

# Sediment and Silt Recovery Funding for Commercial Entities

## FAQS



### What is the fund for?

The Sediment and Silt Recovery Fund is 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.

### How much funding is available in the fund?

The Government has allocated \$70M to support commercial entities' recovery following Cyclone Gabrielle. \$62.6M is specifically for Hawke's Bay with the remainder going to our neighbour, Tairāwhiti Gisborne.

### Am I eligible for this fund?

- 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 business. Funding is not available for lifestyle properties. The affected premises must be used for commercial purposes.

### When can I apply?

The Sediment and Silt Recovery for Commercial Entities Fund opens on Tuesday 6 June 2023 and closes on Friday 30 June 2023.

Any funding allocated from this fund must be used by 30 June 2024.

### How can I apply?

Applications can be made through the Hawke's Bay Regional Council website [hbrc.info/silt](https://www.hbrc.info/silt)



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or scan here

## 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

## How much money 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).

## Funding examples:

1. 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 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.
2. If the Applicant has not already received 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 \$250k. \$40k of this will be a grant, and \$210k of this will be 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.

3. If the Applicant has 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 (meaning the Applicant has to spend \$420k to receive the \$210k).

## 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 \$250k, 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 \$210k (GST exclusive), evidence of costs totalling \$483k 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 \$250k, 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 \$210k (GST inclusive), evidence of costs totalling \$420k 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](http://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 ANZSIC 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 cost of labour or machinery use or hire. 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).

## 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 July 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.

## 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:

- a) 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.
- b) 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](mailto:info@hbrc.govt.nz) to ask for reconsideration of the decision made by the Independent Assessment Panel.



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