

Resilience and Risk Reduction Funding 2020-21

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

This information complements the [Resilience and Risk Reduction Funding Guidelines 2020-21](#).

Q) Who administers Resilience and Risk Reduction Funding 2020-21?

The Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) administers Resilience and Risk Reduction Funding 2020-21.

Q) What are the key documents for applicants?

Resilience and Risk Reduction Funding Guidelines 2020-21 (the Guidelines) and the 2020-21 Expression of Interest (EOI) Form are available on the [QRA website](#).

Q) What is the process for applying?

Resilience and Risk Reduction Funding 2020-21 is a two-stage process – an Expression of Interest stage followed by a detailed application stage. Following consideration of EOIs, the full application form will be made available to short-listed applicants.

Q) When do EOIs close?

Applicants will be able to submit EOIs up until **7 April 2021**.

Q) Who is eligible to apply for 2020-21 Resilience and Risk Reduction Funding?

Eligible applicants include:

- local government bodies constituted under the *Local Government Act 2009*; or the *City of Brisbane Act 2010*, and the Weipa Town Authority
- Regional Organisations of Councils
- Regional Natural Resource Management bodies
- River Improvement Trusts
- Water authorities and local water boards (Category 2 only)
- Queensland Government departments and agencies
- incorporated non-government organisations (including volunteer groups)
- not-for-profit organisations, including universities.

Q) How do applicants apply?

EOIs can be completed in MARS (QRA's Management and Reporting System) or submitted via email.

- **Applicants with access to MARS** – Local governments, Queensland Government departments and agencies with access to MARS can lodge EOIs through an online form in QRA's MARS Portal. More information about lodging EOIs in MARS is available [here](#).
- **Applicants without access to MARS** – Applicants without access to MARS can submit EOIs via email to submissions@qra.qld.gov.au. Generally, not-for-profit organisations, Regional Organisations of Councils, River Improvement Trusts, Water authorities and local water boards (Category 2 only), and incorporated non-government organisations (including volunteer groups) do not have access to MARS and will need to submit EOIs via email.

Q) Can applicants outside Queensland apply?

Yes. However, projects must be for the direct benefit of Queensland communities. Priority will be given to Queensland-based applicants, including Queensland-based branches of national organisations.

Q) What types of projects are eligible for Resilience and Risk Reduction Funding 2020-21?

Projects can be **infrastructure** or **non-infrastructure** projects that deliver resilience and/or risk reduction outcomes for Queensland communities. The Guidelines provide examples of eligible projects.

Q) Are projects *primarily* focussed on addressing the impact of drought considered eligible?

No. The program has a primary focus of increasing resilience to, and reducing the risk of **sudden onset natural hazards**. However, projects that achieve this end, as well as addressing the impact of drought, are considered eligible. Drought is not included in the definition of 'disaster' under the *Disaster Management Act (2003)*.

Q) Are projects *primarily* focussed on addressing impact of pandemic considered eligible?

The program has a primary focus of increasing resilience to and reducing the risk of **sudden onset natural hazards**. However, projects that achieve this end, as well as addressing the impact of pandemic, are eligible. Pandemic is included in the definition of 'disaster' under the *Disaster Management Act (2003)*.

Q) Is work on private land eligible?

Works on private land are generally not eligible. In the past, applications for works on private land have not been successful. However, there may be cases where an applicant can demonstrate that there is significant public benefit from works that may involve private land. These will be considered on a case by case basis.

Q) How much funding can I get?

Applicants can apply for a maximum of \$2 million *per project*. The amount awarded for a project is a *capped* amount and is a subsidy towards *eligible project costs*.

Q) Can I submit more than one EOI?

Applicants may apply for more than one project. The \$2 million maximum amount of funding applies *per project*, not *per applicant*. If an applicant submits more than one EOI, the priority given to each project must be identified. This is done in the EOI form.

Q) Is GST to be included in the funding amount sought?

No. The grant is approved exclusive of GST. Depending on an applicant's GST status, QRA may gross up the grant amount to include GST.

Q) Do applicants need to make a co-contribution to the costs of the project?

Yes. There is no fixed or minimum co-contribution, and this can be an in-kind co-contribution. The amount of the applicant's co-contribution and the surety of this co-contribution are considered during the process.

Q) My organisation cannot make a financial co-contribution. Can I still apply?

Yes. However, an explanation will be required as part of the EOI.

Q) When do projects need to be completed?

Projects approved for Resilience and Risk Reduction Funding 2020-21 must be completed by **30 June 2023**.

Project acquittal reports are due within three months of the end of the financial year in which the project is completed, i.e. –

- for projects completed in the 2021-22 financial year, the project acquittal report is due by 30 September 2022
- for projects completed in the 2022-23 financial year, the project acquittal report is due by 30 September 2023.

Q) How often are progress updates required?

Progress reports are required monthly throughout the delivery period until project completion. All reporting requirements are set out in the Project Funding Schedule/Agreement for successful projects.

Q) What happens if a project ends up costing more than the approved amount?

Resilience and Risk Reduction Funding 2020-21 is approved as a *capped* amount. Successful applicants are responsible for any expenditure over the approved amount.

Q) What happens if a project does not deliver all of the approved scope?

Successful applicants need to ensure the resilience and/or risk reduction outcomes are achieved as per the approved scope. Where a project does not deliver all of the approved outcomes, then the project funding may be reduced based on the undelivered scope.

Q) What happens if a project ends up costing less than the approved amount?

Unspent funds may not be claimed and will be retained within the program.

Q) Who decides on the successful projects?

Projects proposed for funding will be submitted to the relevant Minister and/or agency for review and/or endorsement. Successful projects are then approved by QRA's Chief Executive Officer.

Q) When will the approved projects be announced?

Successful projects will be announced by 30 June 2021.

Q) Where can applicants find more information?

More information can be found on the [QRA website](#).