

2023 Cyclone Gabrielle - Bee health and biosecurity funding

Cyclone Gabrielle caused unprecedented flooding and damage across parts of the North Island in February 2023.

What is the funding?

Apiculture New Zealand (ApiNZ) has secured government funding for beekeepers to address biosecurity and bee health risks for hives located in Cyclone Gabrielle-damaged areas.

What can the funding be used for?

The grant is to be specifically used for minimising the escalation of disease in hives that have been affected by flooding due to Cyclone Gabrielle. The grant can only be used for costs such as fuel, equipment hire, and additional wages needed to assist in the recovery and retrieval of damaged gear and hives. These costs can include burning hives, cleaning apiary sites and clearing tracks to apiary sites. The funding cannot be used for replacing hives lost in the cyclone or for the cost of treatments for diseases such as varroa.

Who can apply for funding?

To be eligible, your principal income must be from a beekeeping business, and you must have had more than 30 hives damaged by Cyclone Gabrielle in the regions where a National State of Emergency was declared on 14 February 2023. These regions were Northland, Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Tairāwhiti, Hawke's Bay and the Tararua District.

How will the funding be allocated?

Applications for grants will be open for three weeks from Fri 31 March, closing at **5pm on Friday 21 April**. Once applications have closed ApiNZ will determine how much will be allocated based on how many applications are received that meet the funding criteria.

Can I apply if the recovery work has already been undertaken?

We recognise that some beekeepers may have already undertaken work to recover their hives and expenditure already incurred for this purpose will be considered. You must still fill out the application and meet the criteria.

How will we know if our request will receive funding?

ApiNZ will let you know when we receive your funding application. All applicants will be informed whether or not they will receive funding.

How long will it take to receive the grant?

ApiNZ will pay out the grants as soon as possible after applications close.

What information should a funding request contain?

Your application should be on the official ApiNZ application form and should include the following information:

- Name
- Contact phone and email details
- Bank account details
- Beekeeper registration number
- Location of hives
- The number of damaged hives
- A description of the damage caused to hives and apiary sites
- A description of the recovery work that will be undertaken using the grant

Will my details be kept private?

ApiNZ respects your privacy. The information on this form will only be used to assess your eligibility for the grant. In the funding agreement with MPI, ApiNZ is required as the provider to ensure that any information provided by ApiNZ to MPI can be shared with other agencies for purposes related to this Grant. MPI may also use the information for research and reporting purposes.

Who can we contact if we need help?

ApiNZ staff are available to assist you. All questions should be emailed to funding@apinz.org.nz or you can call us on 04 471 6254.

Applications close at 5pm on Friday 21 April.