Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements event
Southern Queensland Flooding, 06 – 20 May 2022 (V14)

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 southern Queensland affected by a low pressure trough and associated persistent rainfall and flooding, 6 May – 20 May 2022”.

**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
- Disaster Assistance (Primary Producer) Loans
- Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Primary Producers
- Freight Subsidies for Primary Producers
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DRFA assistance measures (jointly activated by the Queensland and Australian Governments)

- Please refer to Exceptional assistance measures table.
DRFA Activation Summary (V14)
Southern Queensland Flooding, 6 - 20 May 2022

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DRFA ASSISTANCE MEASURES ACTIVATED

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

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.qra.qld.gov.au

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

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

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**Assistance for primary producers:**

**Disaster Assistance (Primary Producer) 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 Producer**
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 Producer**
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 Producer**
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**
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Assistance for not-for-profit organisations:

Disaster Assistance (Not-for-Profit Organisation) Loans
Concessional interest rate loans to assist not-for-profit organisations whose assets have been significantly damaged by an eligible disaster, to repair or replace the damaged assets.

Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Small Business
Concessional interest rate loans to not for profits 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 – Not-for-profit Organisation
Grants for not-for-profit organisations 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

Extraordinary Assistance available;

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

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

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

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**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](http://www.qra.qld.gov.au) for more information on eligible applicants and administering agency.