrangement between the Department of Conservation and the Visitor Levy Funds to enable ongoing maintenance of visitor facilities and recreational opportunities on Rakiura. We are requesting that this be an annual contribution towards ongoing resurfacing of a high use walking track over the coming 10 years. The Department's current available funds will be invested into a substantial upgrade into the middle section of the track to mitigate the impacts of visitors, fragile environments and historic sites ss 9(2)(b)(ii), 9(2)(i) and 9(2)(j)</p> <p>however there is little Department funding available for ongoing maintenance of this deteriorating track which is of significant importance to Rakiura tourism and our community. This project seeks to establish a collaborative relationship between two organisations ss 9(2)(b)(ii), 9(2)(i) and 9(2)(j)</p> <p>so that annual resurfacing and maintenance of track sections can be undertaken over a period of 10 years.</p>	
How will your project directly benefit visitors or mitigate the adverse environmental effects of visitors?	
<p>Visitor numbers on the Rakiura Great Walk are approximately 15,000. However the Rakiura Great Walk is rapidly deteriorating due to the impact of the visitor numbers on the peat soils and wet fragile environment. A recent survey by Great South showed significant concerns around visitor expectations on the Great Walk due to the track conditions. Furthermore events such as the Rakiura Challenge Run where 200 people run the track in a day does provide impacts. It is of benefit to the community and visitors for the track conditions to be safe, reaching or exceeding visitor expectations and providing a drawcard / opportunity for visitors to connect with the environment. The Rakiura Track also benefits many businesses locally by providing concession opportunities and water taxi opportunities.</p> <p>ss 9(2)(b)(ii), 9(2)(i) and 9(2)(j)</p> <p>This is a commitment that is mutually beneficial and will see an annual improvement to the track conditions that otherwise would not be able to be funded. The flow on affect is visitor satisfaction, tourism enhancement and environmental sustainability.</p>	
How does your application demonstrate alignment with the Southland Murihiku Destination Strategy's vision, guiding principles, and activation areas? (please attach a separate page if necessary)	
<p>The Rakiura Great Walk is one of ten Great Walks in New Zealand and the only one on Rakiura. It is a showcase of our environment, our coastal areas and bush, our flora and fauna</p>	

and gives visitors an appreciation of our Kaitiakitanga, our guardianship and protection of our environment. Given the Southland Murihiku Destination Strategy's Vision is to be recognised as a distinct visitor destination and guided by strong sustainability principles and values, this project aligns perfectly. An increase in visitor satisfaction as a direct result of improved track and visitor facilities will increase both the promotion of the area, the longterm sustainability and benefit the community. The Department of Conservation gains little financially from each visitor whereas the expected spend of a visitor within the community is considerable and over an array of businesses. However the environmental and cultural enrichment from a good visitor experience is hugely worthwhile by improving the visitors manaakitanga and understanding of the place and its people. For Rakiura and its visitors, the Rakiura Great Walk represents an important link to our Island and community. This project provides an opportunity to show a coordinated and collaborative approach to improving tourism values to the Island and the Southland Region.

Start date of your project	September 2022	Finish date of your project	December 2032
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Does your project relate to infrastructure or capital works? <i>If yes, please continue. If no, please move to the "presentation" section</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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What is the current status of the facility or infrastructure?

Public walking track with a deteriorating surface resulting in many sections of mud.

Does the facility have a long-term development and maintenance plan?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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IF YES PLEASE ATTACH

Does your project involve conceptual or site plans?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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IF YES PLEASE ATTACH

Does your project require resource or building consent?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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IF YES, PLEASE STATE THE STAGE OF APPROVAL

Consistent with the Rakiura National Park Management Plan

PRESENTATION

Applicants can choose to make a presentation in support of their application. Presentations are limited to five minutes. An additional five minutes will be available for questions from the Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Committee if required. Applicants will be advised of the time, date and location of presentations.

I wish to make a presentation in support of my application	<input type="checkbox"/>
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I do not wish to make a presentation in support of my application	<input type="checkbox"/>
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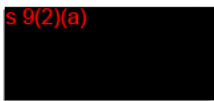
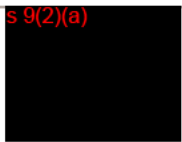
I am available to make a presentation in support of my application if required by the committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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FINANCIAL DETAILS

Are you registered for GST?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	GST Number	ss 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii)
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Applicants that are not GST-registered need to provide budget figures that include GST				
Applicants that are GST-registered need to provide budget figures that exclude GST.				
Successful applicants who are GST-registered will be required to submit a GST invoice, after being notified the result of the application and prior to the grant being paid out.				
Please round all figures to the nearest dollar.				
EXPENDITURE	\$	INCOME	\$	
Project costs	GST Exclusive	Your contribution		
Materials (approx. 66 tonnes gravel) and boat transport to site	s 9(2)(b)(i)	Fees/subs		
Helicopter transport onto track	s 9(2)(b)(i)	Fundraising		
		Loan/mortgage		
		Cash savings		
		Other	30,000	
		Sub-total		
Other grants and sponsorship applied for				
		Sponsorship		
		Grants (successful and proposed)	Amount requested	Result date
(a) Total cost of the project is	s 9(2)(b)(i)	(b) Total Income	30,000	

How much money are you applying for?	\$30,000 annually
To find out how much money you should apply for, subtract your contribution (b) from the total cost of the project (a) . The answer is the amount of money you need in order for your project to go ahead.	
Briefly describe any voluntary effort or donated materials provided for the project	
Voluntary effort (eg number of hours) DOC staff hours approx. 200 hours	
Donated materials (eg approximate \$ value)	
How do you envisage paying for the future operational costs of this project?	
ss 9(2)(b)(ii), 9(2)(i) and 9(2)(j)	

DECLARATION (PLEASE PROVIDE TWO SIGNATURES)			
We	Department of Conservation	consent to Southland District Council	
collecting the personal contact details provided on this form. The consent is given in accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act 1994. We also confirm that the information provided is accurate and complete and that the organisation committee has agreed to this project/funding application.			
Name	DALE CHITTENDEN		
Position in organisation	SENIOR RANGER - RECREATION AND HISTORIC		
Signature		Date	30/03/2022
Name	REN LEPPENS		
Position in organisation	OPERATIONS MANAGER		
Signature		Date	30/03/2022
Checklist - please attach			✓
A current statement of financial position or financial performance for your organisation			<input type="checkbox"/>
A current bank statement			<input type="checkbox"/>
Quotations, where relevant			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of legal status (if applicable)			<input type="checkbox"/>
Conceptual or site plans (if applicable)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Project plan including timelines (if applicable)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Development and maintenance plan (if applicable)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Letters of support (if applicable)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
THESE ITEMS WILL COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION			