



This is a joint Commonwealth/Queensland Government funded assistance scheme under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA)

Grants up to \$25,000 for non-profit organisations

Non-profit organisations which have suffered direct damage from the Queensland Floods (November 2010 - January 2011) or Tropical Cyclone Yasi can apply for Special Disaster Assistance grants.

What assistance is available?

Grants up to \$25,000 are available to assist eligible non-profit organisations as follows:

- an initial claim of up to \$5,000 to assist your organisation with immediate recovery costs (subject to future QRAA audit)
- a subsequent claim of up to \$20,000 to recover costs that you have paid to repair direct disaster damage.

Assisting you...

The grant will help you to recover from the disaster by assisting you with eligible costs, including but not limited to:

- purchasing, hiring or leasing plant, equipment or materials to clean up premises, or immediately resume usual operations
- engaging other parties to clean up premises
- clearing or disposing of debris, damaged goods or materials
- repairing or restoring essential premises including grounds, amenities and infrastructure
- repairing or reconditioning essential plant and equipment
- repairing or replacing essential fittings
- leasing temporary premises to resume operations
- safety inspections
- paying wages to an employee to assist in cleaning or restoring the operation (above normal wages).

The assistance is not intended to compensate for loss of income.

How to apply...

Application forms can be downloaded from our website at www.qraa.qld.gov.au and are also available by contacting us on Freecall 1800 623 946.

Who can apply?

To be eligible for the grant, the organisation must:

- be an incorporated non-profit organisation as defined by the scheme guidelines
- have suffered direct damage from the disaster event and be located within an eligible local government area
- intend to re-establish its operations.

To assist with the application process organisations are advised to take photographs of the damage to their assets and retain copies of invoices, receipts, cost estimates and quotes.

Further eligibility criteria apply please consult the scheme guidelines.

Financial hardship...

If you are unable to pay for clean up and restoration costs you may be eligible to apply for assistance under financial hardship whereby QRAA will make payments direct to suppliers.

To demonstrate financial hardship you must provide a certificate (letter) from a suitably qualified person (e.g. accountant) stating that paying for these costs would put the organisation's activities in doubt.

For further information please consult the scheme guidelines.

Personalised service...

QRAA has regional Client Liaison Officers who can assist you with your application. If you would like to speak with a QRAA representative, please call us on Freecall 1800 623 946.

Closing date approaching...

To apply for this assistance, please complete and submit the Special Disaster Assistance Application form to QRAA no later than **30 June 2012**.

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