

Exceptional events – DRFA Category A, B and C Relief Measures

Activation requirements	Category A and B standard DRFA funding relief measures: - assist with the extraordinary costs of response and immediate recovery activities following a DRFA eligible disaster - are approved for activation by the State Minister for Disaster Recovery.	Category C and D extraordinary circumstance funding relief measures: - may be requested following an exceptional disaster, where recovery needs are beyond category A and B measures must be requested by the State as a capped, event-specific package to address an identified need must be jointly approved by the Premier and the Prime Minister (PM) following the exceptional event.
	Refer to Queensland Disaster Funding Guidelines (QDFG) Section 4 and Section 3 Principles for assistance https://www.qra.qld.gov.au/funding/drfa .	Refer to QDFG Section 4 DRFA activation, Section 17 Category C requirements and Section 3 Principles for assistance.

	Counter Disaster Operations Category A/B	Emergency Works Category B	Community Relief Fund Category C	Community Recreational Assets Category C	Sport & Recreation Facilities (SRF) Category C
Purpose	Counter Disaster Operations (CDO) funding may be activated where required to contribute towards the actual extraordinary costs incurred by <i>eligible councils and state agencies</i> when delivering eligible CDO activities in response to an eligible disaster, to protect or assist individuals and the public under threat from or directly impacted by the eligible disaster.	Emergency Works (EWK) funding may be activated (under REPA) where required to contribute towards the actual extraordinary costs incurred by <i>eligible councils and state agencies</i> when delivering temporary repairs and clean-up of eligible essential public assets impacted by an eligible disaster. <i>Local government trigger points apply to REPA EWK.</i>	An event specific, capped Community Relief Fund (CRF) package may be requested following an exceptional disaster to support <i>severely impacted councils</i> in delivering immediate recovery activities such as essential clean-up and make safe of public areas that are not eligible under Category A & B, are not covered by insurance or other state-based funding sources.	An event specific, capped Community Recreational Assets (CRC) package may be requested to support <i>eligible councils and state agencies</i> with the clean-up and repair of community recreational assets that have been directly damaged by the exceptional disaster and are not eligible under Category A & B and are not covered by insurance, to assist in resuming services and contribute to community recovery.	An event specific, capped Sport and Recreation Facilities (SRF) package may be requested to support <i>eligible councils and nonprofit organisations</i> to repair <i>multiuse community sport, active recreation and racing facilities</i> that have been directly damaged by the exceptional disaster and are not eligible under Category A & B and are not covered by insurance, to assist in reconnecting community networks and recovery.
Guideline requirements	Refer to QDFG Section 8	Refer to QDFG Section 9	Refer to QDFG Section 17 and the relevant event specific package guideline at https://www.qra.qld.gov.au/funding-programs/event-specific-exceptional-circumstances-assistance		
Eligible Timeframes	CDO activities <i>must be completed immediately before, during or immediately after</i> the activated event. Costs must be claimed within three months from the end of the financial year the activities were completed.	EWK works <i>must be completed within 3 months</i> from the end of the activated event; or <i>within 3 months</i> from when the asset becomes accessible (requires evidence supporting accessibility). Costs must be claimed within three months from the end of the financial year the works were completed.	Eligible timeframes are detailed in the relevant event specific package Guideline. Important: Under the DRFA, State and council expenditure incurred prior to the PM's approval date is ineligible.		
					NOTE: eligible <i>nonprofit</i> applicants may be eligible to claim costs of eligible works undertaken after the event. Refer to the relevant event specific guideline.

	Counter Disaster Operations Category A/B	Emergency Works Category B	Community Relief Fund Category C	Community Recreational Assets Category C	Sport & Recreation Facilities (SRF) Category C
Eligible activities	Disaster response activities. To protect and assist individuals e.g. search and rescue, sandbagging / temporary levees / fire breaks to protect residential properties, evacuations, evacuation centres, cyclone shelters, residential water testing, residential clean up to enable residents to return home. To protect the public, e.g. sandbagging / temporary levees, barriers or fire breaks to protect central business districts; district, local and state disaster management operations.	Emergency clean-up / temporary repairs to eligible essential public assets directly impacted by the event and <i>not covered by insurance</i>, to enable them to operate or be operated at an acceptable level of efficiency to support the immediate recovery of the community. E.g. removal and management of event debris from roads, emergency pothole repairs, emergency crossings, detours, signage.	Emergency clean-up and make safe works and activities in areas directly impacted by the exceptional event and <i>ineligible under DRFA Category A & B and not covered by insurance or other funding sources</i>. E.g. clean up from residential backyards, emergency clean up and make safe of public areas - non-habitable areas, uninsured business, commercial, agricultural and industrial areas, to make safe and resume essential services to and support community recovery.	Replace and repair council / state owned community recreational infrastructure directly damaged by the exceptional event and <i>are ineligible under DRFA Category A & B and not covered by insurance</i>. E.g. repairs to eligible councils' parks and facilities, playgrounds, community halls, community centres, showgrounds, club facilities, recreational boardwalks, walkways and bikeways to resume services and support community recovery.	Repair / replace eligible nonprofit community sport and recreational facilities / equipment that has been directly damaged by the exceptional event and is <i>ineligible under Category A & B and not covered by insurance</i>. E.g. repairs to eligible nonprofit community sport grounds, racing facilities, playing fields, courts, arenas, club houses, change rooms and storage, and related facilities and equipment to resume services and support community recovery.
Funding Readiness	Ensure systems, resources and processes are ready before a disaster occurs to meet the requirements and: - track costs to <i>what</i> CDO activities are completed, <i>where, why</i> and <i>when</i> while responding to the disaster event and - gather the required financial and other evidence while undertaking the CDO activities ready to claim reimbursement of eligible extraordinary costs of eligible CDO activities.	Ensure systems, resources and processes are ready before a disaster occurs to meet the requirements and: - track costs and evidence to <i>what</i> emergency works are completed on <i>which</i> eligible assets that have been impacted by a disaster event and - gather the required data, post event damage photos (with metadata) and financial evidence while undertaking the emergency works to claim reimbursement of the eligible costs of eligible works.	Ensure systems, resources and processes are ready before a disaster occurs to: <i>identify exceptional event impacts in the LGA requiring clean-up and make safe activities that are ineligible under DRFA Category A & B, and not covered by insurance and</i> - gather the required post event damage evidence (photos with metadata), scope and financial evidence to demonstrate the event impact, required scope, and meet the DRFA requirements.	Ensure systems, resources and processes are ready before a disaster occurs to: <i>identify the exceptional event direct impacts on council / state owned community facilities that are ineligible under Category A & B and not covered by insurance</i> - gather the required post event damage, scope, and completion evidence (photos with metadata) and financial evidence to demonstrate the event impact on assets, required scope, and meet the DRFA requirements.	Ensure systems, resources and processes are ready before a disaster occurs to: <i>identify the exceptional event direct impact on NFP managed active sport and recreation facilities that are ineligible under Category A & B and not covered by insurance</i> - gather the required data, post event damage, scope, and completion evidence (photos with metadata) and financial evidence to meet DRFA requirements.
More information and how to apply.	Refer to: Applying for DRFA DRFA toolbox - CDO pre-lodgement checklist. Contact: your QRA Regional Liaison Officer (RLO)	Refer to: Applying for DRFA DRFA toolbox - EWK pre-lodgement checklist Contact your QRA RLO	To flag exceptional event circumstances and Category C recovery needs above: Contact your QRA RLO To apply for funding under an approved package: Refer to the relevant event specific package guidelines - on QRA's website https://www.qra.qld.gov.au/funding-programs/event-specific-exceptional-circumstances-assistance or - on the relevant State delivery agency's website or - via your QRA RLO		