

Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements event

South Queensland Severe Storms and Rainfall, 24 December 2023 –

3 January 2024 (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 South Queensland affected by a series of severe storms, dangerous winds and intense rainfall from the 24th December 2023 to 3rd January 2024”*

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

Please refer to Category D Exceptional assistance measures table.

Further information:

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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
Banana Shire Council	19/01/2024			19/01/2024										
Brisbane City Council	08/01/24													
City of the Gold Coast	27/12/23	27/12/23	27/12/23	27/12/23	30/12/23	30/12/23	30/12/23	30/12/23	30/12/23	30/12/23	30/12/23	09/01/24	09/01/24	09/01/24
City of Moreton Bay	07/05/2024													
Logan City Council	28/12/23	27/12/23 ¹	27/12/23 ¹	30/12/23	30/12/23	30/12/23	30/12/23	30/12/23	30/12/23	30/12/23	30/12/23	09/01/24	09/01/24	09/01/24
Murweh Shire Council	08/01/24			05/04/2024										
Redland City Council	08/01/24													
Scenic Rim Regional Council	28/12/23	27/12/23 ¹	27/12/23 ¹	28/12/23	30/12/23	30/12/23	30/12/23	30/12/23	30/12/23	30/12/23	30/12/23	09/01/24	09/01/24	09/01/24

¹ The PHAS and ESSRS 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	Community Development Program	Funding to conduct community development 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	Monitoring and Evaluation	Category C funding for the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) to monitor and evaluate the Category C and D DRFA Exceptional Circumstances Packages related to the event.
D	Clean Up Program	Direct funding to specified Local Governments and State Agencies to undertake assessments and conduct extraordinary clean-up activities.
D	Environmental Recovery Package	Funding to support environmental and cultural recovery activities to accelerate recovery across impacted areas.
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	Legal assistance disaster relief package	Funding to provide efficient and effective legal assistance services to vulnerable and disadvantaged Queenslanders.
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.

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D	Small Business Support Program	Funding to support recovery programs for impacted small businesses.
D	Sport and Recreation Communities Facilities Recovery Program	Funding to support recovery programs for sport and recreation facilities impacted by this event.

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

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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- **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.gra.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.

Contact Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority on 1800 623 946 or www.qrida.qld.gov.au

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

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

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.

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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.

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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 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.

Contact Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority on 1800 623 946 or www.qrida.qld.gov.au

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

Extraordinary Assistance available:

Legal assistance disaster relief package

To provide efficient and effective legal assistance services to vulnerable and disadvantaged Queenslanders.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Funding for the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) to monitor and evaluate the Category C and D DRFA Exceptional Circumstances Packages related to the events.

Clean Up Program

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

Community Health and Wellbeing

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

Community Development Program

Funding to conduct community development activities in communities impacted by this event.

Environmental Recovery Package

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

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.

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Local Recovery and Resilience Grants

Category D grants for severely impacted local governments.

Mental Health Program

Funding to support the mental health and wellbeing recovery in communities impacted by this event.

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.

Small Business Support Program

Funding to support recovery programs for impacted small businesses.

Sport and Recreation Communities Facilities Recovery Program

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