

Sediment and Debris Recovery Funding for Commercial Entities

What is the Sediment and Debris Recovery Fund for Commercial Entities?

The Government has provided \$62.6 million to support Hawke's Bay commercial entities' recovery following Cyclone Gabrielle.

The Sediment and Debris Recovery Fund is specifically for commercial entities who have been impacted by flooding as a result of Cyclone Gabrielle. Funding is intended to help clean up properties and return businesses to profit. Sediment and debris clean-up activities must have been or will be undertaken between 12 February 2023 and 31 June 2024.

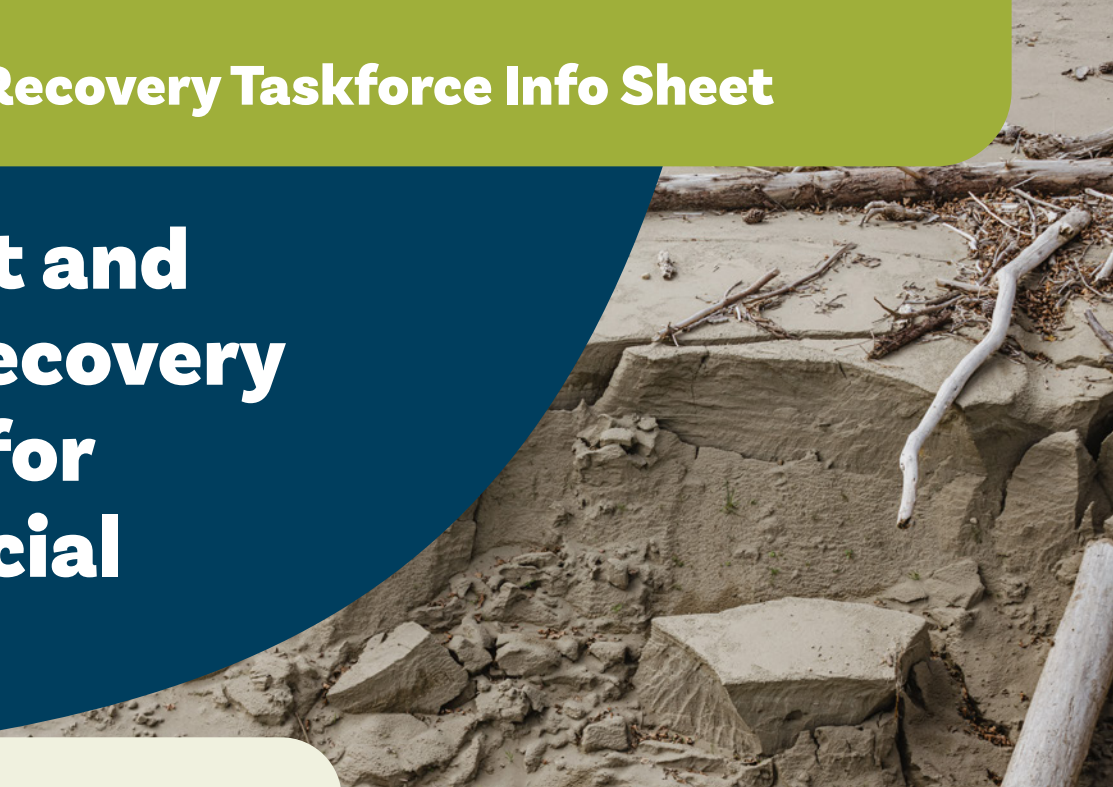
The fund is to support the processing and disposal of sediment and debris from commercial properties and premises. It may also cover the management costs associated with the processing and disposal of sediment and debris. This fund is to pay for services for cleaning up and managing silt and debris. It is not to pay for materials, e.g. digger.

A **commercial entity** is an entity that primarily provides services, or supplies goods or other materials for profit such as a farmer, a grower, or a business

Who will be eligible for this funding?

- If the affected commercial premises you own or lease is primarily located in Hawke's Bay.
- If the commercial premises is either:
 - immediately recoverable to the economic state that it was in prior to Cyclone Gabrielle as a result of receiving the Funding, or otherwise has realistic potential for economic recovery to its former economic state; OR
 - the sediment and debris pose a significant health, cultural, pest, disease, biosecurity or environmental risk if left unmanaged.
- If your business primarily provides services, or supplies goods or other materials for profit (this includes land that is leased to commercial entities for business activities. It does not include residential or lifestyle blocks).
- If the commercial entity applying for funding was/is a viable business both before and after Cyclone Gabrielle occurred.

NOTE: Funding cannot be claimed twice for the same property (i.e. by both landlord and lessee) and only one claim can be made per business, but it can cover multiple properties owned by that commercial entity.



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How much can I apply for?

The funds will be made available on the following basis:

- Grants of up to \$40,000 (this amount will be calculated based on any previous funding received from the MPI Cyclone Gabrielle Farmer and Grower Recovery Grant and /or the HB Chamber of Commerce Cyclone Gabrielle Business Recovery Grant);
- Up to \$400,000 on a cost-share basis, where this part-funding reflects a 50:50 cost share (where the balance is borne by the Commercial Entity and where the Commercial Entity has not applied any other Crown funding to meet its contribution).

Example 1

Total eligible cost \$100k

Have you received any MBIE / MPI funding in relation to the Cyclone Gabrielle?

No

Yes - \$10k

You can apply for

\$40k (fully funded) grant $(\$100k - \$40k = \$60k / 2 = \$30k)$
+ \$30k (on a co-funded basis) = 70k

Has any portion of the funding received from MBIE or MPI grants been directed to sediment and debris recovery? If so, how much?

Yes - \$10k

If you are applying for co-funding, for this example you will need to spend \$60k in order to receive a \$30k co-contribution from government.

No

You can apply for

\$30k (fully funded) grant $(\$100k - \$30k = \$70k / 2 = \$35k)$
+ \$35k (on a co-funded basis) = 65k

You can apply for
\$30k (fully funded) grant $(\$100k - \$40k = \$60k / 2 = \$30k)$
+ \$30k (on a co-funded basis) = 60k

Example 2

Total eligible cost \$800k

Have you received any MBIE / MPI funding in relation to the Cyclone Gabrielle?

No

Yes - \$10k

You can apply for

Fully-funded grant (\$40k) + Cost-share grant $(\$800k - \$40k = \$760k / 2 = \$380k)$. But max is \$360k = \$400k

Has any portion of the funding received from MBIE or MPI grants been directed to sediment and debris recovery? If so, how much?

Yes - \$10k

If you are applying for co-funding, for this example you will need to spend at least \$360k of your own money in order to receive a \$360k co-contribution from government.

No

You can apply for

Fully-funded grant (\$30k) + Cost-share grant $(\$800k - \$30k = \$770k / 2 = \$385k)$. But max is \$360k = \$400k

You can apply for
\$10k: Fully-funded grant (\$30k) + Cost-share grant $(\$800k - \$40k = \$760k / 2 = \$380k)$. But max is \$360k = \$400k.

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How will the funding be paid?

- Any application must be accompanied by a NZ registered bank account number to which payments can be made.
- In general, payment will be made on receipt of invoices for clean-up work undertaken or quotes or supporting evidence of costs if the funding is being requested in advance.

How can I apply for this funding?

Funding is managed through the Hawke's Bay Regional Council. You can apply for funding through the link to the online form at hbrc.info/silt

Applications for funding by Commercial Entities that meet the eligibility criteria will close on 31 August 2023.

What documentation do I need to apply?

You will require the following information about your business and documentation to support your application:

- NZBN
- Legal Entity Type (e.g. company, trust, partnership)
- IRD Number
- ANSIC Industry Classification
- Record of Title or Legal Description of the property
- Size of area (in hectares) impacted by the cyclone
- Maps, photos or videos of premises before and after cyclone
- Proof of funds available if applying for co-funding
- Lease agreement if applicant is the lessee
- Evidence of applicant's bank account number

Is the funding exclusive or GST inclusive?

GST registered applicants can claim costs exclusive of GST up to the funding limits

In support of your application, to be able to apply for the maximum funding amount of \$440k, you will need to provide supporting evidence (such as invoices, quotes or similar) on the following basis:

- For the fully funding portion of funding of \$40k (GST exclusive), evidence of cost totalling \$46k inclusive of GST is required.
- For the cost-share portion of the funding of \$400k (GST exclusive), evidence of costs totalling \$460k inclusive of GST is required.

Non-GST registered applicants can claim cost inclusive of GST up to the funding limits.

In support of your application, to be able to apply for the maximum funding amount of \$440k, you will need to provide supporting evidence (such as invoices, quotes or similar) on the following basis:

- For the fully funding portion of funding of \$40k (GST inclusive), evidence of cost totalling \$40k inclusive of GST is required.
- For the cost-share portion of the funding of \$400k (GST inclusive), evidence of costs totalling \$800k inclusive of GST is required.

What is my 4-digit industry code?

If you are needing assistance to find your ANZSIC code, go to the Business Description's website businessdescription.co.nz and try Browse for a code instead of using Search. For example, if you are a pipfruit grower you would select "Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing" as your Industry, then "Fruit and tree nut growing" as your Sector, then "Apple and Pear growing" as your Category".

This should give you the ANZIC code A013400. The 4-digit industry code is the first 4-digits - 0134.

What costs can I claim?

Only direct costs that have been incurred or will be incurred related to sediment and debris removal or management on the affected premises can be claimed. This covers the costs of labour or machinery use or hire, and costs related to incorporation of the sediment in soils, and/or contouring the sediment where incorporation is not possible, seeding/sowing of new cover crops where this is required to add biomass to the sediment (and is not part of normal crop rotation), and in some cases (where supported by professional advice) application of fertiliser or sterilisation of soils where this is required to effectively manage the sediment. It does not include time provided by volunteers and the purchase of physical assets like diggers or replacement infrastructure (e.g., new fences, crops, nets, irrigation systems).



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Prioritisation

Funding is limited and is unlikely to cover all needs. Funding will be prioritised based on those commercial entities that have been impacted the most, and which will find it most difficult to recover without assistance.

We will be looking at the impact on income in the financial period when Cyclone Gabrielle hit and the following financial period and the impact of the sediment and debris on the commercial premises as key measures for how we prioritise the allocation of funding.

Once I apply, when can I expect to hear back?

Decisions on applications will be made weekly from the first week of June until the first week of September 2023. The longest it should take to receive a decision is one month. If you are required to submit further information following your initial application submission, your application will take slightly longer to go through the assessment process. The quicker you respond to requests for additional information, the quicker your application will be considered.

How will I be paid?

You are required to provide a New Zealand bank account number with your application. If your application is successful, funds will be deposited into your account.

What do I do if I've already made an application and want to apply for more money?

For applicants who have already applied or already been successful and were on or near the cap, you will be contacted by our team before the fund closes.

Who is making the decisions about who gets the money? What process are you going through to choose who gets the money?

There is a two-step process in the assessment of applications:

- All applications will be assessed initially by a small team of assessors for eligibility and to ensure all relevant information /documentation has been supplied. From this initial assessment, applicants will be contacted if further information or clarification is required. The applications will then go to an Independent Assessment Panel for consideration. The Panel members are industry leaders from the pastoral and horticultural sectors, an accounting professional and an expert from MPI.
- The Independent Assessment Panel will make the decisions regarding funding of applications. It will also confirm if applications are ineligible and therefore declined. The panel will be using a prioritisation process as funding is limited and unlikely to cover all needs.

If my application gets declined but I disagree with the decision, how can I appeal it?

Should an application be declined, either because it is deemed to be ineligible or having gone through the process it is not considered a priority for funding, there is an appeal process. Please contact info@hbrc.govt.nz to ask for reconsideration of the decision made by the Independent Assessment Panel.

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