

**COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION of NSW**  
**Disaster Relief Fund Application Information and Criteria**  
**Drought Relief**

The Country Women's Association of NSW is providing funds from its Disaster Relief Fund for drought relief in NSW. These monies are available for farming businesses that are drought affected and dependent on farming as their primary source of income. The monies are available for a wide range of expenses as outlined below.

Note: These funds have been provided by corporate or individual donations, as well as donations from CWA branches.

Eligible applicants are:

- farmers or farming dependent contractors, and/or
- farming dependent families (including families servicing farming, such as farming contractors and local rural businesses).

In addition, applicants must also demonstrate the following:

- they must be located in an area that is identified as being in drought, according to the NSW DPI Combined Drought Indicator; and
- a reliance on farming or farming related activities for the majority of their income; and
- evidence that their primary source of income has suffered as a direct result of drought.

Grants are available to help meet household expenses. Examples of household expenses include:

- food,
- pharmacy
- vehicle maintenance,
- school expenses,
- utilities (attributable to house use), up to a maximum of \$1000
- rates (attributable to house block), instalment up to a maximum of \$1000
- telephone and internet expenses
- dental and medical, such as gap payments or cost of travel to access treatment.

Household expenses submitted can be **paid or unpaid** and must be current within 2 months of lodgement.

Grant payments will be made up to a maximum of \$3,000 per individual applicant and/or household. An individual applicant and/or household may apply more than once, provided that they have not already reached the maximum \$3000.