

# Commercial Silt Removal Info Sheet

## Sediment and Silt Recovery Funding for Commercial Entities

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

**The Government has provided \$7.41 million to support Tairāwhiti's commercial entities' recovery following Cyclone Gabrielle.**

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 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 assets, 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 Tairāwhiti.

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:

- Up to \$40,000 (GST exclusive) as a grant (this amount to be calculated including any support previously received by that Commercial Entity through the MPI Cyclone Gabrielle Farmer and Tairāwhiti Grower Recovery Grant and/or Cyclone Gabrielle Business Recovery Grant); and
- Up to \$210,000 (GST exclusive) on a cost-share basis, where this part-funding paid reflects a 50:50 cost share (where the balance is borne directly by that Commercial Entity).

### 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

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**

**Yes - \$10k**

**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 \$500k**

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

**No**

**Yes - \$10k**

**You can apply for**

\$40k (fully funded) grant  $(\$500k - \$40k = \$460k / 2 = \$230k)$ . But max is \$210k + \$210k (on a co-funded basis) = 250k

If you are applying for co-funding, for this example you will need to spend \$420k in order to receive a \$210k co-contribution from government.

**No**

**Yes - \$10k**

**You can apply for**

\$30k (fully funded) grant  $(\$500k - \$30k = \$470k / 2 = \$235k)$ . But max is \$210k + \$210k (on a co-funded basis) = 240k

**You can apply for**

\$30k (fully funded) grant  $(\$500k - \$40k = \$460k / 2 = \$230k)$ . But max is \$210k + \$210k (on a co-funded basis) = 240k

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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.

## How can I apply for this funding?

Funding is managed through the Gisborne District Council. You can apply for funding through the link to the online form at [gdc.nz/recovery](https://gdc.nz/recovery)

There will be three rounds or tranches of funding although applicants can only apply for funding once. Applications for the first tranche are open from Monday 17 July - 4 August. Tranche two will be open 21 August - 15 September, tranche three will be open 2 - 20 October.

## 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
- Lease agreement if applicant is the lessee
- Evidence of applicant's bank account number
- Maps, photos or videos of premises before and after cyclone if possible

## 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, it is advisable to provide supporting evidence (such as invoices, quotes or similar) on the following basis:

- For the fully funded portion of funding of \$40k (GST exclusive), evidence of costs 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, it is advisable to provide supporting evidence (such as invoices, quotes or similar) on the following basis:

- For the fully funded portion of funding of \$40k (GST inclusive), evidence of costs 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 the Business Description's website [businessdescription.co.nz](https://businessdescription.co.nz) and click "browse for a code" instead of "search for a code". 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 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).

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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 start mid August and run in three tranches. 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:

1. 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 a range of representatives from GDC, Trust Tairāwhiti and Iwi.
2. 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 [recovery@gdc.govt.nz](mailto:recovery@gdc.govt.nz) to ask for reconsideration of the decision made by the Independent Assessment Panel.

Scan or go to  
[gdc.nz/recovery](https://gdc.nz/recovery)



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