



KAIKOURA MAYORAL EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND

Fact sheet

The Kaikoura Mayoral Earthquake Relief Fund has been established to assist Kaikoura residents known to be most affected by the earthquakes. Generous donations have been made to the fund from throughout New Zealand and the world.

The Council is inviting applications from those who have experienced significant effects on their financial situation, health or welfare to apply for an earthquake relief grant.

Prior to Christmas 2016, an emergency hardship grants funding round was held to give some families a little help for the Christmas break. Now a funding allocations panel has been established to formally consider funding applications, and these applications will be assessed monthly. If you received an emergency hardship grant prior to Christmas 2016, this *may* affect your eligibility for financial assistance in the 2017 funding rounds.

This is a one-off hardship grant, with priority given to;

- (1) essentials for daily life
- (2) extra financial burden or costs due to the earthquake
- (3) costs not covered by insurance or other funds, such as WINZ support

Where the grant is awarded, you may use the grant for any purpose. It will not be necessary for you to provide evidence of the way in which the money has been used.

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 a permanent resident in the Kaikoura District on 14 November 2016;
- (c) You must be at least 16 years of age;
- (d) You should not be eligible for funding assistance from any other source, including remission of rates, but you may still be eligible if that funding assistance or rates remission has not substantially reduced the financial loss or hardship suffered

Only one application will be considered per household per year, (for example flatmates should apply jointly and bank account details should match names on the lease). The funds allocation panel has the discretion to approve a second grant to a household within a twelve-month period only in the most extreme cases of earthquake-related financial hardship.

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 generally \$500, 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 priority of the need, as assessed by the funding allocations panel.

Process

In order to apply for a grant, you must complete a Kaikoura Mayoral Earthquake Relief Fund application form available from the Council, the RAC (Recovery Assistance Centre), the Heartlands office, or the Council website.

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

Applications can be lodged by Post, Delivery, by Email or by Fax to the following:

Kaikoura District Council
PO Box 6
Kaikoura 7350

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

Phone (03) 319 5026

Fax (03) 319 5308

Email: kdc@kaikoura.govt.nz

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.