

# Flexible Funding Grants

## Frequently Asked Questions

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The Flexible Funding Grants\* are targeted to projects focused on the following three initiatives to improve the preparedness and resilience of vulnerable people, families, communities and organisations that have been impacted by disasters:

- Person-Centred Emergency Preparedness and Planning
- Disaster Preparedness and Business Continuity Planning
- Social Services Capacity Building.

Eligible organisations are invited to submit proposals outlining their ideas to deliver projects that align with the primary objectives of the grants. Refer to the guidelines for more information.

## How much funding is available?

Funding is outlined in the below table for each event. The funding amount is for all targeted initiatives in all targeted LGAs for that event.

For example, there is \$3.8 million available to deliver all three initiatives in the 9 targeted LGAs impacted by Tropical Cyclone Jasper.

Event	Funding	Targeted LGAs	Targeted Initiatives
Southern Queensland Bushfires 8 September 2023 – 7 November 2023	\$427,500 (CAT C)	Bundaberg Gladstone Southern Downs Toowoomba Western Downs	Person-Centred Emergency Preparedness and Planning  AND Disaster Preparedness and Business Continuity Planning
Northern Queensland Bushfires 18 October 2023 – 8 December 2023	\$142,500 (CAT E)	Cook Mareeba Tablelands	Person-Centred Emergency Preparedness and Planning  AND Disaster Preparedness and Business Continuity Planning

Event	Funding	Targeted LGAs	Targeted Initiatives
Tropical Cyclone Jasper, Associated Rainfall and Flooding 13 December 2023 – 28 December 2023	\$3.8M (CAT C)	Cairns Cassowary Cook Douglas Hope Vale Mareeba Tablelands Wujal Wujal Yarrabah	Person-Centred Emergency Preparedness and Planning AND Disaster Preparedness and Business Continuity Planning AND Social Services Capacity Building
South Queensland Severe Storms and Rainfall 24 December 2023 – 3 January 2024	\$2.375M (CAT C)	Gold Coast Logan Scenic Rim	Same as above

## Where did the funding come from?

The Flexible Funding Grants (FFG) are part of the Disaster Recovery and Funding Arrangements for Category C and Category E Community Health and Wellbeing package.

The CAT C funding is an exceptional circumstances package jointly agreed and funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments (50:50) under Category C of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

\*Funding for TC Jasper, South Queensland Storms and Southern Queensland Bushfires initiatives has been provided through the jointly funded Commonwealth-state Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

The CAT E funding is funded through the Efficiencies Funding Program (EFP) by the Queensland Government through efficiencies obtained during the delivery of Queensland's DRFA reconstruction program.

\*Funding for Northern Bushfires initiatives has been made available through the Efficiencies Funding Program 2023-24 – jointly funded by the Commonwealth and State Governments through efficiencies realised during the delivery of Queensland's DRFA reconstruction program.

## What organisations are eligible to apply?

To be eligible to apply for Flexible Funding Grants, organisations must be incorporated and one of the organisation types listed in the supplier funding guidelines under 'Part B – Application Process'.

## Can I apply for a grant as an individual?

Individuals cannot apply for the Flexible Funding Grants.

## Can someone from the Department of Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety (the department) help me with the development of an application?

No. To ensure fairness and integrity, the department cannot assist applicants with their applications.

## How much can I apply for?

Organisations can apply for up to the funding cap for each initiative. For example, an eligible organisation can apply for up to \$142,500 for the Northern Bushfires or up to \$3.8M for Tropical Cyclone Jasper and Associated Rainfall and Flooding. Applicants can apply for one, multiple, or all initiatives within the program

## What can I apply for?

Please refer to the Supplier Funding Guidelines for a list of eligible and ineligible costs.

## Where can I get more information?

Industry Briefing sessions are being held on 3 and 5 September 2025.

To register for the briefing please contact the Community Recovery Long Term Recovery and Resilience (LTRR) team at [CRBFFG@chde.qld.gov.au](mailto:CRBFFG@chde.qld.gov.au)

Further information is also available in the Supplier Funding Guidelines or by emailing [CRBFFG@chde.qld.gov.au](mailto:CRBFFG@chde.qld.gov.au)

## How do I apply?

Complete an application form on the [Smarty Grants website](#). Please refer to [Help Guide for Applicants](#)

## What happens once I have submitted my application?

Once you have submitted your application in Smarty Grants you will receive an automated email acknowledging your application and providing an application number.

We may contact you to request further information if needed.

The review and assessment of applications will be undertaken by departmental grant assessors with expertise in program content, grants processes, and knowledge of communities and/or target groups where grants will be distributed.

To ensure integrity and probity of the grant assessment and approval process, applications will undergo several layers of assessment by a team of assessors, therefore the assessment process will take a number of weeks.

## What is the closing date?

11.59pm on Wednesday 1 October 2025

## Can I get feedback if an application is unsuccessful

Unsuccessful applicants can ask for feedback by emailing the LTRR team at [CRBFFG@chde.qld.gov.au](mailto:CRBFFG@chde.qld.gov.au)

The department will endeavour to provide feedback within one month of the request.

## Can I apply for infrastructure projects?

The purchase of new assets and construction/installation of infrastructure to undertake eligible activities is generally ineligible. This includes purchase of core business capital equipment such as motor vehicles, phones, and office equipment or furnishings. Please refer to the program guidelines in Part A – 'Costs' for an indicative table to eligible and ineligible costs.

## Are wage costs eligible?

Wages and wage related costs may be eligible for your project. These must be directly related to delivering the program initiatives, however existing permanent and casual roles or senior executive officers or employees for work not related to the program are ineligible. Please refer to program guidelines in Part A – 'Costs' for further information.

## When will organisations be advised of the outcome of their application and when can projects commence?

Once applications close on 1 October, the department will undertake a comprehensive assessment process and require approval before organisations can be informed of the outcome.

Our aim is for all organisations to receive the outcome of their application by late November 2025, with successful organisations provided with respective contracts with the department by December 2025. However, this timeline may be impacted by the volume of applications received and the duration of the assessment process, particularly if additional queries or follow-ups are required

## Will smaller organisations that are unable to operate across all LGAs still be eligible for consideration?

Smaller organisations that can deliver services within eligible LGAs are encouraged to apply. This will be factored into the assessment process to help ensure comprehensive coverage across all LGAs.

## What is the timeframe for the delivery of projects under the initiatives?

All approved activities are required to be completed by 31 March 2027. Projects may commence once a contract is executed between the department and the successful applicant. The project plan should clearly outline these timelines and associated details.