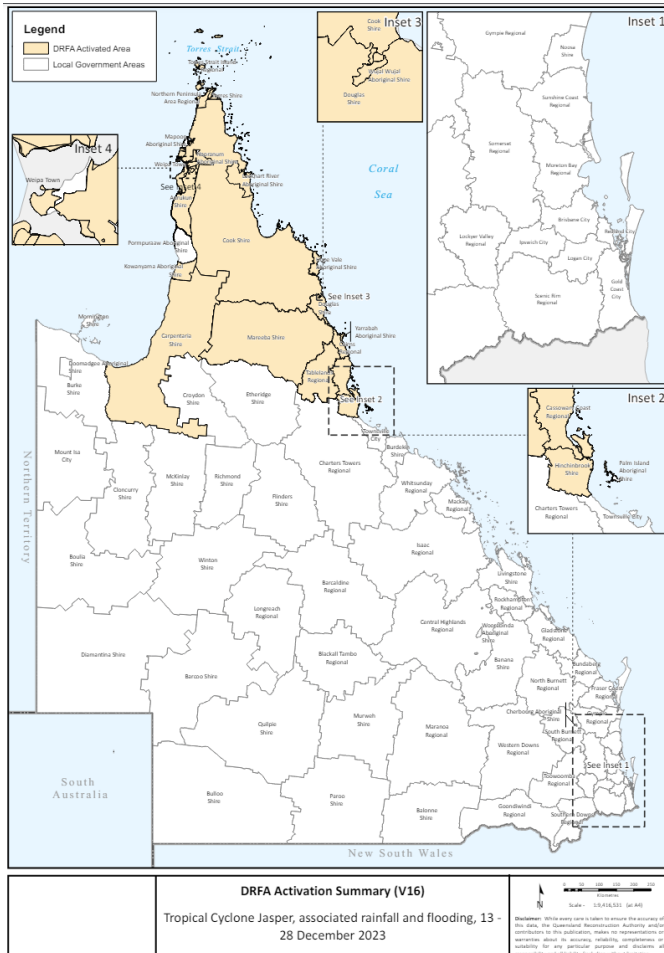


# Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements Event

Tropical Cyclone Jasper, associated rainfall and flooding, 13 - 28 December 2023 (V16)



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 across northern Queensland affected by Tropical Cyclone Jasper, 13 - 28 December 2023.”*

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

- Counter Disaster Operations
- Essential Services Safety 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
- Disaster Assistance (Small Business) Loans
- Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Small Business
- Disaster Assistance (Not-For-Profit Organisations) Loans
- Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Not-For-Profit organisations

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

Please refer to Category C/D Exceptional assistance measures table.

Local Government Area	Counter Disaster Operations	Essential Services Safety Reconnection Scheme	Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme	Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets	Disaster Assistance Loans			Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme			Freight Subsidies for Primary Producers	Extraordinary Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants		
					Primary Producer	Small Business	Not-for-profit orgs	Primary Producer	Small Business	Not-for-profit orgs		Primary Producer	Small Business	Not-for-profit orgs
Aurukun Aboriginal Shire Council	12/03/2024			12/03/2024										
Cairns Regional Council	13/12/2023	17/12/2023	17/12/2023	13/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	21/12/2023	21/12/2023	21/12/2023
Carpentaria Shire Council	29/12/2023			29/12/2023										
Cassowary Coast Regional Council	17/12/2023	17/12/2023	17/12/2023	17/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	21/12/2023	21/12/2023	21/12/2023
Cook Shire Council	13/12/2023	17/12/2023 <sup>1</sup>	17/12/2023 <sup>1</sup>	13/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	21/12/2023	21/12/2023	21/12/2023
Douglas Shire Council	13/12/2023	14/12/2023	14/12/2023	13/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	21/12/2023	21/12/2023	21/12/2023
Hinchinbrook Shire Council	19/12/2023			19/12/2023	19/12/2023			19/12/2023			19/12/2023	21/12/2023		
Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council	13/12/2023	20/12/2023	20/12/2023	13/12/2023	2/01/2024	19/12/2023		2/01/2024	19/12/2023		2/01/2024	04/01/2024	21/12/2023	
Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council	29/12/2023			23/01/2024										
Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council				29/12/2023										
Mareeba Shire Council	15/12/2023	17/12/2023	17/12/2023	15/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	21/12/2023	21/12/2023	21/12/2023
Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council	08/05/2024			08/05/2024										
Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council	06/02/2024			06/02/2024										
Tablelands Regional Council	15/12/2023	17/12/2023	17/12/2023	15/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	21/12/2023	21/12/2023	21/12/2023
Torres Shire Council	12/03/2024			12/03/2024										
Torres Strait Island Regional Council	12/03/2024			12/03/2024										
Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council	13/12/2023	14/12/2023	14/12/2023	13/12/2023	2/01/2024	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	2/01/2024	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	2/01/2024	04/01/2024	21/12/2023	21/12/2023
Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council	14/12/2023	15/12/2023	15/12/2023	15/12/2023	2/01/2024	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	2/01/2024	19/12/2023	19/12/2023	2/01/2024	04/01/2024	21/12/2023	21/12/2023

<sup>1</sup>The PHAS and ESSRS for Cook Shire Council is limited to specified areas – refer to <https://www.qld.gov.au/community/disasters-emergencies>  
For Essential Services Safety and Reconnection and Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme application process and eligibility, refer to <https://www.qld.gov.au/community/disasters-emergencies>

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## Exceptional Assistance Measures

DRFA Category	Package Type	Assistance Measure
C	Community Health and Wellbeing	Funding to conduct community health and wellbeing activities in communities impacted by this event.
C	Mental Health Program	Funding to support the mental health and wellbeing recovery in communities impacted by this event.
C	Tourism Recovery and Resilience Program	To support severely impacted local government areas that rely heavily on tourism with immediate support to recover from the significant impacts of the event.
D	Small Business Support Package	Funding to support recovery programs for impacted small businesses.
D	Rural Landholder Recovery Grant	Grants to support the extraordinary clean up and reinstatement of rural landholder properties impacted by this event.
D	Environmental Recovery Package	Funding to support environmental and cultural recovery activities to accelerate recovery across impacted areas.
D	Sport and Recreation Community Facilities Recovery Program	Funding to support recovery programs for sport and recreation facilities impacted by this event.
D	Clean Up Program	Direct funding to specified Local Governments and State Agencies to undertake assessments and conduct extraordinary clean-up activities.
D	Cyclone Industry Recovery and Resilience Officers and Business Wellness Coach Program	Category D funding for Cyclone Industry Recovery and Resilience Officers (CIRRO's) and a Business Wellness Coach to provide recovery assistance and support to primary producers.
D	Extraordinary disaster assistance grants	Category D grants for not-for-profit organisations and small businesses of up to \$50,000
D	Extraordinary disaster assistance grants	Category D grants for primary producers of up to \$75,000
D	Local Recovery and Resilience Grants	Category D grants for severely impacted local governments
D	Recovery Project Managers	Category D funding to specified Local Governments to engage project managers and other skilled workers to design, coordinate and manage extraordinary recovery efforts.

# 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 Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Partnerships, Communities and the Arts on 1800 173 349 or <https://www.dsdsatsip.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](http://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.
- **Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets**  
To assist local and state governments to reconstruct damaged essential public assets to pre-disaster function.

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

## 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 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 businesses:

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

Concessional interest rate loans to assist small business 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 small business 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 grants – Small Business**

Grants for small business 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)

## 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 Not-for-Profit Organisation**

Concessional interest rate loans to assist not-for-profit organisations 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 operations.

### **Extraordinary disaster assistance grants – Not-for-profit Organisations**

Grants for not-for-profit organisations who have suffered direct damage caused by an eligible Disaster.

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

## Extraordinary Assistance available:

### **Clean Up Program**

Direct funding to specified Local Governments and State Agencies to undertake assessments and conduct extraordinary clean-up activities.

### **Cyclone Industry Recovery and Resilience Officers and Business Wellness Coach Program**

Category D funding for Cyclone Industry Recovery and Resilience Officers (CIRRO's) and a Business Wellness Coach to provide recovery assistance and support to primary producers.

### **Extraordinary Disaster Assistance Grants**

Category D grants for not-for-profit organisations and small businesses of up to \$50,000 and for primary producers of up to \$75,000.

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

Category D grants for severely impacted local governments.

### **Recovery Project Managers**

Category D funding to specified Local Governments to engage project managers and other skilled workers to design, coordinate and manage extraordinary recovery efforts.

### **Tourism Recovery and Resilience Program**

To support severely impacted local government areas that rely heavily on tourism with immediate support to recover from the significant impacts of the event.

### **Community Health and Wellbeing**

Funding to conduct community health and wellbeing activities in communities impacted by this event.

### **Mental Health Program**

Funding to conduct community health and wellbeing activities to support the recovery of those impacted by this event.

### **Small Business Support Package**

Funding to support recovery programs for impacted small businesses.

### **Rural Landholder Recovery Grant**

Grants to assist in the recovery of rural landholders that have suffered direct damage to their assets as a result of this event.

### **Environmental Recovery Package**

Funding to support environmental and cultural recovery activities to accelerate recovery across impacted areas.

### **Sport and Recreation Community Facilities Recovery Program**

Funding to support recovery programs for sport and recreation facilities impacted by this event.