

Queensland Disaster Resilience Fund

The Queensland Disaster Resilience Fund (QDRF) supports projects to strengthen the resilience of Queensland communities and help them be better prepared for disasters.

The \$38 million QDRF is funded by the Queensland Government and will be delivered over four years. The first funding round of \$9.5 million commences in the 2018-19 financial year and will be administered by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA).

Objectives

The QDRF objectives are to support delivery of disaster resilience and mitigation projects that:

- align with the [Queensland Strategy for Disaster Resilience](#) objectives
- are cost effective and evidence based
- address state-risk priorities such as those identified in the [Queensland State Natural Hazard Risk Assessment 2017](#).

Resilience Funding Guidelines

The *2018-19 Resilience Funding Guidelines* (the Guidelines) are for both of the following funding programs:

- \$9.5 million in Queensland Government funding under the first year of the QDRF
- Further to the QDRF, an additional \$1.15 million in Australian Government funding may be available under the Prepared Communities Fund, as part of the Australian Government's Preparing Australia Package, for eligible projects submitted under the first round of QDRF.

Applicants do not need to specify a funding program within their application. This will be assigned as part of the assessment process.

Projects approved under the Guidelines will be allocated funding of up to \$2 million as a subsidy towards the eligible project costs, with all applicants expected to make a financial contribution towards the eligible project costs.

Eligible applicants demonstrating a limited capacity to self-fund a project, may be considered for a higher funding percentage. In exceptional circumstances, other conditions may be considered for a project.

The Guidelines and application form are available at www.qra.qld.gov.au/QDRF.

Eligibility criteria

Eligible applicants include:

- local government bodies constituted under the *Local Government Act 2009* or the *City of Brisbane Act 2010*
- Regional Organisations of Councils
- Queensland Government departments and agencies
- Regional Natural Resource Management bodies
- River Improvement Trusts
- incorporated non-government organisations (including volunteer groups) and Queensland-based not-for-profit organisations.

Collaborative projects are encouraged and may be lodged as a joint application between eligible applicants. An eligible applicant may also submit a joint application made with an ineligible applicant.

Key dates

- Applications close **18 April 2019**
- Advice of project approvals by **30 June 2019**
- Funded projects to be completed by **30 June 2021**
- Lodgement of complete acquittal documentation to QRA to **30 September 2021**.

Eligible infrastructure projects

Example projects include but are not limited to:

- upgrading or replacing existing assets such as:
 - transport assets including roads, bridges, culverts, floodways and causeways
 - drainage management pump stations, stormwater systems and major drains
 - weather warning and monitoring systems.
- planning and designing of infrastructure for the primary purpose of community resilience
- constructing new, or upgrading existing shelters, evacuation centres and places of refuge
- constructing new natural hazard mitigation infrastructure
- constructing new or upgrading existing fire trails and associated measures.

Eligible non-infrastructure projects

Example projects include but are not limited to:

- natural hazard risk assessments and studies
- research and / or development projects
- development of evacuation plans
- development of regional-scale resilience strategies to address natural hazard risk in the area
- community preparedness, education and training programs
- appointment of community or regional resilience officers to address identified need
- capacity building programs for local volunteers
- research and studies that identify and address bushfire mitigation priorities across the state
- flood modelling and mapping, and flood risk management studies and plans
- purchase of disaster management equipment
- bushfire related fuel reduction activities
- recovery capability and/or resilience building programs.

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More information

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