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Background

The Fund was established on 14th February 2023 in response to Cyclone Gabrielle and subsequent extreme weather flooding events.

Funds available

As at 19 July 2023, the Fund:

- Received \$1,895,626.84
- Allocated \$732,110.34

The initial distribution was to assist in ensuring residents feel supported and donors saw the impact of their generosity. **This is still open to first time applicants.**

Residual funds will be allocated in a more considered manner.

Criteria for funding

The following categories can apply and will be assessed on merit:

- Individuals / families /whānau
- Local businesses – whose businesses were deemed non-habitable causing displacement.
- Local marae
- Local community organisations and groups
- Welfare Requests – i.e., accommodation costs, travel expenses

Applications for funds are considered where the applicant:

- is a permanent resident of the Wairoa District or was a permanent resident/ratepayer 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 subsequent weather events.
- is not eligible for funding assistance from any other source.

All funding prioritises white, yellow and red stickered properties, impacted marae, churches, community organisations and groups, affected businesses as well as community groups supporting the clean-up at their expense.

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 applications be applied as follows:

First Time Applicants

- Up to \$2,000 for households that have been white, yellow or red stickered.
- Up to \$1,000 for individuals from homes that have already received a grant, up to a maximum of 3 individuals from that home.
- Up to \$5,000 for marae, churches, community organisations and affected businesses.
- Up to \$500 for local Wairoa community groups supporting the cleanup at their own expense.

Additional Funding

Extra funding of \$350,000 has been received and ring-fenced for further distribution to those affected by Cyclone Gabrielle. The criteria for this additional funding is:

- Applications for Yellow stickered homes will be considered on a case-by-case basis up to \$1,000.
- Applications for White stickered homes will be considered on a case-by-case basis up to \$500.00.
- Applications for Commercial Properties will be considered on a case-by-case basis up to \$500.00.

All additional fundings applications are to be directed to recovery@wairoadc.govt.nz

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




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

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
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____

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

