



2023 Cyclone Gabrielle Farmer and grower recovery grants

Cyclone Gabrielle caused unprecedented flooding and damage across parts of the North Island in February 2023. Financial support is available to help farmers and growers to support the immediate response.

What is the funding?

The Government is providing \$25 million to help farmers and growers to recover from Cyclone Gabrielle.

What can the funding be used for?

Farmers or growers can receive grants from the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) to get back on their feet as quickly as possible. The following grants are available:

- Grants for pastoral and arable farmers/growers of up to \$10,000 to help initial recovery on-farm, such as repairs to water infrastructure for stock and fencing.
- Grants for growers of \$2000 per hectare up to a maximum of \$40,000 to remove silt from trees and vines, support clean-up and other time-sensitive work to minimise future losses, such as preserving trees in orchards and vines for future production.

Who can submit a grant request?

Any farmer or grower affected by Cyclone Gabrielle that requires help with cleaning up their farms, orchards or vineyards.

How do I request a grant?

Getting a grant is simple. You will need to complete a short application form, which will be available from the [MPI website](#) from the afternoon of 22 February.

You will also need to provide a description of the damage caused by Cyclone Gabrielle and the work being done/to be undertaken.

You can scan or take photos of the completed application form, and supporting documentation requested. Please send your completed application and supporting documentation to funding@mpi.govt.nz.

How will funding be allocated?

Once MPI receives your grant request, we will process it. If your request contains the information we need and is deemed eligible, the money will be paid out.

You will be required to keep copies of records, such as receipts, invoices and quotes. A group of primary sector experts will help monitor the grants to ensure it is going towards appropriate uses.

How will I know if I will receive a grant?

MPI will let you know when we receive your grant request. If your grant request is approved, **we'll contact you** and provide an indication of when the money will be paid out.

What next?

Keep copies of records, such as receipts, invoices, and quotes.

Who do I contact if I need help with my grant request?

MPI staff are available to assist you.

Please call 0800 00 83 33 or email funding@mpi.govt.nz.