

FUNDING FOR COMMERCIAL SEDIMENT AND DEBRIS REMOVAL IN HAWKE'S BAY

WEBINAR AND Q&A SESSION FOR HB GROWERS



TE KAUNIHERA Ā-ROHE O TE MATAU-A-MĀUI

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AGENDA

- Karakia / Introductions
- Overview, key definitions, and eligibility criteria
- Work through application form
- Q&A
- Next Steps

INTRODUCTIONS



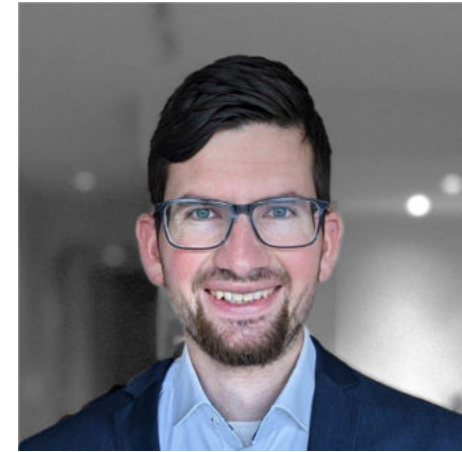
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PURPOSE & HOUSEKEEPING

- Today we propose to run through the commercial category application form to help you answer the questions
- Please use the chat function as the primary way to ask questions, otherwise use the hand raise function
- Please keep your questions constructive
- Aim to wrap up at 5pm
- We will work with industry groups if there is a need for a drop-in session.

OVERVIEW AND FUNDING OBJECTIVES

- The New Zealand Government has provided funding to local authorities to support recovery activities following the extreme weather events (Cyclone Gabrielle) in February 2023.

Region	Local Authorities	Commercial	Total
Hawke's Bay	\$70.6 million	\$62.6 million	\$133.2 million
Tairāwhiti	\$31.4 million	\$7.4 million	\$38.8 million

- \$62.6m for commercial properties (including farmers and growers) in Hawke's Bay to help clean up their land and return to profit.
- Funding is for now to end of June 2024.
- The funding is to support the processing and disposal of sediment and debris, and the management of sediment and debris.
- Local authorities are required to administer the funding and make it available to Commercial Entities (that meet the eligibility criteria) on the following basis:
 - Up to \$40,000 (GST exclusive) as a grant; and
 - Up to \$210,000 (GST exclusive) for Sediment and Debris Management Activities already undertaken, or will be undertaken by the Commercial Entity, where this part-Funding paid reflects a 50:50 cost share (where the balance is borne directly by that Commercial Entity).

GRANT AND 50:50 COST SHARE

Examples:

- If you have already received the \$40,000 maximum value of recovery grant funding (through the MPI Cyclone Gabrielle Farmer and Grower Recovery Grant and/or the 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 you have not already received recovery grant funding (through the MPI Cyclone Gabrielle Farmer and Grower Recovery Grant and/or the 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.
- If you have already received \$20,000 of recovery funding (through the MPI Cyclone Gabrielle Farmer and Grower Recovery Grant and/or the 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.

KEY DEFINITIONS

Sediment means: sand, silt and clay particles deposited as a result of Cyclone Gabrielle. In the context of cyclone sediments, the deposition may also include gravels (larger particles, up to the size of boulders). Sediment may also be clean or contaminated with other materials.

Debris means: the likes of horticultural and agricultural flood waste such as netting, packaging, chemicals, vehicles, equipment, caravans, sheds and building materials from damaged housing. This includes some woody debris, which in this context generally refers to fence posts, vegetation, and trees such as shelterbelts, riparian plantings and orchards that have been picked up by flood waters. In some cases, woody debris will include a percentage of forestry slash.

Sediment and Debris Management Activities means the direct collection, removal, and disposal of sediment and debris, and/or activities to manage sediment and debris on properties. This does not include any indirect costs incurred or unrelated activities or the purchase of any non-consumable or capital assets.



CRITERIA

The eligibility criteria for the funding is as follows:

- 1) the Commercial Premises
 - a) is primarily located in Hawke's Bay;
 - b) is either immediately recoverable (or has realistic potential) to return to the economic state that it was in prior to Cyclone Gabrielle as a result of receiving the Funding, **OR** the sediment and debris accumulated poses a significant health, cultural, pest, disease, biosecurity or environmental risk if left unmanaged
 - c) no other Commercial Entity has either applied for or received funding for Sediment and Debris works on that Commercial Premises.
- 2) the Commercial Entity (who owns or leases the Commercial Premises
 - a) primarily provides services, or supplies goods or other materials for profit;
 - b) is a viable business both before and after Cyclone Gabrielle occurred.

Q&A - APPLICATION PROCESS

- <https://www.hbrc.govt.nz/our-council/cyclone-gabrielle-response/dealing-with-waste/>
- Applications open until 30 June 2023.





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ELIGIBILITY

- Activity cannot be claimed for twice (across this programme, local authorities category, or whenua **or** through more than one business application)
- Eligible costs are direct costs not covered by insurance that have been incurred for the collection, removal, and disposal of sediment and debris from commercial properties, and/or costs incurred for management on property. These waste management activities must:
 - have taken place between 13 February 2023 and 30 June 2023;
 - relate to sediment and debris that was caused by Cyclone Gabrielle; and
 - be undertaken on those parts of the property that are primarily used for business activities.
 - [Not duplicate or displace activity that would be supported by Toka Tū Ake, EQC]
- Funding cannot be claimed for equipment (non-consumable assets) purchased for the clean-up
- Funding is to commercial properties/firms (local authorities cannot receive funding other than for programme administration costs)
- Note that work that has been undertaken under the Enhanced Task Force Green scheme or supplied by voluntary labour would be ineligible to be claimed (it cannot count towards meeting the co-funding requirement, nor can costs for this work be otherwise claimed).
- The funding is a contribution to actual costs only and **not** compensation for loss of income or assets, or a reimbursement of normal operational expenditure.
- Any funding given must be applied to undertake work in accordance with the grant given.

If it is found that a business is utilising multiple business identities to claim for land more than once, or if it would seem that for all intents and purposes that a single entity is found to be claiming more than once they may be asked to repay some or all funds provided through this fund and will be considered fraudulent activity.

WHAT DOES THE LOCAL AUTHORITY CATEGORY COVER?

This funding is for local authority activities, and can be used to support:

- Processing and management of sediment and debris activities, including but not limited to testing, processing, transporting, shredding, chipping, containment, or disposal of materials;
- Maintenance of existing disposal facilities that are receiving significant quantities of sediment and debris, or the establishment of new sediment and debris processing, stockpiling and disposal sites;
- The collection and management of sediment and debris within the public interest, such as on/in council-owned assets and/or where there is a health or environmental risk, and not otherwise funded or able to be funded;
- The collection and removal of sediment and debris from residential properties; and
- Necessary administrative costs to support use and reporting on the funding (a cap for these would be specified in the funding agreement).

APPLICATION PROCESS & DEMO

Applications must include:

- a declaration of meeting the eligibility criteria, with supporting evidence;
- **Where the work has not yet been undertaken:**
 - a description of the proposed work, including estimates, quotes, and/or invoices. These must be itemised to indicate the land area affected;
 - Photos of the area to be managed. If available, property maps identifying areas to be managed should be supplied.
- **Where the work has already been undertaken:**
 - Provision of sufficient evidence of works previously undertaken, e.g., supporting receipts or other auditable documents. These must be itemised to indicate the land area affected. [Applicants who complete eligible works themselves are required to provide supporting evidence, i.e. photos, a detailed description of the work, and a breakdown of associated costs];;
 - Photos of the area that has been managed. If available, property maps identifying areas to be managed should be supplied.
- Permission for council to undertake site visits, should further evidence of works undertaken and/or impact be considered desirable
- a description of importance of the site (where work has or will be undertaken) to overall viability (this must include evidence of total commercial property ownership and financial performance of different sites); and
- evidence of 50% co-funding. The 50% co-funding cannot be met by 'in kind' contributions that do not have sufficient supporting evidence. It can be met by either:
 - Provision of evidence of works previously undertaken, e.g., supporting receipts or other auditable documents. [Applicants who complete eligible works themselves are required to provide supporting evidence, i.e. photos, a detailed description of the work, and a breakdown of associated costs; or
 - Signed commitment to provision of 50% co-funding [and relevant supporting evidence].
- On completion of the fund a **random selection of applicants may be audited.**