

Sediment and Silt Recovery Funding for Commercial Entities

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

The NZ Government has provided funding to local authorities to support recovery activities following Cyclone Gabrielle in February 2023.

The Sediment and Silt Recovery Fund is specifically for commercial entities to help clean up their properties and return their businesses to profit. Sediment and debris clean-up activities must have been or will be undertaken between 12 February 2023 and 30 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.

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 \$210,000 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).

Who will make decisions about eligibility and funding?

- Eligible applications will be considered by an Independent Assessment Panel.
- 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.

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 30 June 2023.



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Funding examples:

- If the Applicant has already received the \$40,000 maximum value of recovery funding (through the MPI Cyclone Gabrielle Farmer and Grower Recovery Grant and/or HB Chamber of Commerce Cyclone Gabrielle Business Recovery Grant), then the maximum that can be applied for through this fund is \$210k on a co-funding basis (meaning the Applicant has to spend \$420k to receive the \$210k). Please note that an amount lower than the \$210k needs to be applied for if the costs of the Eligible works are under \$420k.
- If the Applicant has not already received recovery funding (through the MPI Cyclone Gabrielle Farmer and Grower Recovery Grant and/or HB Chamber of Commerce Cyclone Gabrielle Business Recovery Grant), then the maximum that can be applied for through this fund is \$250k. \$40k of this will be a grant, and \$210k of this will be on a co-funding basis (meaning Applicant has to spend \$420k to receive the \$210k). Please note that an amount lower than the \$210k needs to be applied for if the costs of the Eligible works are under \$420k.
- If the Applicant has already received \$20,000 of recovery funding (through the MPI Cyclone Gabrielle Farmer and Grower Recovery Grant and/or HB Chamber of Commerce Cyclone Gabrielle Business Recovery Grant), then the maximum that can be applied for through this fund is \$230k. \$20k of this will be a grant (to make up the difference between the initial funding provided and the maximum available), and \$210k of this will be on a co-funding basis (meaning Applicant has to spend \$420k to receive the \$210k).