

Key Messages

As at 9am 3 March, we have committed just over \$3.61 million from the \$11.5 million Community Support Package announced by the Government on 13 February 2023.

Summary of funding distribution

- 79 Community Support Fund applications were approved between Friday 24 February to 3 March 2023 totalling \$0.272 million.
- 105 Provider Support Fund applications were approved between Friday 24 February to 3 March 2023 totalling \$0.741 million.
- A further 40 community food providers approved funding between Friday 24 February to 3 March 2023 totalling \$0.285 million.
- An **revised communications approach to further promote the availability of funding** through this package is underway.
- We continue to look at ways to improve operational efficiency, with a particular focus on payment of grants.

High level lines re: package

- This funding package **aims to relieve pressure on providers and community groups** so they can maintain their response operations and recovery efforts for individuals, whānau and communities.
- **Agencies are working to ensure funding reaches the communities in the most need.** Key to note here is that some of this funding is for existing providers and enables them to have a wider scope, this support is therefore available immediately.
- Information on the funding package is live on the [MSD website](#). All **communications clearly state that funding is time limited** and will only be available to 30 June 2023.

General lines re: funding allocation and reporting

- Prioritisation of funding continues to focus on people and areas most impacted.
- We are **working with our regions to proactively engage** with providers and community groups we hold existing relationships with to identify those most in need.
- We are aware that providers and community groups are in the middle of a response and may not have time to complete applications or may have connectivity constraints. Providers or community groups that may not be able to apply for funding online can engage regional MSD staff who will assist with accessing funding.
- We are **working with Social Wellbeing Agency to understand the scale of impact** in each region. As part of this work, we are also working to ensure we target equitable support to organisations that support priority populations in impacted regions.
- We continue to work with Whaikaha – Ministry of Disabled People to ensure a collective approach to support the disabled community.
- We are **developing an approach to reporting from grant recipients**, which is easy to complete and is proportionate to the level of investment.

Cross agency engagement

- Ongoing engagement and coordination of support packages with other government agencies (NEMA, Whaikaha, TPK, MPP, MEC, DIA and Te Whatu Ora etc) continues.
- Agencies have agreed on a cross government contract flexibility framework. Individual agencies are looking at how this agreed framework will be applied in a manner that is specific to each agency's needs. MSD has determined how we will approach contract flexibility and are communicating this formally to our provider networks today, 3 March.

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Community and provider funding implementation as part of flood and Cyclone Gabrielle welfare response



Community Support Fund (\$2m)



Provider Support Fund (\$4m)



Community Connectors (\$4m)



Food (\$1m)



Disability Support (\$0.5m)

This funding is for local community groups, who are not contracted by a government agency to support the wellbeing of whānau affected by the North Island floods and Cyclone Gabrielle.

This funding is for providers who already have government contracts in the social sector. This funding will allow eligible providers to continue to deliver their response and recovery efforts, respond to increased demand on their services, and support the wellbeing of their staff and volunteers. This funding is not intended to replace or cover insurance related matters.

This funding will support existing Care in the Community welfare response Community Connectors to widen the scope of the support they provide – from their current remit of supporting people impacted by COVID-19, to also supporting those affected by the North Island floods and Cyclone Gabrielle. Each Community Connector has access to discretionary funding to support their work on a case-by-case basis.

This funding will support existing Care in the Community welfare response community food providers to refill their stocks and respond to current demand in communities affected by the North Island floods and Cyclone Gabrielle.

This funding will support disabled people, tāngata whaikaha Māori and/or their households to access support for immediate and unexpected needs due to the North Island floods and Cyclone Gabrielle.

Implementation Approach

- Capped at \$3,500 per organisation will allow support for up to 570 groups.
- Funding will be allocated via a conditional grant letter to groups.
- Examples of community groups who can apply include
 - Multicultural councils
 - Marae
 - Ethnic community organisations
 - Faith based, religious and church groups
 - Community Hubs
 - Not for profit organisations
 - Social enterprise
 - Grassroots initiatives with significant relationships with community members.

- Capped at \$7,000 per organisation will allow support for up to 570 organisations.
- This fund includes supporting provider wellbeing acknowledging the cumulative impacts of events of the last 3 years.
- Funding will be allocated via a conditional grant letter to providers.

- Non-competitive fund for existing Community Connection providers to support at least 4000 additional households.
- There are 196 organisations hosting Connectors in total across impacted areas which is 73% of the overall Community Connector workforce.
- Support can commence immediately.
- Funding to support households will be increased to up to \$1000 per household.
- Reporting will be included in the current reporting however it may need to be manual in the interim as this requires some system change.
- The change in scope will be confirmed via a conditional grant letter to providers.

- This funding will be distributed through existing systems, including the New Zealand Food Network which supports community food providers by facilitating bulk purchasing of essential food items.
- Capped at \$10k per organisation will allow for at least 50 providers to be supported with grant funding.
- For providers to be eligible for this funding they must: Have provided food support to communities during recent flooding and be supported by the MSD regional team.
- The likely split will be as follows (Grant amounts/number of providers):
 - \$250k Auckland (62 potential providers)
 - \$125k East Coast (up to 16)
 - \$100k Northland (up to 15)
 - \$75k Waikato (up to 38)
 - \$50k BOP (up to 19).

- Fund for existing Care in the Community Disability Welfare Fund providers to support households with a disabled person with up to \$1,000 per individual or household supported.
- Eligible households include:
 - where the needs are directly related to recent adverse weather events,
 - for items/support that are essential for well-being,
 - efforts are made to ensure that the needs are not being met and/or could not be met by other means,
 - support is delivered in collaboration with the person/whānau living with a disability.

Explainers for following page

Section 1: Community Support Fund

1.1 Applications - Total number of applications the Ministry has received

1.2 Approved - Total number of applications the Ministry has approved

1.3 Funding

- **Funding Available** - Total allocation for this fund
- **Funding Committed** - The amount of funding the Ministry has committed

Section 2: Provider Support Fund

2.1 Applications - Total number of applications the Ministry has received

2.2 Approved - Total number of applications the Ministry has approved

2.3 Funding

- **Funding Available** - The total allocation for this fund
- **Funding Committed** - The amount of funding the Ministry has committed

Section 3: Community Connectors

3.1 Connectors activated (FTE) - Total number of full-time equivalent (FTE) that have been activated to support flood and cyclone response - All connectors in the affected regions have been activated.

3.2 Funding

- **Funding Available** - The total allocation for this fund
- **Funding Committed** - The amount of funding the Ministry has committed

Section 4: Community Food

4.1 Food providers funded - Total number of community food providers the Ministry has funded.

4.2 Funding

- **Funding Available** - The total allocation for this fund
- **Funding Committed** - The amount of funding the Ministry has committed

Section 5: Disability

Some providers will be delivering support under this initiative over multiple areas, therefore are not able to be displayed for a specific region/location.

4.1 Disability providers approached - Total number of providers the Ministry has approached

4.2 Disability providers accepted - Total number of providers who have accepted this funding

4.3 Funding

- **Funding Available** - The total allocation for this fund
- **Funding Committed** - The amount funding the Ministry has committed

Section 6: MSD regions - This diagram shows resources allocated to the affected MSD regions (Northland, Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty and East Coast). Regional and national counts will not reconcile because some larger providers and groups work across regions.

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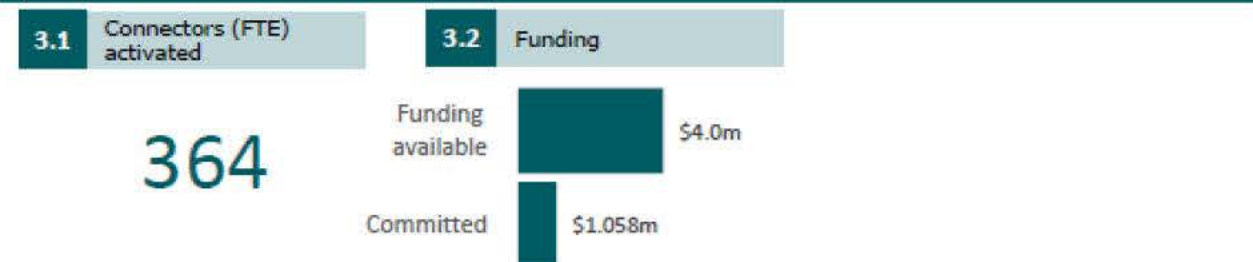
1 Community support



2 Provider support



3 Community Connector



4 Community Food



5 Disability



3 MSD regions

