



**Te Puni Kōkiri**

MINISTRY OF MĀORI DEVELOPMENT

## Cyclone Gabrielle Māori Communities Response Fund

### Questions and Answers

On 28 February 2023, Minister for Māori Development, Hon Willie Jackson, along with the Minister for Whānau Ora, Hon Peeni Henare [announced](#) a funding package of \$15 million to support the Māori response to Cyclone Gabrielle.

\$9 million of this funding will be distributed through Te Puni Kōkiri, \$3 million through Whānau Ora commissioning agencies and \$3 million through [Te Arawhiti](#).

### What can the \$9m Cyclone Gabrielle Māori Communities Response Fund distributed through Te Puni Kōkiri be used for?

The \$9 million fund is to provide rapid assistance, to marae and hapori Māori affected by Cyclone Gabrielle. This interim, time-limited, immediate investment will support whānau Māori with their response and recovery.

There are three priority areas for this funding:

- Capability and capacity
- Planning and co-ordination infrastructure
- Cultural infrastructure.

### Who is eligible for the funding?

Iwi, hapū, marae, trusts, incorporations, and other Māori organisations/providers are eligible.

Experienced kaitono with strong community connections and proven capacity and capability to quickly deliver to marae and hapori located in affected areas are encouraged to apply.

### What kinds of projects could be funded?

Kaitono are encouraged to discuss their specific needs with Te Puni Kōkiri regional staff to ensure that the purpose can be met by this fund, or if there are other funds that are better targeted to help achieve the intended purpose. Some of the things that could be approved for funding include:

#### Funding priorities

##### Capability and capacity

- Additional kaimahi for marae and hapori to increase their capacity and capability to undertake response and recovery activities.
- Equipment to help with the clean up of marae and hapori
- Clean up costs not met by other agencies or organisations
- Generators and fuel for marae and hapori use

- Solar power for marae where this is practical and sustainable (i.e. not if the marae is unusable/likely to be moved etc)
- Communications equipment that would enhance future resilience, e.g. satellite phones for future resilience
- Equipment to support pātaka kai operations, e.g. freezers, storage and generators to keep the pātaka kai operating
- Equipment and other costs associated with the clean-up of maara kai
- Supporting Māori businesses to identify next steps towards recovery and future resilience
- Specialist services to support the recovery and resilience of Māori businesses, e.g. legal, financial, or planning advice and services.

#### **Planning and co-ordination infrastructure**

- Help to collaborate, organise and co-ordinate the short term response
- Technical, legal or other professional advice, assessments and options relating to damage from Cyclone Gabrielle for marae and hapori.

#### **Cultural infrastructure**

- Secure storage for taonga and property while marae and hapori plan their next steps
- Activities to provide stability, security and connection for hapori and marae
- Assessing the condition of taonga and identifying options for the taonga and marae.

### **Is funding restricted to cyclone affected areas only?**

Yes, funding is available to those communities directly affected by Cyclone Gabrielle mostly located in Te Tai Tokerau, Tāmaki-Makaurau, Waikato-Waiariki (Coromandel), Ikaroa-Rāwhiti, and Te Tai Hauāuru.

### **When does the Fund cease?**

The Fund ceases on 30 June 2023. The Fund is intended to be a flexible response to the immediate and short term needs of marae and hapori Māori affected by Cyclone Gabrielle. Funding is not intended for initiatives that have a long planning period before they can be put in place or completed. However, there may be scope to utilise this funding to get started with assessments and planning. If unsure, discuss this further with your local [Te Puni Kōkiri office](#).

### **What will not be funded?**

We cannot approve funding that has already been provided for the same or similar purposes through other agencies and organisations, for example through the Ministry of Social Development, Te Arawhiti, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), the

Department of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of Primary Industries or other government agencies and non-government organisations.

We cannot fund legal advocacy or litigation costs, the payment of existing debt, or the start-up of new businesses.

## **How do we apply for funding?**

The first step is to [contact your local Te Puni Kōkiri office](#). Our kaimahi will be able to explain the process to you and provide you with an application form.

You will need to provide the following information:

- Name of the iwi, hapū, marae, trust, incorporation or other Māori organisation or provider applying
- Geographical location and details of where the funding will be used
- Key person or people and contact details
- The bank account number of the kaitono
- The amount and full description of what you are applying to get funding for, and why you need it
- A financial breakdown of the funding required
- The risks that may impact on your ability to complete the project successfully and how you plan to manage those risks
- Details of other funding applied for or granted for the same or similar purpose
- When you expect to begin the project, and how long you expect it to take.

## **Can funding be applied for retrospectively?**

It is not expected that these funds will be used to pay for activities that have already taken place, or to reimburse for expenses occurred. However, requests for reimbursement could be considered on a case-by-case basis by contacting your local [Te Puni Kōkiri office](#).

## **Is Te Puni Kōkiri providing any support to Māori businesses?**

The \$9 million funding package can be used to support Māori businesses, including to identify next steps towards recovery and future resilience, provide specialist services to support the recovery and resilience of Māori businesses, e.g. legal, financial, or planning advices and services. The Māori Enterprise Advisors may also support Māori businesses by facilitating access to other available government support.

If you need more information, contact your local [Te Puni Kōkiri office](#) and ask to speak with the Māori Enterprise Advisor or email: [maorienterprise@tpk.govt.nz](mailto:maorienterprise@tpk.govt.nz).

## **Is there other Government support available for Māori businesses?**

There is a range of support and information available to businesses, including employment advice, finance and banking information, mental health and wellbeing support.

The Government is providing grants up to \$40,000 for recovery support to help keep businesses operating and position for a successful recovery and maintain cashflow. The grant application criteria and details are [here](#).

A good starting point for more general business support information can be found [here](#).

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### **Where else can we go for help?**

This interim, immediate investment funding is part of wider assistance package available to support those affected by Cyclone Gabrielle and other recent weather events. You can find more information provided by the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) [here](#).

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