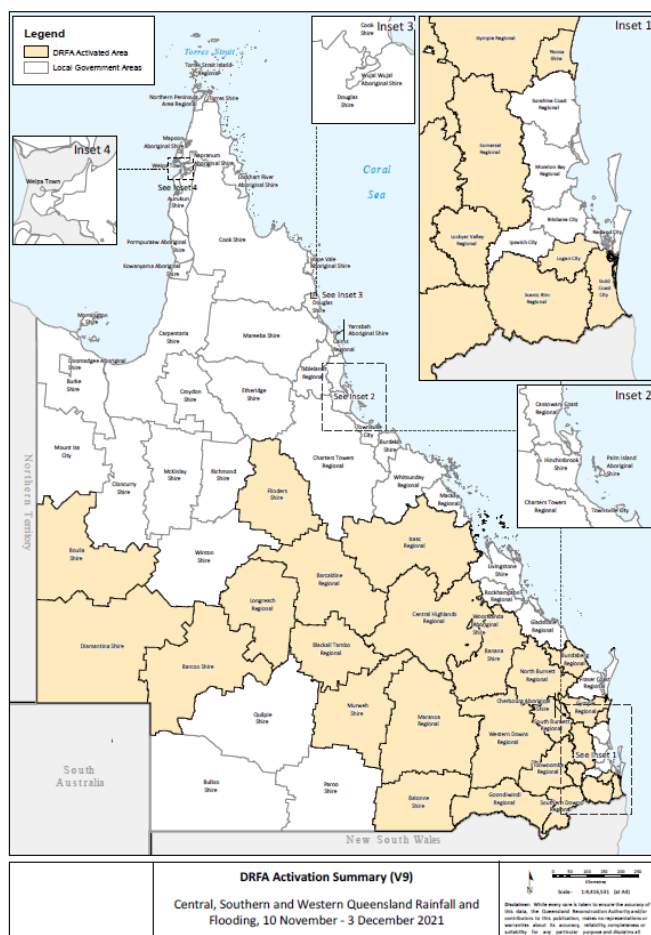




## Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements event

### Central, Southern and Western Queensland Rainfall and Flooding, 10 November – 3 December 2021 (V9)



The Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) is a jointly funded program between the Australian Government and state and territory (state) governments, through which the Australian Government provides financial assistance to support state governments with disaster recovery costs.

In response to the disaster, assistance has been activated for the area formally defined as: *“Communities within Central, Southern and Western Queensland affected by rainfall and flooding, 10 November – 3 December 2021”*.

### DRFA assistance measures (activated by the Queensland Government)

- Counter Disaster Operations
- Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme
- Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme
- Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets
- Freight Subsidies for Primary Producers
- Disaster Assistance (Primary Producers) Loans
- Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Primary Producers
- Disaster Assistance (Small Business) Loans
- Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Small Businesses

### DRFA assistance measures (jointly activated by the Queensland and Australian Governments)

- Please refer to Exceptional assistance measures table.

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## Activated areas and assistance measures

Local Government Area	Counter Disaster Operations	Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme	Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme	Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets	Freight Subsidies for Primary Producer	Disaster Assistance Loans for:		Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for:		Extraordinary Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants for Primary Producers	Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants for Small Business
						Primary Producer	Small Business	Primary Producer	Small Business		
Balonne Shire Council	✓ Activated 17/12/21			✓ Activated 17/12/21	✓ Activated 15/03/22	✓ Activated 15/03/22		✓ Activated 15/03/22			
Banana Shire Council	✓ Activated 02/12/21			✓ Activated 02/12/21	✓ Activated 17/12/21	✓ Activated 17/12/21		✓ Activated 17/12/21		✓ Activated 27/12/21	
Barcaldine Regional Council	✓ Activated 02/12/21			✓ Activated 02/12/21							
Barcoo Shire Council	✓ Activated 17/11/21			✓ Activated 17/11/21							
Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	✓ Activated 17/11/21			✓ Activated 17/11/21							
Boulia Shire Council	✓ Activated 17/11/21			✓ Activated 17/11/21							
Bundaberg Regional Council	✓ Activated 19/01/22			✓ Activated 19/01/22	✓ Activated 09/12/21	✓ Activated 09/12/21		✓ Activated 09/12/21		✓ Activated 27/12/21	
Central Highlands Regional Council	✓ Activated 09/12/21			✓ Activated 09/12/21							
City of Gold Coast	✓ Activated 04/08/22			✓ Activated 04/08/22							



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						Primary Producer	Small Business	Primary Producer	Small Business		
Diamantina Shire Council	✓ Activated 17/11/21			✓ Activated 17/11/21							
Flinders Shire Council	✓ Activated 17/12/21			✓ Activated 17/12/21							
Goondiwindi Regional Council	✓ Activated 02/12/21	✓ <sup>1</sup> Activated 02/12/21	✓ <sup>1</sup> Activated 02/12/21	✓ Activated 02/12/21	✓ Activated 09/12/21	✓ Activated 09/12/21	✓ Activated 09/12/21	✓ Activated 09/12/21	✓ Activated 09/12/21	✓ Activated 27/12/21	✓ Activated 27/12/21
Gympie Regional Council	✓ Activated 19/01/22			✓ Activated 19/01/22							
Isaac Regional Council	✓ Activated 01/02/22			✓ Activated 01/02/22							
Lockyer Valley Regional Council	✓ Activated 02/12/21			✓ Activated 02/12/21	✓ Activated 09/12/21	✓ Activated 09/12/21		✓ Activated 09/12/21		✓ Activated 27/12/21	
Logan City Council	✓ Activated 04/08/22			✓ Activated 04/08/22							
Longreach Regional Council	✓ Activated 09/12/21			✓ Activated 09/12/21							
Maranoa Regional Council	✓ Activated 02/12/21			✓ Activated 02/12/21							
Murweh Shire Council	✓ Activated 09/12/21			✓ Activated 09/12/21							



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						Primary Producer	Small Business	Primary Producer	Small Business		
Noosa Shire Council	✓ Activated 01/02/22			✓ Activated 01/02/22							
North Burnett Regional Council	✓ Activated 14/01/22			✓ Activated 14/01/22							
Scenic Rim Regional Council	✓ Activated 02/12/21			✓ Activated 02/12/21	✓ Activated 09/12/21	✓ Activated 09/12/21		✓ Activated 09/12/21		✓ Activated 27/12/21	
Somerset Regional Council					✓ Activated 19/01/22	✓ Activated 19/01/22		✓ Activated 19/01/22		✓ Activated 20/01/22	
South Burnett Regional Council	✓ Activated 02/12/21			✓ Activated 02/12/21	✓ Activated 09/12/21	✓ Activated 09/12/21		✓ Activated 09/12/21		✓ Activated 27/12/21	
Southern Downs Regional Council	✓ Activated 17/11/21			✓ Activated 17/11/21	✓ Activated 09/12/21	✓ Activated 09/12/21		✓ Activated 09/12/21		✓ Activated 27/12/21	
Toowoomba Regional Council	✓ Activated 02/12/21			✓ Activated 02/12/21	✓ Activated 09/12/21	✓ Activated 09/12/21		✓ Activated 09/12/21		✓ Activated 27/12/21	
Western Downs Regional Council	✓ Activated 09/12/21			✓ Activated 09/12/21	✓ Activated 09/12/21	✓ Activated 09/12/21		✓ Activated 09/12/21		✓ Activated 27/12/21	

1. The PHAS and ESSRS for Goondiwindi Regional Council is limited to specified areas – refer to <https://www.qld.gov.au/community/disasters-emergencies/disasters>.

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## Exceptional assistance measures

DRFA Category	Package Type	Assistance Measure
C	Community Health and Wellbeing	Funding will assist disaster-affected communities, including individuals, families and first responders with mental health services and emotional wellbeing support
C	Community development	Funding for Community Recovery and Resilience Officers to establish a local presence across the affected communities to engage and identify the needs and aspirations of the communities.
D	Resilient Residential Recovery	Funding to support the implementation of resilience measures into Queensland homes directly impacted by flooding in the 2021-22 disaster season.
D	Accommodation support	This package provides short to medium term support for individuals and families displaced by the recent weather event.
C	Flexible Funding Grants	Flexible Funding Grants will support local recovery and resilience building activities.
C	Industry recovery and resilience	The program will provide support for primary producers for short, medium and longer-term recovery needs, including to develop industry-specific, risk-based, on farm flood management plans.
D	Rural landholder recovery	Grant aims to alleviate the personal and financial distress and assist in the recovery of rural landholders that have suffered direct damage to their assets as a result of the flooding events.
C	Small Business Recovery and Resilience	This package aims to alleviate the stresses, enhance wellness and address mental health issues resulting from the recent flooding as well as provide recovery support across impacted regions.
D	Medium to large business recovery loans	This loan scheme will support medium to large businesses, including primary producers, related agricultural businesses, and other businesses critical to their supply chain severely impacted by the disaster events.





C	Tourism recovery and resilience	To support areas of the state that rely heavily on tourism to recover from the devastating effects of recent extraordinary disasters, to plan for recovery after future disaster events and be more resilient.
D	Environmental recovery	This funding will go towards rehabilitation and restoration of rain and flood-affected environments and environmental assets to maintain healthy ecosystems and other environmental values and improve resilience for future disaster events.
D	Flood risk management	Funding for councils to undertake key activities to support evidence-based response, mitigation, and resilience strategies to manage their river, creek and overland flood risk.
D	Extraordinary disaster assistance grants	Grants for not-for-profit organisations and small businesses of up to \$25,000
D	Extraordinary disaster assistance grants	Grants for primary producers of up to \$50,000
D	Local Recovery and Resilience Grants	Grants for severely impacted local governments
D	Clean Up Package	Grants for clean-up, removal and disposal of otherwise ineligible flood-related debris for communities.
C	Community and Recreational Asset Recovery and Resilience Program	To provide funding to assist with clean up and repair, and where economical, improve the resilience of community and recreational assets
D/ E	Betterment Funding	The restoration of public assets damaged in eligible disaster events, to a more resilient standard.
C	Monitoring and evaluation	Funding will enable the monitoring and evaluation of Category C and D recovery and resilience programs.



## DRFA ASSISTANCE MEASURES ACTIVATED

### *Assistance for individuals:*

#### Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme

To alleviate personal hardship and distress.

- **Emergency Hardship Assistance Grant** – provides assistance as a contribution to support people directly impacted by an eligible disaster to meet their immediate essential needs for food, clothing, medical supplies or temporary accommodation.
- **Essential Services Hardship Assistance** – provides assistance for people directly impacted by an eligible disaster to meet their immediate needs where they have experienced the loss of one or more essential services for more than five days.
- **Essential Household Contents Grant** – provides a contribution towards replacing or repairing essential household contents, such as beds, linen and whitegoods that have been lost or damaged by an eligible disaster.
- **Structural Assistance Grant** – provides a contribution towards repairs or replacement of a dwelling damaged by an eligible disaster, to return it to a safe, habitable and secure condition.

#### Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme

To assist residents with the inspection and reconnection of essential services that have been damaged by an eligible disaster. The scheme provides financial assistance to individuals and families as a contribution towards safety inspections of and repairs to residential essential services (i.e. electricity, gas, water and sewerage) damaged by an eligible disaster.

Contact Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy on 1800 173 349 or [www.chde.qld.gov.au](http://www.chde.qld.gov.au)

### *Assistance for primary producers*

#### Disaster Assistance (Primary Producers) Loans

Concessional interest rate loans to assist primary producers whose assets have been significantly damaged by an eligible disaster, to recover and return to viable operations.

#### Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Primary Producers

Concessional interest rate loans to primary producers who have suffered a significant loss of income as a result of an eligible disaster by providing the essential working capital required to continue business operations.

#### Extraordinary Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants - Primary Producers

Grants for primary producers who have suffered direct damage caused by an eligible disaster. Grants are aimed at covering the cost of clean-up and reinstatement, but not at providing compensation for losses.

Contact Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority on 1800 623 946 or [www.qrida.qld.gov.au](http://www.qrida.qld.gov.au)





### *Freight Subsidies for Primary Producers*

To assist primary producers impacted by an eligible disaster with the transport of livestock, fodder or water for livestock, building, fencing equipment or machinery to the primary producer's home property.

Contact Department of Agriculture and Fisheries on 13 25 23 or [www.daf.qld.gov.au](http://www.daf.qld.gov.au)

### ***Assistance for small business:***

#### *Disaster Assistance (Small Business) Loans*

Concessional interest rate loans to assist small businesses whose assets have been significantly damaged by an eligible disaster, to recover and return to viable operations.

#### *Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Small Business*

Concessional interest rate loans to assist small businesses that have suffered a significant loss of income as a consequence of an eligible disaster, by providing a concessional loan for essential working capital required to continue business operations.

#### *Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants – Small Business*

Grants for small businesses who have suffered direct damage caused by an eligible disaster. Grants are aimed at covering the cost of clean-up and reinstatement, but not at providing compensation for losses.

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### ***Assistance for state and local governments:***

#### *Counter Disaster Operations*

To assist local governments and state agencies to undertake activities that alleviate personal hardship and distress, address the immediate needs of individuals and protect the general public, immediately prior to, during or immediately after an eligible disaster.

Contact Queensland Reconstruction Authority on 1800 110 841 or [www.gra.qld.gov.au](http://www.gra.qld.gov.au)

#### *Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (including Emergency Works and Immediate Reconstruction)*

- **Emergency Works**

To assist local governments and state agencies to undertake urgent activities necessary following an eligible disaster to temporarily restore an eligible essential public asset to enable it to operate/be operated at an acceptable level of efficiency to support the immediate recovery of a community.

- **Immediate Reconstruction Works**

To assist state agencies or local governments to immediately and permanently reconstruct damaged essential public assets to pre-disaster function immediately after the eligible disaster.



Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets are works undertaken by local governments and state agencies and to reconstruct damaged essential public assets to pre-disaster function.

- Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets:

To assist local governments and state agencies to reconstruct damaged essential public assets to pre-disaster function.

Contact Queensland Reconstruction Authority on 1800 110 841 or [www.gra.qld.gov.au](http://www.gra.qld.gov.au)

### ***Assistance in exceptional circumstances***

#### **Category D – Exceptional Circumstance Packages**

Acts of relief or recovery carried out to alleviate distress or damage in circumstances which are considered exceptional.

#### **Local Recovery and Resilience Grants**

Category D grants for severely impacted local governments

#### **Community Health and Wellbeing**

*Funding will assist disaster-affected communities, including individuals, families and first responders with mental health services and emotional wellbeing support*

#### **Community development**

*Funding for Community Recovery and Resilience Officers to establish a local presence across the affected communities to engage and identify the needs and aspirations of the communities.*

#### **Resilient Residential Recovery Package**

*Funding to support the implementation of resilience measures into Queensland homes directly impacted by flooding in the 2021-22 disaster season.*

#### **Accommodation support**

*Provision of short to medium term support for individuals and families displaced by the recent weather event.*

#### **Flexible Funding Grants**

*Flexible Funding Grants will support local recovery and resilience building activities.*

#### **Industry recovery and resilience**

*The program will provide support for primary producers for short, medium and longer-term recovery needs, including to develop industry-specific, risk-based, on farm flood management plans.*

#### **Rural landholder recovery**

*Grant aims to alleviate the personal and financial distress and assist in the recovery of rural landholders that have suffered direct damage to their assets as a result of the flooding events.*

#### **Small Business Recovery and Resilience**

*Funding that aims to alleviate the stresses, enhance wellness and address mental health issues resulting from the recent flooding as well as provide recovery support across impacted regions.*



#### Medium to large business recovery loans

This loan scheme will support medium to large businesses, including primary producers, related agricultural businesses, and other businesses critical to their supply chain severely impacted by the disaster events.

#### Tourism recovery and resilience

To support areas of the state that rely heavily on tourism to recover from the devastating effects of recent extraordinary disasters, to plan for recovery after future disaster events and be more resilient.

#### Environmental recovery

Funding towards rehabilitation and restoration of rain and flood-affected environments and environmental assets to maintain healthy ecosystems and other environmental values and improve resilience for future disaster events.

#### Flood risk management

Funding for councils to undertake key activities to support evidence-based response, mitigation, and resilience strategies to manage their river, creek and overland flood risk.

#### Clean Up Package

Grants for clean-up, removal and disposal of otherwise ineligible flood-related debris for communities.

#### Community and Recreational Asset Recovery and Resilience Program

To provide funding to assist with clean up and repair, and where economical, improve the resilience of community and recreational assets

#### Betterment Funding

The restoration of public assets damaged in eligible disaster events, to a more resilient standard.

#### Monitoring and evaluation

Funding will enable the monitoring and evaluation of Category C and D recovery and resilience programs.

Please visit the [QRA website](https://www.qra.qld.gov.au) for more information on eligible applicants and administering agency.