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CYCLONE GABRIELLE MAYORAL RELIEF FUND

Background

The Fund was established on 14th February 2023 in response to the Cyclone Gabrielle and February 2023 flooding event and increasing requests from donors who wished to donate specifically to a fund that will be used to assist Wairoa District residents known to be most affected by the floods. Alternative funds at the time of writing include the greater Hawke's Bay Relief Funds, Central Government business support, as well as various individuals and businesses seeking help on Givealittle.co.nz. Donors indicated they want their donation to go directly to Wairoa people affected, and for the funds to be distributed as fairly as possible to those most in need.

Funds available

As at 8 March 2023, the Fund has \$1,048,579 available, of which \$860,000 has come from donations made into the Council bank account, and a further \$188,579 from a Givealittle fundraiser page. Donations are ongoing.

Releasing a first tranche of funding of up to \$600,000 allows support to reach the community quickly.

Initial applications could be capped, and then re-visited using the balance of the fund and need. Further applications can also be processed using this balance. The balance of the fund could also be utilised for wider support costs such as targeted contributions to programmes for rebuild and recovery.

An initial distribution will assist in ensuring residents are supported and donees see the impact of their generosity. Residual funds can then be allocated in a more considered manner.

Criterion for funding

The following groups can apply:

- Individuals / families /whānau
- Local businesses
- Local marae
- Local community organisations and groups
- Affected landowners

It is recommended that applications for funds are considered where the applicant;

- is a permanent resident of the Wairoa District, or was a permanent resident of the Wairoa District on 14th February 2023, and
- has suffered a financial loss or is experiencing financial hardship as a result of the flooding in February 2023, and
- is not eligible for funding assistance from any other source, including other grants, MSD, insurance etc, or that funding assistance has not substantially reduced the financial loss or hardship suffered.

The first tranche funding prioritises white, yellow and red stickered households, impacted marae, churches, community organisations and groups, affected businesses including landowners as well as community groups supporting the clean-up at their expense.

It is further recommended that only one application will be considered per household per year, but that the funds allocation panel has the discretion to approve a second grant to a household in the most extreme cases of Cyclone-related financial hardship.

All grants are subject to funding availability. Unspent funds (if any) will be applied at the discretion of the Fund Allocation Panel and held for the purposes of other hardship grants under the criteria that exist for that fund for extreme hardship.

Process for allocating funds

In acknowledgement of the fact that applicants are suffering financial difficulty, which is likely to be time sensitive, it is recommended that initial applications be applied as follows:

- Up to \$2,000 for individuals/households that have been white, yellow or red stickered,
- Up to \$5,000 for marae, churches, community organisations and affected businesses including landowners
- Up to \$500 for local Wairoa community groups supporting the cleanup at their own expense

The funds allocation panel may request additional information and larger grants will be considered in special circumstances.

Applications opened on the 16th of March. Consideration of applications will occur on a regular basis, initially weekly. For those applications which are approved, payments will be made to recipients no longer than 7-10 days thereafter.




Application for Assistance

WAIROA MAYORAL RELIEF FUND

The Wairoa Mayoral Relief Fund is open for applications for assistance.

Please send the completed form to:

Wairoa Mayoral Relief Fund

 Coronation Square, Queen Street, Wairoa

 PO Box 54, Wairoa 4160

 Mayoral.fund@wairoadc.govt.nz

Applicant details:

First name(s): _____

Surname: _____

Usual residential address
prior to the cyclone: _____

Current residential address: _____

Current postal address: _____

Daytime phone number: _____ ☐

Other phone number: _____ ☐

Email address: _____ ☐

Please tick one
of these three
boxes to show
how you prefer
us to contact you

Which best describes you:

An individual/family ☐

Business ☐

Landowner or land user ☐

A community organisation/group ☐

A marae ☐

A church ☐

Names of other people usually living with you on the day of the cyclone (14 February 2023)

Names:

Relationship to you:

Has your home or business or community organisation been stickered:

Red

☐

Yellow

☐

White

☐

Do you own or rent this property?

I own it

☐

I rent it

☐

Insurance status:

Insured

☐

Under insured

☐

Not insured

☐

Please outline the nature of the financial loss or hardship, and the impact on your circumstances (attach further details if required).

Please describe the assistance you are applying for, and the amount you are seeking.

Are you, or anyone in your household, a ratepayer and own property within the Wairoa district?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Has anyone in your household applied for or received financial assistance from any other organisation relating to the cyclone?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No


If you answered yes to the second question above, please provide the organisation name and the amount received or applied for:

Organisation	Nature of assistance	Amount received
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Please note that the Mayoral Funds Advisory Panel may request additional information or seek an interview with the applicant. All grants are subject to availability. Please check that you have attached the following;

- ☐ Any documents or material that supports your application by demonstrating that the hardship or loss is due to the flooding events in February 2023
- ☐ A copy of an electricity account, phone account or bank statement showing your name and your usual residential address
- ☐ Details of the bank account you wish the grant to be paid in to (attach either a printed deposit slip, or a copy of a bank statement showing your name and account number)

Please indicate the dollar amount you are seeking from the Wairoa Mayoral Relief Fund: \$



Please enter your bank account details and attach a verified deposit slip from your bank in order to ensure funds can be released to you, should your application be successful.

Account number: _____

Account name: _____

Declaration

I certify that the information provided in this application is correct and if I provide false information I understand that my application will be null and void. I give permission for the Mayoral Funds Advisory Panel to verify the information provided with any agencies that may be involved.

I understand any grant received will be used for the costs for which it is approved. I acknowledge my right to have access to this information. This consent is given in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020.

Any information provided will only be used for the purpose for which it is collected, i.e. the Mayoral Relief Fund.

Signature

Date

