



KAIKŌURA MAYORAL EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND

Fact sheet

The Kaikōura Mayoral Earthquake Relief Fund was originally established to assist Kaikōura residents known to be most affected by the November 2016 earthquakes. Since the Fund was set up, over \$170,000 has been paid out in emergency grants to individuals and households.

Now, with the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on our local economy, some people in our community are once again exposed to financial hardship. In addition to any person affected by the earthquakes able to apply for a household grant, the Council is inviting any ratepayer experiencing hardship due to Covid-19 to apply for funds to help pay their rates bill.

Earthquake-related hardship grants

Support for individuals and households affected by the 2016 earthquake continues to be the priority in payments from this fund. Grants are paid out to successful applicants in a one-off payment.

Criteria

In order to be eligible for the grant:

- (a) At the time you apply, you must be experiencing hardship as a result of the Kaikoura earthquakes;
- (b) You must have been resident in the Kaikōura District on 14 November 2016;
- (c) You must be at least 16 years of age;
- (d) Only one application will be considered for each household (for example flatmates should apply jointly and bank account details should match names on the lease) and the grant is given on a one-off basis.

Please provide material supporting the application and demonstrating that your circumstances are due to the earthquake.

Amounts

Where an application is successful, the amount of the grant will be no more than \$500 per household per annum, depending on your situation and the evidence you provide of the hardship or loss. The amount of the grant will depend on circumstances and the \$500 is a guideline.

All grants are subject to the availability of the funding. Funds are limited and will be paid out in order of the applications received.

Means of payment

Grants will be paid directly into a bank account in the name of the applicant (or into a joint account where the name of the applicant is one of the joint names on the account). Payments will only be made into bank accounts in the name of individuals, not into those of businesses or other organisations.

Covid19-related rates relief

Ratepayers who are experiencing financial hardship are invited to apply for up to \$500.00 to be paid into their rates account.

Criteria

In order to be eligible for this rates relief:

- (a) You must be experiencing financial hardship as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic (such as loss of employment for example);
- (b) You are a Kaikōura District ratepayer and a permanent resident of the Kaikōura District
- (c) Your rates are in the name of an individual, not a business or other organisation.

Amounts

- (d) Where an application is successful, the amount of the rates relief will be no more than \$500 per household, depending on your situation and the evidence you provide of the hardship or loss. The amount will depend on circumstances and the \$500 is a guideline.
- (e) All grants are subject to the availability of the funding. Funds are limited and will be paid out in order of the applications received.

Means of payment

- (f) Grants will be transferred into the applicant's rates account with the Council. No payment will be made directly to the applicant.

Process for all applications

In order to apply for a grant, you must complete a Kaikōura Mayoral Earthquake Relief Fund application form available from the Council, Te Whare Putea (Heartlands), or the Council website.

Please complete **all** questions on the application form and attach supporting documentation.

Applications can be lodged by post, hand delivery, or by email to the following:

Kaikōura District Council
PO Box 6
Kaikōura 7350

Kaikōura District Council
Level 2 (top floor)
96 West End
Kaikōura

Email: sheryl@kaikoura.govt.nz

All applications are assessed by the Mayoral Earthquake Relief Funding Allocations Panel, who meet monthly and aim to make all payments on/before the last working day of the month the application is received.