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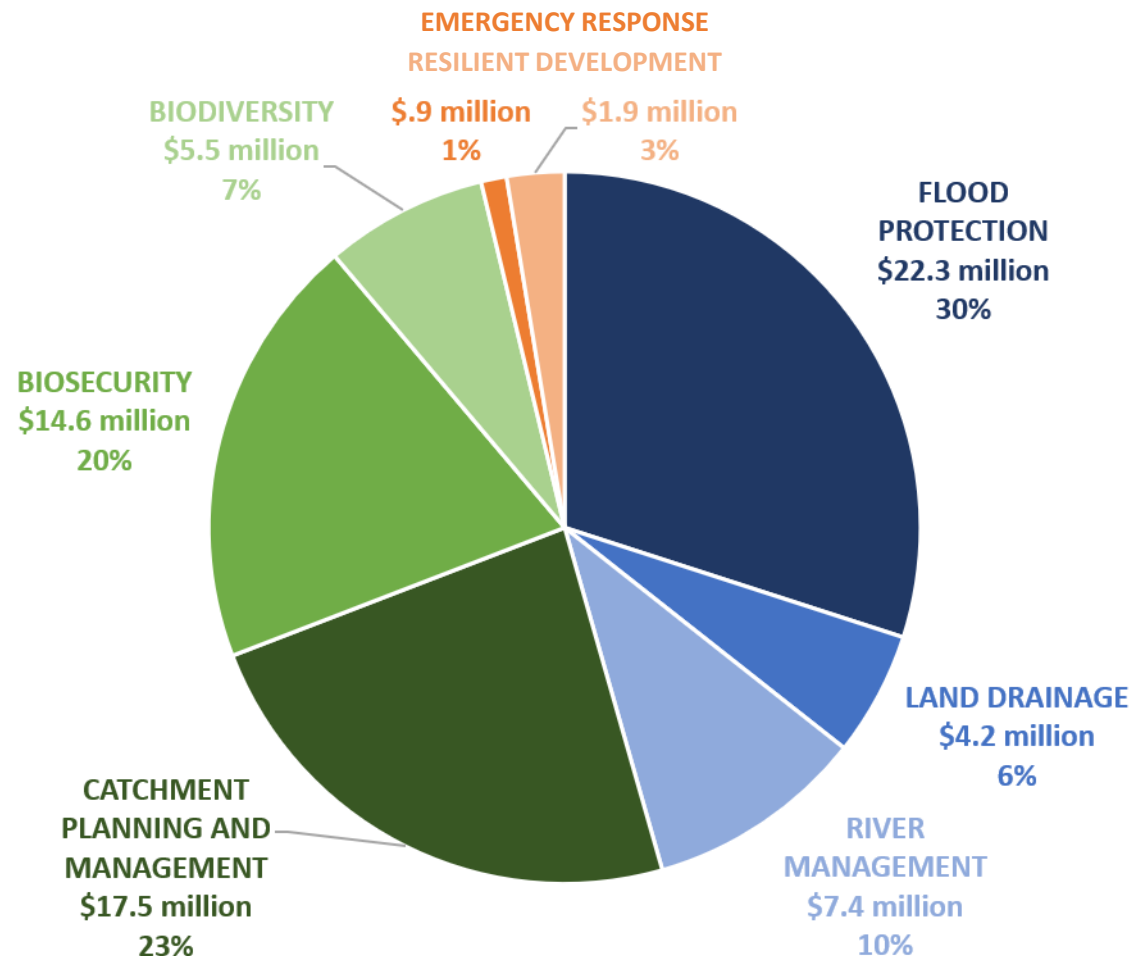
Integrated Catchment Management Activity Spotlight Workshop

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Integrated Catchment Management

- ✓ Capability and maturity
- ✓ Integrated and regional scale
- ✓ Resilience to adaptation
- ✓ Partnership-led
- ✓ Science, evidence and intel
- ✓ Strategic investment



Integrated Catchment Management

ACTIVITY	RATE TYPE							TOTAL
	General	Zone rates	Catchment rate	Contributor hydro rate	Contributor pastoral rate	Contributor urban industrial rate	Direct beneficiary rates	
Catchment oversight	26.0%	28.0%	28.0%	0.0%	14.0%	4.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Information and advice	26.0%	28.0%	28.0%	0.0%	14.0%	4.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Catchment maintenance	63.0%	22.0%	7.0%	0.0%	4.0%	4.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Catchment new works	53.0%	26.5%	9.5%	0.0%	5.5%	5.5%	0.0%	100.0%
River management	5.0%	60.0%	15.0%	0.0%	17.0%	3.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Flood protection main channel – main	4.0%	8.0%	2.0%	27.0%	15.0%	4.0%	40.0%	100.0%
Flood protection main channel – Managawara	14.0%	16.0%	10.0%	2.0%	14.0%	3.0%	41.0%	100.0%
Flood protection community works	14.0%	16.0%	10.0%	0.0%	15.0%	4.0%	41.0%	100.0%
Flood protection Aka Aka/Ohaua	15.0%	11.0%	10.0%	5.0%	15.0%	4.0%	40.0%	100.0%
Flood protection Mangawara	13.0%	13.0%	9.0%	6.0%	15.0%	4.0%	40.0%	100.0%
Flood protection WRC schemes	15.0%	11.0%	10.0%	5.0%	15.0%	4.0%	40.0%	100.0%
Flood protection Waikato District	15.0%	11.0%	10.0%	5.0%	15.0%	4.0%	40.0%	100.0%
Flood protection Franklin District	15.0%	11.0%	10.0%	5.0%	15.0%	4.0%	40.0%	100.0%
Zone funding and interest	15.0%	42.5%	42.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%

Infrastructure (Flood protection and land drainage)

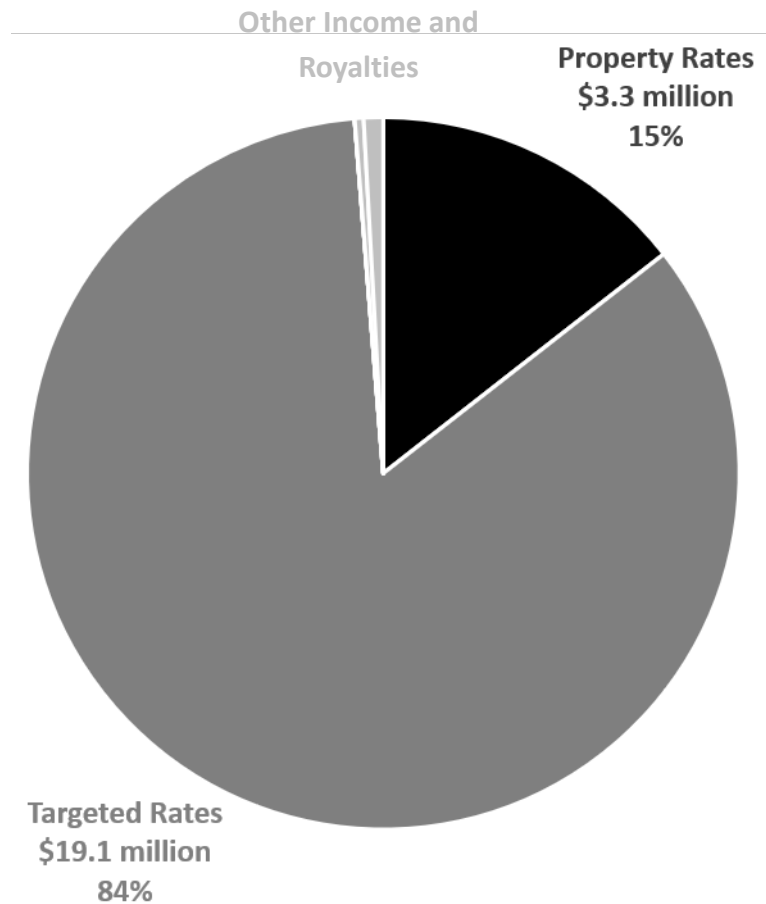
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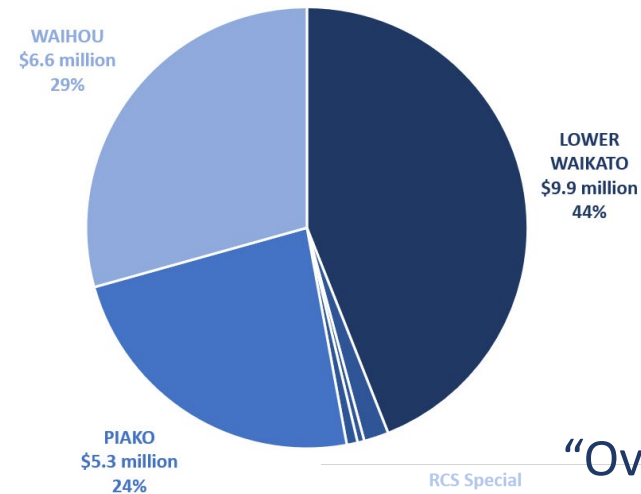
Flood protection



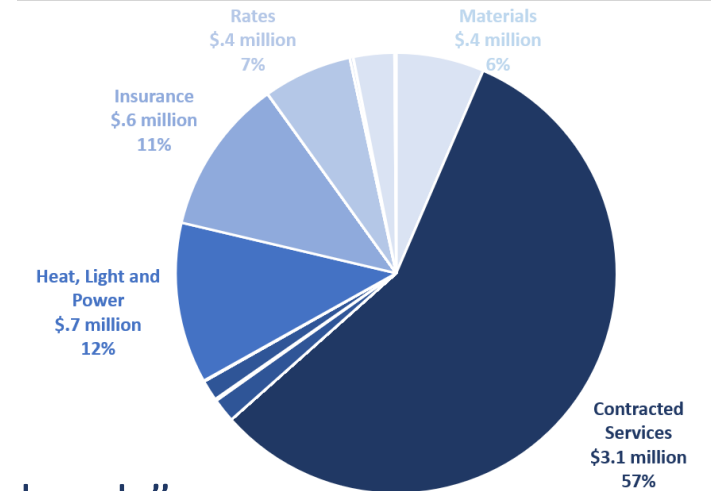
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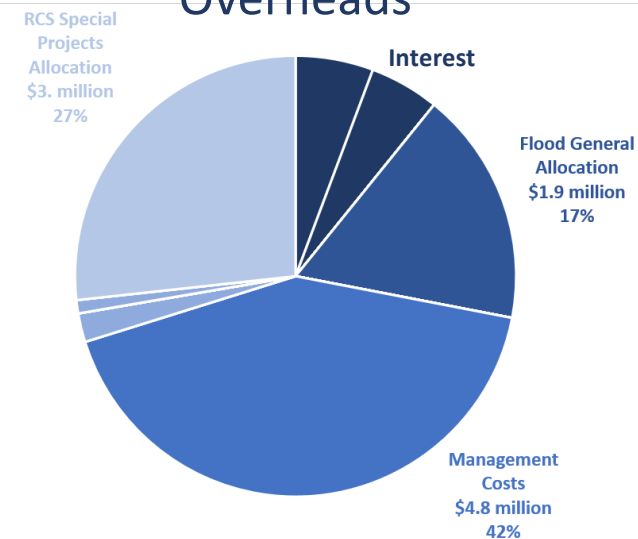
Spent where?



Direct costs



“Overheads”



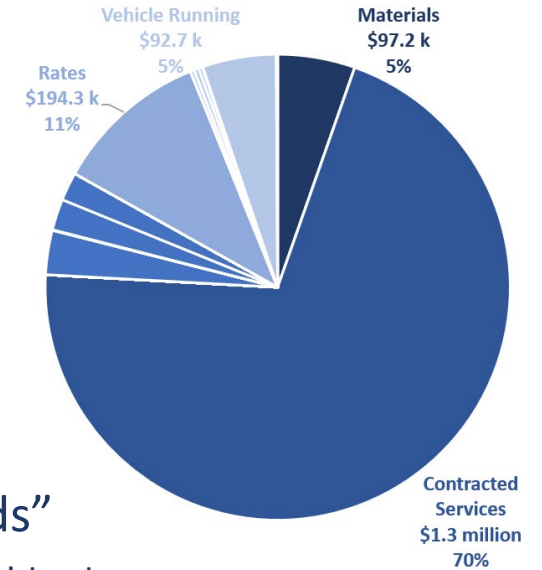
Land drainage

100% Targeted rates

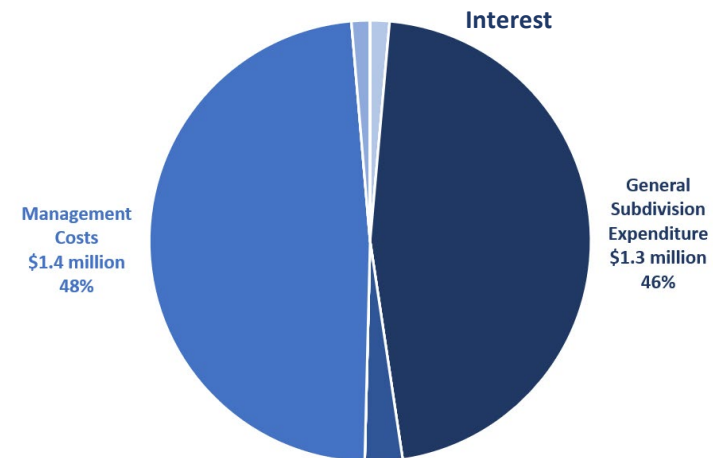
Spent where?

92 subdivisions

Direct costs

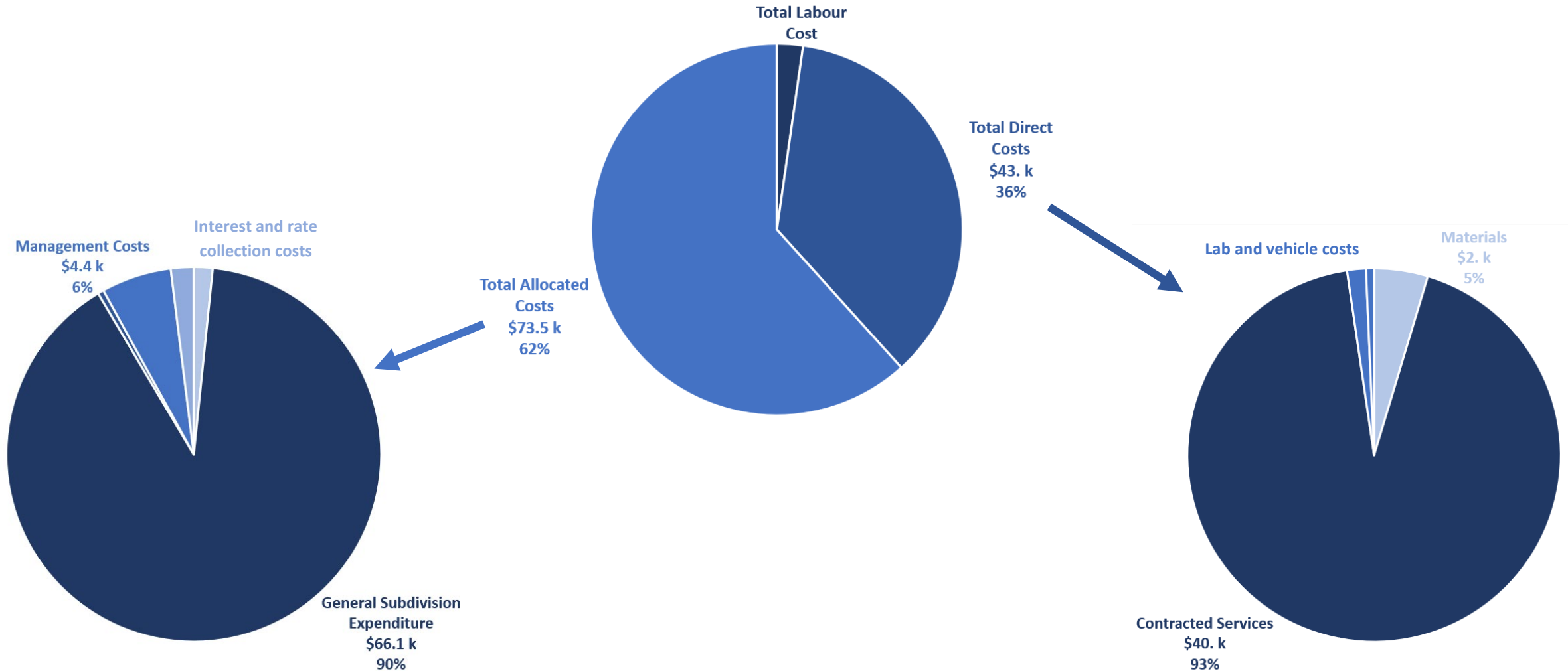


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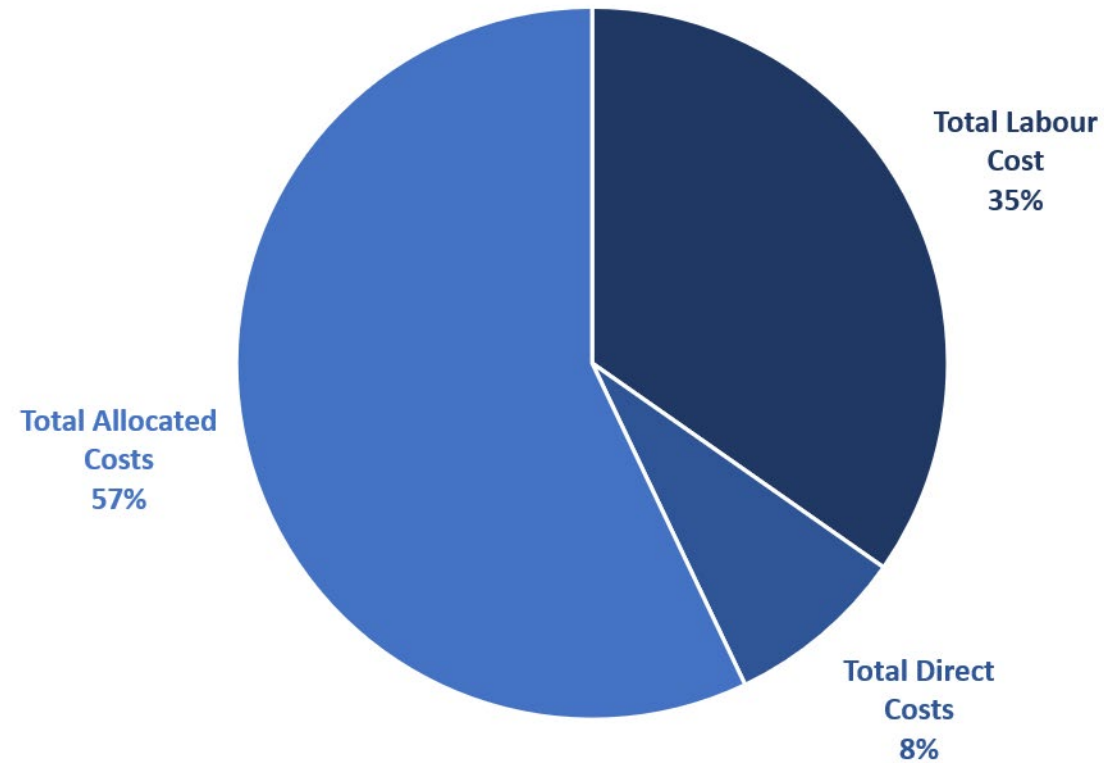
Land drainage (example – Motukaraka)

Type of costs



Land drainage (FDC general subdivision)

Type of expenditure



Catchment (Catchment and river management)

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Catchment management expenditure

- Supports oversight over flood, river and catchment programmes regionally
- ~15% of the labour cost is for oversight of flood programmes in Lower Waikato and Hauraki
- At least 25% of the allocated cost relates to oversight of flood and river programmes
- Direct costs include co-funder contributions for integrated river and catchment programmes
- Direct costs include obligations to maintenance programmes for historic LIAs.

Expenditure type	Catchment management 2025/26	Estimate spent on broader programmes 25/26
Labour	\$3.7 million	\$0.57 m
Direct costs	\$7.0 million	\$1.20 m
Allocated costs	\$8.1 million	\$2.06 m
Asset related costs	-	
LESS: Internal recoveries	\$1.3 million	
TOTAL	\$17.5 million	\$3.8 m

Drivers



Priority catchments and river reaches based on best science, modelled risk/benefit



Supports landowners where works will have the greatest contributions to soil conservation, water quality, resilience, channel capacity outcomes and biodiversity co-benefits.



Non-regulatory but part of councils mandatory response to freshwater protection.



Aligned to National Environment Bill strong expectation that councils will use non-regulatory measures such as incentives, funding partnerships etc to achieve limits.



Supports a significant programme of catchment work where council's contribution is 35% of the cost. i.e a \$3m direct cost investment by council supports total investment of \$8.6 m in on-the-ground work.

Stakeholder feedback on river and catchment programmes



2025 survey of landowners: only 16% agreed they could have done their projects with the funding support of council.



100% of respondents said they would work with the catchment team again.



Majority of iwi entities identified delivery of partnership projects, improved trust with council, and enhancement of biodiversity as meaningful outcomes of working with our catchment teams.



Co-funders such as WRA, MPI, QEII, Regen Waikato and Ngā Whenua Rāhui consistently highlighted the valued funding partnerships with WRC to achieve joint outcomes, emphasised the high level of trust in WRC catchment staff.



Value the role we play in bringing multiple funding streams together in a cohesive package of support for landowners.

Looking ahead

- Greater collaboration with catchment groups through planned Waikato Catchment Collective
- Significant opportunity to collaborate to achieve freshwater and resilience outcomes.
- Awaiting outcomes of applications:
 - 4-year funding from MPI for hill country erosion (expected September)
 - 4-year funding from WRA for Central Waikato river and catchment management (expected October)
 - 4-year funding from WRA for Lower Waikato river management and wetland/riparian enhancement. (expected October)

Biosecurity and Biodiversity

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Planning and support (Resilient Development and Emergency Response)

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Emergency Management Office and Resilient Development



Emergency Management Office

- Drives an all of Council approach to be response ready and capable at all times
- Co-ordinates Marine Oil spills, Flood response and surge staff (CDEM) training
- Contributes surge staff and technical expertise to Waikato CDEM Group regional responses

96%

flood warning text alert satisfaction in 2024/25 (target 95%)



Resilient Development

- Provides science and technical advice on natural hazards, planning and preparedness
- Runs a 'Programme' approach
- Supports TAs and Civil Defence, hazard modelling

Regionally delivered

Does not include funding of the Waikato CDEM Group

For every \$1.00 invested into Resilience World bank states a return of \$

Matters influencing long-term funding and delivery

1

Regional Resilience Framework

2

Technical hazard information

3

Flood warning capability

4

Emergency management readiness

5

Marine oil spill preparedness

6

Climate change and severe weather

7

Contracted specialist services

8

National direction and reform

Continuous innovation: *HydroNet* flood response and forecasting. *WRWRM* owned by us, ability for continuous improvements. *Response readiness* Training and development. *Auto reporting* tool for LIM and general IRIS enquiries.

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