

Exceptional Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants

\$50,000 assistance for small businesses

Exceptional Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants of up to \$50,000 are available to assist **directly impacted small businesses** with the costs of clean-up and reinstatement as a result of the Queensland Monsoon Trough, Cyclone Koji, Cyclone Narelle and Severe Weather event.

Purpose



Purchase equipment and materials to undertake clean up



Assist with additional labour costs (above and beyond normal wage expenditure i.e. day-to-day staffing)



Dispose of damaged goods and stock, including associated costs



Recondition or repair essential plant and equipment



Carry out essential repairs to buildings (other than housing), premises and internal fittings



Purchase or hire/lease costs for equipment essential to the immediate resumption of the business



Pay for tradespeople to conduct safety inspections

Features



\$5,000

Initial grant amount



\$45,000

Subsequent grant amount



Plenty of time to apply

Applications close 15 January 2027.

How to apply



To apply for an **Exceptional Disaster Assistance Recovery Grant** you need to complete an application form and submit this with other required documents to QRIDA, as detailed over the page.







Getting started

Get started by scanning the QR Code to download the application form from QRIDA's website.




Application requirements

In addition to your completed application form, you will also need to submit the following documents and items as part of your application:

-  Photographs of damage
-  Personal identification
-  Rates notice or lease agreement
-  Financial statements, tax returns, bank statements
-  Details of your insurance
-  Evidence of payment*

* Copies of tax invoices or quotes estimates for applications up to \$5,000 (i.e. for immediate resumption of business directly following the disaster event) and for applications over \$5,000 or subsequent applications up to \$45,000 - copies of tax invoices AND evidence that these have been paid (e.g. bank statements, electronic bank confirmations or official receipts)

Eligibility

 To be eligible for the grant you will need to meet the eligibility requirements listed in the Exceptional Disaster Assistance Recovery Grant guidelines.

Eligibility requirements include that the grant assistance must be used to help pay for those costs associated with the direct physical damage incurred from the disaster event (e.g. direct water, wind or structural damage), not costs associated with indirect damage such as loss of income or spoilage caused by power outages.

Scan the QR code to go to the QRIDA web page for this grant and download the guidelines.



Defined disaster area



The defined disaster area for small businesses under the Queensland Monsoon Trough, Cyclone Koji, Cyclone Narelle and Severe Weather event include the following Local Government Areas:

- Aurukun Shire Council
- Boulia Shire Council
- Bundaberg Regional Council
- Burdekin Shire Council
- Burke Shire Council
- Carpentaria Shire Council
- Cassowary Coast Regional Council
- Cloncurry Shire Council
- Croydon Shire Council
- Diamantina Shire Council
- Douglas Shire Council
- Etheridge Shire Council
- Flinders Shire Council
- Gladstone Regional Council
- Isaac Regional Council
- Mackay Regional Council
- McKinlay Shire Council
- Mount Isa City Council

- Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council
- Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council
- Richmond Shire Council
- Townsville City Council
- Western Downs Regional Council
- Whitsunday Regional Council
- Winton Shire Council
- Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

Other assistance available from QRIDA

In addition to the grant assistance available, concessional loans with an **interest rate of 2.14%** are also available for eligible small businesses impacted by the Queensland Monsoon Trough, Cyclone Koji, Cyclone Narelle and Severe Weather event.

These loans include:

Disaster Assistance Loans

These loans of up to \$250,000 help re-establish normal operations by covering costs such as:

- repairing or replacing damaged plant and equipment
- repairing or replacing buildings
- supplying stock for up to one month to replace lost stock and maintain liquidity of the business
- meeting carry-on requirements including:
 - paying creditors
 - paying rent and rates

Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans

These loans of up to \$100,000 assist businesses that have been indirectly impacted by the disaster event (e.g. power outage leading to loss of trade / income) with essential working capital expenses such as:

- paying salaries or wages
- paying creditors
- paying rent or rates
- buying goods, including for example, fuel essential to carry on the business.

Find out more about these loans

Applicable interest rates, eligibility and application requirements for these loans are available on our website.

Contact us



For more information about the assistance available and how to apply, contact us on **1800 623 946** or visit our website at qrda.qld.gov.au.

QRIDA administers financial assistance to disaster affected primary producers, businesses and non-profit organisations under the joint Commonwealth / Queensland Government funded Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements 2018.

