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Request for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) (the LGOIMA)

Thank you for your email of **6 August 2025** requesting the following information:

The Kapiti-Mana branch of Forest and Bird would like to know how much Kapiti Coast District Council budgets (and spends) on their biodiversity budget per annum, and how this compares to expenditure by other councils in our region for similar work.

We consider this work to include control of pest animals, weeds and planting of native flora

The majority of this work is paid for out of the following budgets:

Budget Line	Budgeted 2024-25	Spent 2024-25	Budgeted 2025-26
Districtwide Restoration Planting	\$51,350	\$49,565	\$52,891
Districtwide Riparian Maintenance	\$22,675	\$2,070	\$23,355
Coastal Planting and Maintenance	\$77,317	\$56,536	\$79,250
Districtwide Pest Investigation and Control	\$52,377	\$59,258	\$53,948
Total	\$203,719	\$167,429	\$209,444

Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.

The above figures do not include:

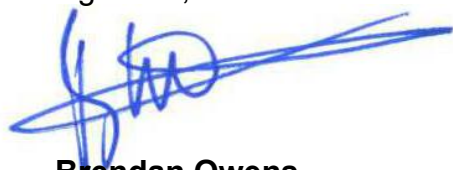
- staff salaries,
- cemeteries rabbit control,
- restoration planting as part of resource consent conditions, or
- grants made to private landowners through the Heritage Fund, Riparian Fund and Rates remission for land protected for natural or cultural conservation purposes.

The only information we hold on other councils' expenditure in this space is in a presentation given to the Climate and Environment Subcommittee in February 2024 related to animal pest control.

Wellington City Council	Budgeted 2023/24
Animal Pest Management Operating Costs	\$2,217,000
Total	\$2,217,000

Palmerston North City Council ~\$266,000	Budgeted 2023/24
Predator Free Palmerston North	\$27,000.00
Turitea Dam Catchment Management	\$207,000.00
City-wide -Biodiversity Increased Plant and Animal Pest Control	\$32,000.00
Total	\$266,000.00

Ngā mihi,



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