

# Community Resilience Innovation Program

The Community Resilience Innovation Program (CRIP) is a scheme under the Natural Disaster Resilience Program, funded by the New South Wales and Commonwealth Governments through the National Partnership Agreement on Natural Disaster Resilience.

The CRIP supports a broad range of community-led projects designed to increase all-hazard disaster preparedness and build community capacity and resilience. CRIP projects are based on collaboration and partnership between local community organisations and emergency services agencies.

CRIP aims to:

- Foster ways to effectively engage the local community in creative, community focussed activities that build local capacity and capability for disaster resilience
- Develop effective partnerships and build networks between local community organisations, councils, businesses and emergency services agencies
- Share knowledge and lessons learnt about approaches and models through project evaluation
- Support initiatives that can be integrated into current business and maintained in the longer term

Projects supported through the CRIP are designed to respond to the specific needs and characteristics of the local community. Projects may involve the entire community or be tailored to the needs of particular groups, such as people identified as more vulnerable to disaster events.

A focus of CRIP is capturing lessons learned about new ways of working, what works and what could be done differently, so that successful projects can be replicated in other communities. For this reason project evaluation must be built into the project.

Projects should be completed within 12 months to 24 months.

CRIP has a limited budget and not all applications can be funded.

## [NSW State Level Emergency Risk Assessment](#)

CRIP is consistent with the [NSW State Level Emergency Risk Assessment \(pdf\)](#) which has identified 10 priorities, including 'coordinated approach to community engagement for emergency risks'.

## [National Strategy for Disaster Resilience Community Engagement Framework](#)

[The National Strategy for Disaster Resilience Community Engagement Framework \(pdf\)](#) provides guidance to those working in emergency management. Applicants should use the Framework as a basis for designing community engagement strategies for their project.

**Who can apply:**

- non-government organisations including not-for-profit organisations and local community groups
- local councils
- government agencies with emergency management responsibilities
- unincorporated community groups auspiced by an organisation that is eligible to apply in their own right
- local units/brigades of an emergency service through their parent agency

Applicants **who are not** a government emergency management agency are required to provide a letter of endorsement with their application from a government agency with emergency management responsibilities.

## Applications

**Applications open now until 23 July 2019.**

### [Office of Emergency Management Grants Applications](#)

#### Selection Criteria

Projects will be assessed on the extent to which they demonstrate:

##### *Program aims and objectives*

- how the project supports an innovative approach to strengthening disaster resilience
- clear demonstration of the community benefit
- collaborative partnerships in the development and implementation of the project
- new or stronger networks between the community and the emergency management sector
- effective engagement of the community in the project
- outcomes that are sustainable, and the project can be replicated in other communities
- research evidence that supports the project need, and the proposed delivery approach

##### *Capacity and capability to deliver the project*

- a detailed budget that demonstrates value for money and effective use of project funds to achieve program outputs and outcomes
- robust tasks that are achievable within project timeframes, using appropriate resources

##### *Effective project evaluation*

- embedded quality evaluation from project inception to completion including consideration of one or more of the following - process, outcome and impact evaluations
- effective strategies for communicating project findings and lessons learnt

## Not Eligible for Funding

- for-profit organisations, including small business
- applications that seek support for supplementing, increasing or continuing ongoing service delivery, or for funding the core business of the organisation
- applications that request recurrent/ongoing program funding
- projects that duplicate existing services
- applications that seek funding for work already undertaken or that will commence before funding decisions are made
- applications that seek funding for projects which produce commercial outputs

## Grants Approved in Previous Rounds

- [Approved projects 2015/17](#)
- [Approved projects 2014/15](#)
- [Approved projects 2013/14](#)

## Conditions of Funding

After grants are offered applicants may be required to provide further detail to the budget or work plan before an agreement is signed.

The funding agreement is based on the information contained in the application, including any additional information provided. Grant recipients will provide quarterly progress reports and a final report of the project.

Failure to provide reports may affect an organisation's eligibility for future funding through the Natural Disaster Resilience Program. Funding is paid in two to three instalments, depending on the project value. Any unspent monies must be returned to OEM.

## Further Assistance

See the Australian Government [Natural Disaster Resilience Program](#).

For further information:

- [National Strategy for Disaster Resilience](#)
- [NSW State Level Emergency Risk Assessment \(pdf\)](#)
- [National Strategy for Disaster Resilience Community Engagement Framework \(pdf\)](#)

- [Get Ready](#)

Applicants are encouraged to contact Mandy Moore, Senior Manager Resilience and Engagement at [mandy.moore@justice.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mandy.moore@justice.nsw.gov.au) or on (02) 9212 9241 when scoping and developing their applications.

For further information and technical queries relating to the application form and enquire please contact the Office of Emergency Management Grants Unit via email at [OEMCRIP@justice.nsw.gov.au](mailto:OEMCRIP@justice.nsw.gov.au) or (02) 9212 9251.