

NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF AND RECOVERY GRANT

March 2017 NSW North Coast Floods

NON-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS

For the following areas:

Lismore LGA – Locality in the Lismore City Council

- Lismore
- South Lismore
- East Lismore
- Girards Hill
- North Lismore

Tweed Shire LGA - Localities

- Bray Park
- Condong
- South Murwillumbah
- Murwillumbah

Purpose: *To provide grants to non-profit organisations which have suffered direct damage as a result of the **March 2017 NSW North Coast floods**, for clean-up, removal of debris and restoration to assist organization to continue or commence operating.*

This grant is not intended to replace the need for insurance, and is not intended to provide compensation for losses. All claims for assistance will be assessed on a case by case basis.

Assistance Available:

A grant up to \$15,000 to all eligible non-profit organisations for clean-up and immediate restoration costs.

Who is Eligible?

Eligible non-profit organisations which:

- are a non-profit organisation that is registered with the Australian Charities and Non-Profits Commission (ACNC) or other registration body
- have suffered significant damage to facilities or equipment or assets as a direct result of this declared natural disaster.
- do not have the financial capacity to pay the costs from its own funds or reserves.
- are intending to re-establish in the specified area.

*The commercial arms of non-profit organisations may also be eligible for assistance under the package. Commercial arms can apply for grants for small businesses. However non-profit organisations are only permitted to apply for assistance under recovery grants for non-profit organisations **or** recovery grants for small businesses, **not both**.*

Who is NOT Eligible?

It is unlikely that a non-profit organization would receive assistance in the following circumstances:

- *organisations with a large membership (eg professional or trade associations, political parties)*
- *a large scale non-profit organisation*
- *lobby groups*

Additionally the following organisations are not eligible for this assistance

- *primary producers who are eligible for other forms of assistance*
- *organisations which have not incurred clean-up, removal of debris or restoration costs but have suffered a loss of income as a result of the event*

What Costs ARE Covered?

The recovery grant is designed to cover the cost of clean-up and restoration to assist non-profit organisations which have suffered direct damage as a result of a natural disaster, to enable organisations to continue or commence operations as soon as possible where the impact on the sector has been particularly severe, also to assist with the costs of relocation to temporary premises in cases where immediate re-opening of damaged premises is not possible.

Eligible expenditure for recovery grants includes:

- *Clean-up:*
 - *equipment and materials to undertake clean-up*
 - *additional labour costs (above and beyond normal wage expenditure)*
- *Removal of debris:*
 - *carting away damaged goods and material*
 - *cost of disposal*
- *Restoration*
 - *payment of trades people to conduct safety inspections*
 - *essential repairs to premises and internal fittings (eg. floor covering, electrical rewiring, shelving)*
 - *purchase or hire/lease costs for equipment essential to the immediate resumption of operations*
 - *leasing of temporary premises*
 - *replacement of stock which is essential to the immediate resumption of operations.*

What is NOT Covered?

- *Damage to dwellings. Owners may be able to claim other assistance for this (e.g. personal hardship and distress payments under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements by contacting Department of Community Service on 1800 018 444).*
- *Damage covered by insurance*
- *Your own labour costs and regular wages*
- *All capital purchases*

TO ACCESS GRANT FUNDS

- *You must lodge an application with the Authority **on or before 13 OCTOBER 2017***
- *You will need to provide tax invoices or receipts dated after the flood event for damages incurred.*

NOTE: Payment of any assistance can only occur upon production of tax invoice or receipt for damages incurred which must be received by the Authority by 13 OCTOBER 2017.

- *Provide copies of your latest Council rate notice or Lease Agreement if rented premises and confirmation of non-profit status.*
- *Your organization must be located within an eligible Local Government Area (Contact the Authority for details of declared Local Government Areas)*

HOW DO I APPLY ?

Application forms are available from the NSW Rural Assistance Authority by telephoning:

Toll Free 1800 678 593 or

(02) 6391 3000

Or visit our web site www.raa.nsw.gov.au

Completed applications can be lodged with the NSW Rural Assistance Authority at:

Post: Locked Bag 23,
ORANGE NSW 2800

Email: rural.assist@raa.nsw.gov.au

Fax: (02) 6391 3098

Applications for assistance must be received by the NSW Rural Assistance Authority on or before 13 OCTOBER 2017

Note:

Eligibility criteria, types of assistance and definitions are based on the national Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) and the NSW Disaster Assistance Guidelines (DAG).