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Tēnā koe

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation (DOC), received on 9 March 2024, in which you asked for:

A breakdown (including forecast) of JFN funding contracted but unused from 1 July 2024, by the end of the current four-year programme, showing:

- *total dollar value of unused funding*
- *names of each contracted party with unused funding,*
- *dollar value of unused funding for each contracted party*
- *if the funding is planned to be extended beyond 30 June 2024, the parties that the funding will be extended for (incl. under consideration), and the dollar value under consideration for extension or extended*

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Jobs for Nature is a cross-government programme established to create nature-based employment in response to the economic impacts of COVID-19. DOC is responsible for allocation of \$485 million to create jobs for up to 4,800 people, deliver lasting conservation benefits, and support sustainable land use and regulation.

Further to your request there is no 'unused funding' as all funding has been allocated and contracted to project partners, who are still delivering. Therefore, in providing a breakdown of 'funding contracted but unused', this response instead provides a breakdown of all remaining payments scheduled to be made by DOC to Jobs for Nature funded projects beyond 30 June 2024. Please note that this information is correct at the time of your request and could be subject to further changes.

Remaining payments beyond 30 June 2024

In June 2023, the Sustainable Land Use Minister endorsed the Jobs for Nature programme as being extended to 30 June 2025. The table provided in Appendix 1, below, provides you with the remaining funding to be paid to all Jobs for Nature project partners beyond 30 June 2024. The table also provides the end date of the projects, in some cases the final payment may be made just after 30 June 24 and therefore is within scope of this response.

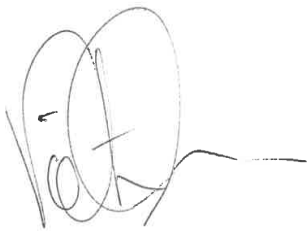
I am refusing the part of your request to identify parties with extensions under consideration under section 9(2)(j) of the OIA – to enable the Crown to negotiate without disadvantage or prejudice. The details of these are in varying stages of decision making and given they are not yet confirmed are highly variable to change.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA and determined there are no public interests that outweigh the grounds for withholding.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review of my decision by writing to an Ombudsman as provided by section 28(3) of the OIA.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and attached documents may be published on DOC's website.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Vicki Connor', with a horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

Vicki Connor
Acting Director Strategic Partnerships and Investment
Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

Appendix 1 – Projects with payments scheduled beyond 30 June 2024

Project Name	Funding Recipient	Total sum of Remaining Amount to pay (\$)	Project end date
Pitt Island Species and Habitat Protection	Chatham Island Council	50,000.00	30/09/2024
Russell Forest	Te Runanga o Taumarere ki Rakaumangamanga	270,000.00	30/09/2024
Nga Mana o te Wai	Nga Mana O Te Mai – Te Hiku Dune Lake Restoration	120,000.00	16/01/2025
Oranga Whenua, Oranga Tāngata/Restore, Grow, Thrive - Phase 2	Te Rūnanga Nui o Te Aupōuri Trust	450,000.00	31/12/2024
Warawara Whakaora Ake	Te Runanga o Te Rarawa	332,500.00	30/09/2024
Moemoea Puketi Omahuta	Puketi Forest Trust	470,000.00	8/10/2024
Restoration of the Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa Rohe	Tauhara North No.2 Trust	21,500.00	1/12/2024
Myrtle Rust Jobs for Resistance	Scion (New Zealand Forest Research Institute Limited)	684,638.00	15/12/2024
Hokonui Rūnanga Catlins Biodiversity Project	Hokonui Runanga	126,000.00	29/09/2024
He taiao, he taioa, he tai tangata	Te Kāhui o Taranaki Iwi Custodian Trustee Limited	219,330.00	13/12/2024
Ngā Rauru	Te Kaahui O Rauru Custodian Trustee Limited	115,348.00	1/07/2024
Te Mauri o Waihou	Raukawa Charitable Trust	47,750.00	31/12/2024
Oranga Taiao, Oranga Tūwharetoa	Tuwharetoa Māori Trust Board	125,000.00	14/11/2024
Pare Hauraki Native Nursery	Pare Hauraki Collective	25,000.00	29/08/2024
Arowhenua Nursery	Te Runanga o Arowhenua Limited	229,250.00	30/06/2024

Te Kotahitanga o Ngati Tuwharetoa - Manaaki Whenua	Te Kotahitanga o Ngāti Tūwharetoa	72,000.00	16/12/2024
Te Ngāhere	Ngahere Limited	15,000.00	11/08/2024
Kia eke Te Ngarue Kia eke Arapawanui	Maungaharuru-Tangitū Trust	58,000.00	22/08/2024
Nga Manu Taiao o Tamaki-Nui-a-Rua	Ngāti Kahungunu Ki Tāmaki nui-a-Rua	157,500.00	30/09/2024
Kaitiaki Taiao	Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust Limited	500.00	27/06/2024
The Hem of Remutaka Coastal Wetland Restoration	Conservation Volunteers New Zealand - Remutaka	20,000.00	1/12/2024
Mahaki Mahinga Kai	Te Aitanga-a-Māhaki Trust	185,000.00	19/03/2025
Te Rau Oranga	Mahia Restoration Trust - Whakatika Tawhito o Te Mahia	50,000.00	30/06/2024
Te Whakapae Ururoa – Community Myrtle Rust Surveillance Project	Tairawhiti Environment Centre	490,778.00	30/06/2025
Ngai Te Rangi	Te Runanga o Ngai Te Rangi Iwi Trust	150,000.00	31/12/2024
Ngati Ranginui	Ngāti Ranginui Iwi Society Incorporated	30,000.00	30/09/2024
Mauri Oho Project – Ruahine Species Recovery	Manaaki Ruahine Trust	181,029.06	28/06/2024
Haumanu Ūkaipō: Revitalising our place of origin, and our love for our ancestral whenua and wai	Ngā Wairiki - Ngāti Apa Charitable Trust	33,500.00	30/09/2024
Rangitane o Manawatu Tino Rangatiratanga	Te Ao Turoa Environmental Centre (Whakapai Hauora)	40,000.00	31/12/2024
Phase 1 Foundation Pōkākā Ecosanctuary foundation Pest Management & Cultural Monitoring programme	Te Mano o te Whenua Tupua	62,000.00	27/10/2024
Te Mauri Hauropi o Ngaa Tupuna Maunga	Tūpuna Maunga Authority	750,000.00	29/10/2024
Tū Mai Taonga – Aotea Great Barrier Island	Tu Mai Taonga	714,000.00	8/03/2025

NWR Te Rimu Trust Wetland Restoration	Te Rimu Trust	170,918.00	29/07/2025
NWR Mangaotane Farm Trust	Mangaotane Farm Trust	439,865.35	30/06/2025
NWR Ohuia Restoration Project	Proprietors of Ohuia Block	94,000.00	30/09/2025
NWR Tupoki Takarangi Trust Whenua Restoration	Tupoki Takarangi Trust 1996	61,740.00	2/03/2025
NWR Mangeroa Gully Restoration	The Ani Waata Whānau Trust	42,039.87	31/07/2025
NWR Project Whatitiri	Waimarie o Whatitiri Marae Trust	498,357.52	20/04/2026
NWR Nairi's Community Nursery	Matauri X Incorporation	624,208.00	26/05/2026
NWR Hokinga Mai Ka Manu	Manukau Nursery	538,720.00	30/04/2026
Wainuioru Catchment Restoration Project	Wainuioru Community River Care Group	25,000.00	23/10/2024
Punungairo/Bullock Creek Restoration Project (Punakaiki Wetland Restoration)	Conservation Volunteers New Zealand - Punakaiki	600,412.98	2/12/2024
Arahura Strategic Waterways Restoration	Proprietors of Māwhera Incorporation	1,553,166.00	30/06/2026
Waikanae Waterways Restoration	Groundtruth Ltd	1,080,000.00	28/03/2025
Pelorus/Te Hoiere Waterways Restoration	Marlborough District Council	844,843.05	10/08/2025
Kia hoki mai te ketekete a nga manu ki nga Ngahere o Ngati Hine	Ngati Hine Forestry Trust	222,800.00	30/11/2024
He Tapuwae Tūpoto, He Taiao Tūroa	Tapuwae Incorporation	87,644.00	25/08/2024
The Fenwick Reserve Ecological Restoration Project	Tony King-Turner	136,441.00	1/11/2024
Restoration of the islands of the Motukawao Group	Nga Motu Aroha Trust	138,712.00	31/08/2024
Predator Free Franklin & North West Waikato	Te Ara Hikoi - Predator Free Franklin	371,270.86	10/11/2024
Whakaora Te Taiao	Kapenga M Ahu Whenua Trust	137,771.70	31/12/2024
Biodiversity Protection and Restoration on Private Land	Hawkes Bay Regional Council	356,930.00	31/07/2025

Ngati Porou Reafforestation Project	Ngati Porou Holding Company Limited (NPHC)	606,648.00	20/06/2026
Te Maru O Aorangi	Aorangi Awarua Trust	268,329.98	7/12/2024
Maintaining the Gains' - Protecting and restoring indigenous biodiversity on Otago's covenanted private land	Otago Regional Council	364,734.00	1/12/2024
Inspiring and accelerating stewardship of rare and threatened species and habitats in Eastern South Island QEII covenants	QEII National Trust Ngā Kairauhī Papa (QEII)	173,361.00	31/12/2024
QEII covenant deer exclusion project	QEII National Trust Ngā Kairauhī Papa (QEII)	582,100.00	30/06/2025
Te Ara Taiao	Taranaki Environmental Education Trust (TEET), operating as Sustainable Taranaki (ST)	125,968.00	30/11/2024
Ngā Kaitiaki ō Omanawa	Manukōtuku Ltd	89,368.00	16/12/2024
Ōmataroa Kiwi Project	Omataroa Kaitiakis Limited	57,425.50	30/09/2024
Kaimanawa and Kaweka Forest Parks Indigenous Biodiversity Recovery Project	Sika Foundation Conservation Trust	116,625.00	31/01/2025
Rabbit control to reduce predation pressure on the tāonga of Pūkaha	Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre	52,200.00	30/06/2025
Waimatā Catchment Predator Management and Species Restoration Project	Waimatā Catchment Group Incorporated	72,230.00	31/08/2025
Eastern Whio Link	Tairawhiti Environment Centre	255,920.00	31/08/2024
Restoration of wetland and grassland habitats at Orana Wildlife Park	Orana Wildlife Trust	112,000.00	31/10/2024
He Kākano Native Tree Nursery and Restoration Team	Whiriwhiria Charitable Trust	169,425.50	31/10/2024
Tautuku Restoration	Forest and Bird Dunedin Branch	177,397.00	30/04/2025
Protecting the Crown's Jobs for Nature investment on private land with QEII Trust	QEII National Trust Ngā Kairauhī Papa (QEII)	2,400,000.00	30/06/2025

Predator Free 2050 Ltd	Predator Free 2050 Ltd	6,222,390.00	30/06/2026
Raukūmara Pae Maunga - Prevention of North Island Indigenous forest collapse	Department of Conservation	8,536,597.00	30/06/2026
MKMT - Prevention of North Island Indigenous Forest Collapse	Manaaki Kaimai Mamaku Trust	635,385.00	31/12/2024
DOC - Prevention of North Island Indigenous Forest Collapse	Department of Conservation	183,865.00	30/06/2025
Acceleration and scaling up of community-led and iwi -led predator control projects (Kiwis for kiwi)	The Kiwi Trust	1,075,000.00	30/06/2025
Lower Rangitata Strategic Waterways Restoration	Te Runanga O Arowhenua, Ngai Tahu	2,300,000.00	30/06/2025
Threatened Species Recovery - South Island	Department of Conservation	371,776.00	30/06/2025
Upper Rangitata Strategic Waterways Restoration	Upper Rangitata Gorge Landcare Group	1,091,200.00	21/05/2025
Nga Awa Whanganui: Te Awa Tupua o Whanganui	Ngā Tāngata Tiaki Custodian Trustee Limited	3,083,700.00	19/09/2025
Predator Free Apprenticeship Programme	Predator Free NZ Trust	115,500.00	30/06/2024
Te Papa Paorooro, Ngati Hine	Nga Tangariki o Ngati Hine Charitable Trust	850,000.00	31/12/2024
Pā Mahinga Kai, Te Wai Parera Trust	Te Wai Parera Trust	25,000.00	31/10/2024
Tekateka Restoration	Ngāti Koata Trust	170,000.00	31/12/2024
Te Matai Jobs for Nature	Te Matai Trust	236,017.00	15/11/2024
Ngā Whenua Māori o Te Nehenehenui - Wai Ora River Care Ltd	Wai Ora River Care Limited	282,107.67	15/06/2025
E Hoki Mai Ra Whenua Collective (Mahia Māori Land Collective)	Rongomaiwahine Iwi Charitable Trust	259,000.00	10/04/2025
Whaia Titirangi	Te Poho o Rawiri Marae	1,732,000.00	30/09/2025

Hukarahi Kauri dieback	Department of Conservation	538,497.00	22/01/2025
NWR Sentinel a Nuku	Department of Conservation	4,032,861.00	30/06/2026
TOTAL		51,685,091.04	

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