

The Natural Disaster Resilience Program 2017-18

NDRP The Natural Disaster Resilience Program

The aim of the Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) is to reduce Queensland communities' vulnerability to natural hazards and build community resilience.

NDRP is jointly funded (50/50) by the Australian and Queensland Governments through the National Partnership Agreement on Natural Disaster Resilience.

In Queensland, administration of the NDRP is now managed by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA).

The NDRP provides flexibility to effectively meet the requirements of local Queensland communities threatened by disasters by supporting projects that address specific local risks.

The \$12 million NDRP funding program for 2017-18 will support approved natural disaster resilience activities by aligning to the:

- *National Strategy for Disaster Resilience*
- *Queensland Strategy for Disaster Resilience 2017* with state risk priorities identified in the *Queensland State Natural Hazard Risk Assessment 2017* and other appropriate assessments.

Funding Guidelines

The *Natural Disaster Resilience Program Funding Guidelines 2017-18* and online application form are available at www.qldreconstruction.org.au/ndrp

A co-contribution from the applicant is expected, and successful applicants will have up to 30 June 2020 to deliver the approved project.

Eligible applicants

NDRP eligible applicants are:

- 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 (NRM) bodies
- River Improvement Trusts
- incorporated non-government organisations (including volunteer groups) and Queensland-based not-for-profit organisations.

Partnerships

Partnerships between eligible organisations are encouraged. An eligible organisation may submit an application with an ineligible organisation. Joint applications require one applicant to nominate as lead applicant.

Key dates

- Applications close – 27 April 2018
- Advice of project approvals – from 28 May 2018
- Projects completed – 30 June 2020
- All NDRP projects acquitted – 30 September 2020

Administration of NDRP projects for 2016-17 and prior years

All previously approved NDRP projects for 2016-17 and prior years will continue to be managed by the Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs until completion.

Our shared vision – making Queensland the most disaster resilient state in Australia

Queensland is the most disaster impacted state in Australia. While Queenslanders have an ability to adapt and recover in a short amount of time, it's important we continue to build our resilience before, during and after disasters. The *Queensland Strategy for Disaster Resilience 2017* guides our shared vision and sets out broad roles and responsibilities for all Queenslanders in building disaster resilience.

We all have a role to play

Resilient Queensland is a shared vision, and responsibility and success will depend on the collective effort of:

- individuals
- community groups and organisations
- local governments
- businesses
- tertiary sector
- Queensland Government
- Australian Government.

Eligible projects

Infrastructure projects

Example projects **include but are not limited to**:

- replacement/upgrades/modifications of identified at-risk infrastructure to improve the resilience and functionality of the assets, such as:
 - bridges, culverts, floodways and causeways
 - drainage management pump stations, stormwater systems and major drain widening
 - road networks and transport infrastructure to minimise road closure times and traffic interruptions during and after major rainfall and flooding
- physical protection of essential services and other assets of value
- development and installation of systems enabling public warnings/communications on bushfires
- replacement/upgrades/modifications of flood monitoring and warning systems (e.g. flood, river and rain gauges and mobile applications)
- shelters and places of refuge
- design and construction of flood mitigation infrastructure (e.g. levees, detention basins, floodgates, backflow prevention devices, diversion channels and storm surge protection) in areas of identified need or at risk from the impacts of climate change
- implementation of land use planning and building control requirements
- construction and maintenance of fire trails and associated accessibility measures that contribute to safer and sustainable communities to be better able to prepare, respond to and withstand the effects of bushfires
- design and construction of fire refuges and other bushfire shelter options.

Non-infrastructure projects

Example projects **include but are not limited to**:

- natural hazard risk assessments and studies
- research and/or development projects
- community preparedness, education and training programs
- development of evacuation plans
- appointing community or regional resilience officers for targeted purposes
- local volunteer capacity building
- identifying and addressing bushfire mitigation risk priorities across the state
- flood modelling and mapping and flood risk management studies and plans
- purchase of disaster management equipment (e.g. generators, portable communications kits, lighting towers and frequency radios)
- bushfire related fuel reduction (e.g. slashing and burning)
- recovery capability and resilience building.

Queenslanders are disaster resilient when...



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