

Hawke's Bay DISASTER RELIEF TRUST

What is the Disaster Relief Fund ?

The Emergency Relief Fund provides financial support to residents and ratepayers of the Hawke's Bay region who have been affected by Cyclone Gabrielle. This one-off hardship grant provides for damage or hardship incurred as a result of the cyclone.

This fund is designed to help Hawke's Bay communities, individuals, families, community organisations and marae get immediate access to funds to assist with recovery.

It will provide one-off payments to help alleviate hardship experienced due to the flooding, prolonged power outages and landslips. And for our rural community, applications can be extended to provide some assistance for emergency fencing requirements for livestock and disposal of dead stock.

How will the disaster fund be used?

The fund will mainly be used for:

- Dealing with septic tank overflow
- Filling water tanks
- Clearing debris from properties
- Supporting individuals/families faced with hardships as a result of an emergency
- Koha to a team or individual who assist in clean up at their expense – for example, a local rugby team that helps out
- Refreshments for organisations/people who help with clean up
- Replacement of articles that cannot be insured by people – for example, fences, footpaths, etc
- Assisting people with basic needs, clothes, bedding, etc where the individual/family does not have the capacity to buy their own insurance cover
- Essential items/essentials of daily life (eg, food, accommodation, utilities) or extra financial burden/costs not covered by insurance or other funds (such as WINZ, EQC).

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Am I eligible for this fund?

*If you are a resident of Hawkes Bay
and impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle.*



*If you are an individual,
Community Group, Family,
Organisation or Marae.*



*If you are experiencing hardship
(financial or emotional) as a result
of Cyclone Gabrielle at the time of
your application.*



*If you are/were a resident
(owner/occupier or occupier) or
ratepayer in one of the worst hit
areas of Hawke's Bay at the time
of the event.*



*For family or personal crisis support
which is not covered by any other
source e.g. insurance, or by another
agency or fund (such as MSD).*



Note:

- You may still be eligible if alternative funding assistance has not substantially reduced the financial loss or hardship suffered. Although fund payments are not designed to be made as duplication of insurance pay-outs, it could be that people may request funding in order to cover the insurance excess.
- Only one application per property will be considered.
- Due to the high number of applications, the Panel aims to review each application within seven working days.
- Approved applications will receive payment within five working days.

How much can I apply for?

To ensure the funds are not depleted immediately and to enable fair and consistent amounts to get to a large number of people, the maximum amount

- \$1000 for individuals

- \$2000 for Community Groups and Marae.

Who will make the decision if I am eligible?

Your application will be considered by a Decision Panel consisting of the representatives from all Trustee Councils and an Independent member from an outside agency.

How will I be paid?

Any application must be accompanied by a NZ registered bank account number which the payments can be made to.

How do I apply?

You can apply for funding through the online form or drop into any local Council office to help you complete an application form.



**Use this QR code to access the online form
or go to hbrc.info/HBDisasterFund**