

Australian Government

National Emergency Management Agency

Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) Round Two 2024-25 Individual Project Application Form

<u>Please refer to the DRF Round Two Guidelines 2024-25 and associated Application How-To Guide</u> when completing this form, paying particular attention to the following:

- Applicants must submit project proposals to a Lead Agency for review and ministerial endorsement.
- Lead Agencies are responsible for submitting endorsed applications to NEMA using NEMA's online application portal (note: only Lead Agencies will have access to the portal and can submit applications to NEMA).
- This offline form sets out the information required by NEMA for individual project proposals and may be used by Applicants, Delivery Partners and Lead Agencies to draft responses and gather information, but cannot be uploaded to NEMA's online application portal or submitted to NEMA directly.
- Applicants should check with their relevant Lead Agency whether any additional application requirements apply in their jurisdiction. *PLEASE NOTE:* Queensland applications must also submit an <u>additional information form</u>.
- All fields are mandatory unless otherwise indicated.
- Character limits apply to many fields when character limits are reached, further data entry will be deleted.
 Do not include diagrams, pictures, graphs or other non-text content include as attachments.
- For further information for Queensland applications please contact your QRA Regional Liaison Officer or email info.gra@gra.gld.gov.au

Project Title

(Maximum 15 words)

Lead Agency, Applicant and Delivery Partner Details

Lead Agency: Queensland Reconstruction Authority (State or territory government agency responsible for coordinating and submitting the application to NEMA)

Applicant

(Individual or entity responsible for developing the project proposal. A Lead Agency may also be an Applicant)				
Entity name:				
Contact Person - Title, First Name and Last Name:				
Contact Person Position: e.g. Senior Project Officer. Only required for entities.				
Primary Address: Enter a <u>street address</u> for the Applicant. Do not provide PO boxes, building names, etc. Project addresses are to be entered separately later in the form.				
Postal Address: Provide a postal address if different from the Primary Address. Otherwise enter 'same as above'.				
Phone Number:				
Email:				

	Applicant type: (select all that apply)				
	Registered charity or not-for-profit organisation				
	Non-government organisation				
	Local government body				
	State/Territory government body				
	Service provider				
	Community organisation				
	Research and/or academic body				
	First Nations body				
	Diversity organisation				
	Disability provider				
	Other (if selected, please specify):				
Delivery Partners	Partner name/s	Partner type/s			
(List any third-parties who will be working with the Applicant to deliver the project. Include the Lead Agency in this list where it will be directly contributing	[Insert Partner 1 name]	[Select and enter <u>one</u> descriptor from the list of Applican types above that best describes Partner 1 - e.g. Local government body]			
to project delivery but is not the Applicant. Insert additional rows if needed. Leave blank if the Applicant will be solely responsible for project delivery).	[Insert Partner 2 name]	[Select and enter <u>one</u> descriptor from the types above that best describes Partner 2			
published by NEMA	successful, do you consent to have the ? dentity of the Applicant, the project title, the A will also publish the names of any Delivery of	project description and the amount of	Yes No		

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Project Details

Brief project description	
(Provide a succinct plain English summary of the project activities and expected outcomes that can be published and easy understood by the general public if the project application is successful) (Maximum 70 words)	
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(Describe the underlying problem that the project is seeking to address) (Maximum 100 words)	
Solution/Goal	
(Explain how the project intends to address the problem/ issue outlined above)	
(Maximum 100 words)	
Project Duration	up to 1 year
(Select one)	up to 2 years
	up to 3 years







Does, or will, this project directly support people from, or who identify as belonging to, specific population sub-groups? (select any that apply or 'no/none of the above' if none apply)	First Nations Children (<15 years) Seniors (65+ years) Youth (15-24 years) Women Culturally and Linguistically Diverse People from the LGBTQIA+ community Individuals experiencing domestic and family violence	Individuals experiencing homelessness, unemployment or poverty People with a disability People living with a mental health condition People living in regional, rural or remote locations No / none of the above
Estimated size of the target population group(s), including any sub-groups, that are expected to directly benefit from the project (Select one option only)	0–100 people 101–1,000 people 1,001–10,000 people 10,001–100,000 people	100,001–500,000 people 500,001–1,000,000 people 1,000,001–5,000,000 people >5,000,000 people
Does the project have a focus on or expected benefits for insurance affordability and/or availability, through risk mitigation or other means? (Note: responses to this question will be used for analytical and reporting purposes only, and will not be considered by the Assessment Panel)	Yes No Unknown If answering 'yes', provide a brief explanation, any expected benefits. (<i>Maximum 200 words</i>)	



Does the project have the potential to adversely impact a matter of national environmental significance under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)?

No

Yes

Note: NEMA will <u>not</u> support proposals which include activities with the potential to adversely impact a matter of national environmental significance.

Geographic extent	Town/City
Select <u>one</u> option that best describes the spatial	Local Government Area (LGA)
area of the project)	Multi-LGA
	State/territory wide
	Multi-jurisdictional
	National
	National
Jurisdiction(s)	Australian Capital Territory
The state(s) and/or territory(ies) where the project vill be <u>delivered</u>)	New South Wales
Select any that apply)	Northern Territory
	Queensland
	South Australia
	Tasmania
	Victoria
	Western Australia
	Christmas Island
	Cocos (Keeling) Islands
_ocal Government Area(s)	[e.g. NSW LGAs: Lismore; Richmond Valley; Byron; Ballina; Tweed; Clarence Valley; Kyogle]
(For each state and territory selected in the previous question, list all <u>relevant</u> Local Government Areas (LGAs) or, if the project will be delivered across all LGAs in the selected state(s) and territory(ies), enter the state and territory names followed by 'All LGAs'. LGA names should accord with those used by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). For assistance identifying LGA boundaries and names, we recommend using the <u>ABS Maps</u> tool with the 2023 Local Government Area boundary type selected).	



Site address(es)

(Provide the street address where your project will be undertaken (e.g. site where infrastructure will be built or service will be delivered). If you have multiple sites, add additional rows and enter the address of each site.

If the project will span a broad area rather than specific locations (e.g. a service provided to an entire city, LGA, state or territory) or specific site addresses are yet to be determined at the time of application, provide at least one address within each jurisdiction selected above from where project delivery will be coordinated.

A site address must be a street address; do not provide a postal address, institution or building name)

Project Alignment

	Site	Street address, suburb/town, state/territory & postcode
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DRF objective(s) (Select all objectives that the project will contribute to)	Knowledge – increase the understanding of natural hazard disaster impacts. Resilience and Preparedness – increase the resilience, adaptive capacity and/ or preparedness of governments, community service organisations and affected communities. Mitigation and Prevention – reduce the exposure to risk, harm and/or severity of a natural hazard's impacts.					
Hazard type(s) being targeted	Earthquakes					
(Select all that apply)	Landslides (including avalanches, mudslides, sinkholes)					
	Tsunamis					
	Bushfires (including wildfires)					
	Coastal hazards (including coastal erosion, and coastal inundation; sea level change					
	Cyclones					
	Floods (including flash flooding)					
	Heatwaves					
	Pollen storms					
	Storms (including severe thunderstorms, hailstorms and blizzards; east coast lows; geomagnetic solar storms (X or M Class))					
	Tornados (including damaging wind incidents and dust storms)					
	Other (if selected, please specify):					
Primary DRF stream	Stream One – Systemic Risk Reduction					

(Select <u>one</u> stream that best aligns with your project proposal. Refer to Section 3.3.3 of the Guidelines for more information about DRF streams. A secondary stream may be selected below, where applicable) Stream One – Systemic Risk Reduction

Stream Two - Infrastructure



Primary project	Stream One eligible activities:				
activity type (Select <u>one</u> activity	Supporting a better understanding of risk, through a better evidence base to understand and raise awareness of risk				
type that best aligns with your project proposal. Refer to	Projects that deliver risk reduction plans at the community, regional and state levels to mitigate identified risks and impacts				
Section 3.3.3 of the Guidelines for further information. Your	Strengthening representational and inclusive decision making by enhancing governance networks and communities of practice				
chosen primary activity type must correspond with your Primary DRF	Adaptation projects that improve land use planning and development practice projects				
Stream – e.g. If you selected Stream One as your primary stream,	Projects, including social projects, that build the capacity and capability of businesses, community sector organisation and/or at-risk communities				
select a primary activity type from the list of Stream One eligible	Projects that enable and incentivise private investment in disaster risk reduction				
activities only)	Stream Two eligible activities:				
	Investment in grey infrastructure				
	Investment in green-blue infrastructure (including nature based solutions)				
	Investment social infrastructure (including nature based solutions)				
	Investment in hazard monitoring infrastructure				
	Business case or feasibility study development for future infrastructure				
Secondary DRF stream and	Stream One - Systemic Risk Reduction				
scientiand secondary project activity types	Stream Two – Infrastructure				
(NEMA recognises that	Secondary Project Activity Types - Stream One eligible activities:				
projects may overlap streams and activity types. If your project	Supporting a better understanding of risk, through a better evidence base to understand and raise awareness of risk				
aligns with more than one stream and/or activity type, select	Projects that deliver risk reduction plans at the community, regional and state levels to mitigate identified risks and impacts				
the secondary stream (if applicable) and any relevant secondary	Strengthening representational and inclusive decision making by enhancing governance networks and communities of practice				
activity types from the lists provided. Only select streams	Adaptation projects that improve land use planning and development practice projects				
and activity types that have not already been selected in the	Projects, including social projects, that build the capacity and capability of businesses, community sector organisation and/or at-risk communities				
preceding questions (i.e. there is no need	Projects that enable and incentivise private investment in disaster risk reduction				
to repeat your primary stream and activity	Secondary Project Activity Types - Stream Two eligible activities:				
type here). These fields	Investment in grey infrastructure				
can be left blank if your project only relates to	Investment in green-blue infrastructure (including nature based solutions)				
the primary stream and primary activity type	Investment social infrastructure (including nature based solutions)				
selected above)	Investment in hazard monitoring infrastructure				
	Business case or feasibility study development for future infrastructure				
Domain(s)	Social Natural				

(Select all domains that the project relates to. Descriptions of each domain can be found in the Application How-To Guide)

Built

Natural Economic



Identify any <u>Second National Action Plan</u> National Actions to implement the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework Priorities that the project aligns with?

(Select all that apply. Leave blank if none apply)

Create consistent, accessible information, tools, guidance and programs to help everyone better understand their disaster risk and responsibilities, prepare risk mitigation plans and take appropriate action to manage their risks.

Improve disclosure of disaster risk across all stakeholders to support a shared understanding of risk and the development of hazard risk mitigation plans

Collaborate to harmonise and improve how data, information and research is produced, shared, tailored and used to inform effective approaches to risk reduction.

Build evidence, intelligence and insights by integrating local knowledge and lived experience, including traditional knowledge, to inform effective decisions.

Facilitate continuous improvement through monitoring and evaluating risk reduction activities and sharing lessons

Create hazard mitigation plans and scale across different levels, from individual and household plans, through to community, regional, state and national plans.

Strengthen risk-informed decision-making across all systems to address disaster risk and deliver co-benefits.

Strengthen risk-informed land-use planning, building control systems and settlement decisions to minimise the creation of new risk and address legacy risk.

Incorporate a range of community values into decision-making processes that acknowledge the broader benefits achievable through inclusive disaster risk reduction.

Enable and equip decision-makers to make adaptive and agile decisions when faced with imperfect information, and in a changing risk environment.

Strengthen the capability and capacity of individuals and communities to become leaders and make informed risk reduction decisions relevant to their local contexts.

Facilitate greater emergency management sector professionalisation, capability and participation, including volunteerism.

Align investment decisions with hazard risk mitigation plans and strategies at local, state, regional and national levels. Explicitly consider future disaster risk and betterment in investment decisions for disaster-specific and other funding streams.

Create mechanisms for innovation, valuing resilience beyond avoided costs and showcase project results which demonstrate effective outcomes.

Provide the environment for sustainable funding and consistent policy settings and processes to encourage the development of pipelines of investment for disaster risk reduction projects.

Pursue innovative finance models for risk reduction initiatives, including through co-investment and public-private partnerships, to encourage greater funds towards resilience outcomes.

Enable greater integration of disaster risk reduction into the financial system by exploring cooperation, optimising policy, regulatory frameworks, standards and guidance.

Create spaces, opportunities and governance arrangements for inclusive and diverse community representation, participation and access to the disaster management system.

Form and encourage meaningful partnerships and support place-based, community-led, locally-implemented, regionally coordinated approaches to disaster risk reduction, which ensure equity and inclusion across the system.

Better align recovery and resilience activities, governance, funding, policy and processes to support betterment and long-term disaster risk reduction.

Understand barriers and disincentives to risk reduction to ensure all in Australian society are empowered to exercise choice to reduce risk without disadvantage.

Strengthen mechanisms to improve cooperation and further support devolved disaster risk reduction planning and management at local and risk-appropriate regional levels.

Better align disaster risk and related disciplines which result in similar local impacts, particularly physical climate risk mitigation and adaptation and drought, to simplify and streamline governance, plans and effort.



Project Funding Summary (GST exclusive)

	Total Commonwealth funding sought	Total co-contribution being offered	Total project value (Total Commonwealth funding + total co-contribution)
Amount (\$)	(\$) [e.g. \$250,000]	(\$) [e.g. \$250,000]	(\$) [e.g. \$500,000]
Proportion of total project value (%)	% [e.g. 50%]	% [e.g. 50%]	100%

Applicant Co-contribution Details (GST exclusive)

	Co-contribution Breakdown			Co. contribution status	
Source	In-kind component (\$)	Financial component (\$)	Total (Financial + In-kind) (\$)	Co-contribution status at time of application submission (select one)	State or territory government entity? (Y/N)
Applicant	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	Confirmed In-principle	Yes – specify jurisdiction:
					No

Delivery Partner Co-contribution Details (GST exclusive)

	Co-contribution Breakdown			Co. combribution status	
Source	In-kind component (\$)	Financial component (\$)	Total (Financial + In-kind) (\$)	Co-contribution status at time of application submission (select one)	State or territory government entity? (Y/N)
Delivery Partner 1 [Insert Name]	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	Confirmed In-principle	Yes – specify jurisdiction: No
Delivery Partner 2 [Insert Name]	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	Confirmed In-principle	Yes - specify jurisdiction:
Delivery Partner 3 [Insert Name]	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	Confirmed In-principle	No Yes - specify jurisdiction:
Delivery Partner 4 [Insert Name]	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	Confirmed In-principle	No Yes - specify jurisdiction: No
Delivery Partner 5 [Insert Name]	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	Confirmed In-principle	Yes - specify jurisdiction: No



Delivery Partner Co-contribution Details (GST exclusive)

	Co-contribution Breakdown			Co-contribution status	
Source	In-kind component (\$)	Financial component (\$)	Total (Financial + In-kind) (\$)	at time of application submission (select one)	State or territory government entity? (Y/N)
Delivery Partner 6 [Insert Name]	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	Confirmed In-principle	Yes – specify jurisdiction:
Delivery Partner 7 [Insert Name]	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	Confirmed In-principle	No Yes – specify jurisdiction:
Delivery Partner 8 [Insert Name]	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	Confirmed In-principle	No Yes – specify jurisdiction:
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)		No
Delivery Partner Totals					

Co-contribution details - state and territory government sources combined (sub-total)

	Co-contribution Breakdown		
Source	In-kind component (\$)	Financial component (\$)	Total (Financial + In-kind) (\$)
State and territory government sources combined (Sub-total)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)

Co-contribution details - all sources combined (total)

	Co-contribution Breakdown			Co-contribution status
Source	In-kind component (\$)	Financial component (\$)	Total (Financial + In-kind) (\$)	at time of application submission (select one)
All sources combined (Total)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	Confirmed In-principle



Other Funding Sources

No Yes - If yes, provide further details below for each funder				
Funding Source	Amount (\$)	Date applied for/ awarded	Status/ Outcome	Brief Description of support sought/provided, including the purpose of the funding and the Australian Government Reference Number (AGRN) where relevant



Co-contribution Waivers

Is a co-contribution waiver or reduction being	No			
sought for this project?	Yes – If yes, which of the following are you seeking:			
	Full waiver - specify amount to be waived:			
	\$ = 100% of required co-contribution			
	Partial waiver - specify amount to be waived in \$ and as a proportion of the 50 per cent co-contribution requirement:			
	\$ = % of required co-contribution			
Co-contribution waiver/ reduction business case Only complete this section if requesting a full or partial waiver. Waiver requests submitted without a business	Waivers will only be considered in exceptional circumstances, and are more likely to be successful where exceptional circumstances are a result of several factors contributing to the inability to raise a co-contribution, and/or where the public benefit associated with the project is clearly demonstrated and supporting evidence is provided. Contributing Factors:			
case and supporting evidence will not be considered. Refer	Indicate which, if any, of the following factors apply to the waiver request:			
to section 5.3 of the DRF	Limited or no capacity to provide or raise funds			
Guidelines and the How-To Guide when completing this section of the form.	Project will deliver high impact for a disproportionately at-risk community and/ or cohort, or otherwise contribute to public benefit where there is a strong demonstrated need			
	Special circumstances contributing to high project costs (e.g. remoteness of a project).			
	Recent natural disasters or high disaster expenditure			
	Other – please specify (maximum 25 words):			
	Detailed Justification:			
	Provide a detailed justification for seeking a waiver. This should include, but is not limited to:			
	 a detailed description of the exceptional circumstances being experienced, including any factors listed above, and how they are preventing matching of Commonwealth funding 			
	 an explanation as to why existing funds have not/cannot been allocated to the proposal if it is a priority 			
	• for infrastructure projects, statements addressing and demonstrating the capacity of the Applicant and any delivery partners to maintain and fully utilise the project deliverables once Commonwealth funding ceases, in line any expected short, medium and long-term benefits outlined in response to Criterion One of the Selection Criteria, and			
	 evidence for all claims made (note: evidence may be provided as a separate attachment. Where evidence is attached, tick the box on the next page and ensure it is referenced in the business case). 			



[Enter justification here. Maximum 600 words]

Evidence attached (note: evidence could include, for example, information regarding the financial situation of an Applicant, or details of ongoing challenges in the delivery of infrastructure projects in a region (e.g. logistical or supplier challenges)).



Responses to Selection Criteria

Response to Criterion One – Project alignment with disaster risk (weighted 40 per cent)

Your response **must** demonstrate how the project reduces disaster risk, increases resilience, adaptive capacity and/or preparedness to disaster risk, and/or contributes to understanding of disaster risk, including statements addressing the following:

- the risk the project is addressing, how this has been assessed, and the anticipated impact of the project, including the estimated level(s) of disaster risk, resilience, preparedness and/ or understanding prior to and upon conclusion of the proposed project. If there is no existing risk assessment tool or limited understanding of risk to inform this, the application must explain whether the project funding will contribute to assessment of risk and increase the understanding of natural hazard and disaster impacts; and
- how the project will deliver its intended benefits over the short, medium and long term (e.g. increase the resilience, adaptive capacity and /or preparedness and/or reduce the exposure to risk, harm and/ or severity of a natural hazard's impacts); and
- how the project will avoid and manage the potential for maladaptation (including any unintentionally negative social, environmental or economic outcomes); and
- where appropriate, how climate change may impact infrastructure investments, including the use of the infrastructure, over its intended life span and how these risks may be mitigated.

(Maximum 600 words)



Responses to Selection Criteria

Response to Criterion Two – Alignment with existing plans or development of plans (weighted 30 per cent)

Your response **must** at a minimum include:

- detail on how the project meets the DRF objectives and aligns with one or more DRF investment principles, including if the project aligns to activities of the Second National Action Plan (see section 2.4); and
- detail on how the project aligns with and/or supports delivery of any existing state, territory, local government or community disaster risk reduction or adaptation plans, policies or frameworks, or how the project will develop or contribute to development of these policies, plans or frameworks where they do not currently exist.

(Maximum 600 words)



Response to Criterion Three – Likelihood of project success (weighted 30 per cent)

Your response **must** at a minimum address and include evidence of:

- the Applicant and/or delivery partner's capacity to complete the project in compliance with relevant industry and legislative standards;
- the Applicant and/or delivery partner's capability (including previous experience in undertaking similar scale projects), including confirmation of the ability to commence promptly and deliver the project within the agreed maximum three (3) year timeframes;
- other logistical considerations where relevant (e.g. the ability to procure or develop required technology or expertise);
- robust consultation occurring as the project proposal was developed, and support from local government(s) and/or relevant communities, including First Nations stakeholders where relevant;
- value with relevant money - which could include the percentage of costs to be spent on project administration (excluding the program administration funding provided to Lead Agencies), the extent to which the project draws in new (i.e. previously uncommitted) investment from state and territory governments and other delivery partners, the total applicant co-contribution being offered relative to the value of the grant sought, and detail regarding why this project is not able to be funded through other potentially more appropriate sources.

(Maximum 600 words)



Attachments

Mandatory Attachments	Completed project logic (.doc)	
Templates for these attachments will be made available by NEMA and must be submitted in their original formats.	Completed indicative budget (.xls)	
Optional Additional Attachments	Optional 1:	
Up to five additional attachments can be provided to support claims in the application (optional).	Optional 2:	
Maximum size limit per file is 20MB.	Optional 3:	
	Optional 4:	
	Optional 5:	

Conflicts of Interest Declaration

Does the Applicant, any delivery partners or the Lead Agency have any interests that have the potential to compromise the performance or integrity of the DRF in relation to the assessment or delivery of this project? Conflicts may be actual or perceived.

No

Yes - if yes, please list any relevant interests and describe how the Applicant and Lead Agency propose to manage any potential conflicts below (add additional rows as needed).

у	Individual or Entity Name	Nature of the interest/conflict	Proposed Management Strategy



Acknowledgements

You acknowledge that you have read the DRF Guidelines and you certify that the application is complete and accurate and that you have provided claims truthfully and to the best of your abilities. Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth) and NEMA will investigate any false or misleading information and may exclude the application from further consideration.

Yes

You acknowledge that the Australian Government reserves the right to refuse applications where a full co-contribution has not been provided and a waiver (full or partial) has not been sought. You also acknowledge that the Australian Government reserves the right to withdraw an offer of support for a project where the co-contribution is anticipated (i.e. offered in-principle) but not approved/confirmed prior to the signing of FFA Schedules.

Yes

You confirm that any financial assistance previously or currently sought or provided through Commonwealth, State/Territory or other initiatives to support the project have been disclosed.

Yes

You confirm that you have declared any actual or perceived conflicts of interest or that, to the best of your knowledge, there are no conflicts of interest, and acknowledge that you must inform NEMA in writing immediately if you later identify an actual or perceived conflicts of interest.

Yes

You confirm that you have consulted with relevant local governments, First Nations communities and other key stakeholders (e.g. local communities, delivery partners, academia) if the project has a place-based focus (i.e. practical impacts in one or more areas where those entities are impacted), or that this requirement does not apply to the project (i.e. not a place-based project)?

Yes

NEMA, as an agency to the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth), is required to notify you about our collection, use and disclosure of your personal information. We do so by referring you to the NEMA Privacy Policy and the Privacy information provided in the DRF Guidelines. You acknowledge that you have read and understood this information.

Yes

