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Further flood resilience funding for West Coast

West Coast Regional Council is delighted to announce additional funding for West Coast flood resilience projects following the government's Regional Infrastructure Fund announcement package yesterday.

The \$96 million national investment package, announced by Minister for Regional Development Shane Jones, will once again partner central government and regional and unitary councils to build on the success of co-funded flood resilience projects for flood-prone communities.

The funding announcement follows WCRC's successful application from the first tranche of funding for the Franz Josef Flood Protection Scheme Upgrade (Stage 2) currently under construction.

A second tranche of funding has been approved for the Hokitika Stopbank Upgrade (Stage 3) works and Greymouth Flood Protection Scheme Upgrade (Stages 2, 4 and 5).

Both projects were initiated under the Covid Recovery Infrastructure Reference Group project fund but the full scope of works was unable to be delivered due to insufficient funds.

The second tranche of co-funding will again be delivered as a 60 percent government/40 percent council co-investment arrangement.

Hokitika Stage 3 has been approved for a total of \$4 million, topping up the existing \$3 million budget to a total of \$7 million. This will continue the work recently completed on Hokitika Stage 1 and involves lifting the level of service adjacent to the CBD to a 1:100 year flood event).

Greymouth Stages 2, 4 and 5 (Raleigh Street to Southern Breakwater Road stopbanks and Cobden stopbank) has also been approved for a total of \$4 million to continue work recently completed on Greymouth Stages 1 and 3 (Johnson Street to ANZAC Park).

Stages 2, 4 & 5 will lift the remaining stopbanks protecting Blaketown and Cobden to the same level of service as Greymouth's CBD (1:150 year flood event).

The Greymouth project will also include replacement of the portable flood barriers at Prestons Road Bridge and on the rail line at Raleigh Street and Anzac Park, improving lead time ahead of a flood.

Capital Programme Manager Tom Hopkins welcomed the announcement and says construction on both projects will likely start this summer.

"The additional funding boost will allow critical infrastructure assets to be completed and provide better long-term protection from potential flood risk for our West Coast communities,"

“Council is looking forward to continue to deliver essential flood resilience projects to the Coast and to further conversations with government on long-term infrastructure co-investment for future planning.”

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Background information:

[Flood resilience funding targets regional risk | Beehive.govt.nz](#)

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