

NEW ZEALAND DISASTER FUND

The New Zealand Disaster Fund helps us support communities to respond to, recover from, and prepare for disasters and emergencies in Aotearoa New Zealand. The Fund is split into three programmes.

Partnerships Programme

Distributing funds to organisations and community groups who can make an impact supporting affected communities. Working in partnership with organisations and supporting existing programmes and initiatives helps support communities facing hardship faster and more effectively.

The Community Support Grant

This grant is for the costs being incurred by those who are addressing the basic needs of those impacted by the recent severe weather events and Cyclone Gabrielle. For example, providing people with temporary accommodation, food or water, community clean-up efforts, and organising events that promote community connectedness. Applications can be made for between \$5,000 and \$50,000. Applications will receive a response within 10 working days.

The Community Enable Grant

This grant is for the costs being incurred by those who are providing financial support, resources or assets to enable communities to recover quickly from recent severe weather events and Cyclone Gabrielle. For example supporting community-wide temporary access to water, providing an individual grant facility, contributing to built environment activities, community-wide recovery and connectedness activities. Applications can be made for \$50,000 and over.

Response and Recovery Programme

Supporting immediate emergency response and early recovery work. This programme is already underway and will continue for the next few months.

Examples include:

- Setting up evacuation centres
- Door-to-door needs assesment
- Psychological First Aid training

Investment Programme

Preparing ourselves and communities for future disasters and emergencies. This programme aims to make a difference in the medium to long term.

Activities it may fund include things like:

- Funding equipment and resources that can support communities in an emergency or disaster.
- Providing training to build readiness and resilience within communities.
- Supporting community programmes.

APPLY NOW

We are taking grant applications [online](https://redcross.org.nz/apply-for-nzdf-grant) redcross.org.nz/apply-for-nzdf-grant

For help with your application, [contact](tel:080073327677) New Zealand Red Cross on 0800 RED CROSS (0800 733 27677).

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HOW WE'RE HELPING

To help make sure the New Zealand Disaster Fund will make the most difference, we work with communities to identify needs and wherever possible work alongside other agencies to reduce duplication of services.

One hundred percent of all donations, including interest earned, to the New Zealand Disaster Fund will be used to support affected communities. Our goal is to commit most of the funds by August, six months after Cyclone Gabrielle, and all funds by February 2024. Our focus is to provide funding where there are no other funding sources available.

EXAMPLES OF SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES

Through the New Zealand Disaster Fund, we are enabling community groups, charities and other entities to continue essential recovery work across affected areas.



Individual Hardship Grant Support

The Hawke's Bay Disaster Relief Trust has received \$1 million from the New Zealand Disaster Fund. The primary focus of the Trust is to support individuals and community groups experiencing hardship and loss. To date this has ranged from things such as replacing home contents, clothes and furnishings to assisting with small payments to compensate for lost income.



Temporary Accommodation

For many Esk Valley residents, being close to their property, homes and community has been an important part of recovery. The New Zealand Disaster Fund contributed funds to the Esk Valley Hub for temporary accommodation to enable residents to stay at their properties. This has enabled families to remain together and to work to re-establish their homes and communities.



Major contribution to Wairoa recovery effort

The \$1.1 million contribution to the Wairoa District Council-led Liveable Homes Fund will help individuals and whanau living in yellow stickered homes to restore their homes to a safe and liveable standard. This will support needs not met by insurance or other existing funds. It is dedicated to septic tank cleaning, reticulated plumbing reinstatement of home heating, essential bathroom and electrical repairs.



Psychological First Aid support

Most affected people will experience some level of distress and everyone in a disaster can benefit from some form of psychosocial support. To assist New Zealand Red Cross has directly trained 345 individuals in Psychological First Aid. With a train the trainer approach, this has included a large contingent from Te Whatu Ora, Te Aka Whai Ora, other health and social service agencies in Hawke's Bay such as Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga.

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