NSW GOVERNMENT | Rural Assistance Authority

Rural Landholders Grants - NSW Storms and Floods

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Rural Landholder Grants?
This program provides a grant of up to $10,000 for landholders who were affected by the storms and floods that occurred from February and March 2021 and are not eligible for existing programs. The grant can be used for clean-up activities, damages or losses that are beyond the vicinity of the residential dwelling.

Who can apply for the Grant?
This Grant is designed to assist rural landholders who have been affected by the storms and floods and are ineligible for existing storm and flood assistance because they do not meet the 50% primary production income requirement.

Funding is available to eligible landholders in declared LGAs with a holding of at least 10ha and who earn at least $20,000 from primary production per annum.

For a full list of eligibility criteria view the program guidelines.

How much can I claim, and do I need to repay the grant?
The maximum grant amount for clean-up, reinstatement activities and emergency measures, per affected property, is $10,000. A single application will be accepted and should cover an estimate of all damage incurred, up to the $10,000 limit.

This is a grant and not a loan, meaning you don't need to repay the funds.

How long do I have to apply?
Applications must be lodged by Friday 28 January 2022. Applications received after this date will not be accepted. All invoices must be submitted by no later than 1 June 2022.

What can the funding be used for?
Grants are provided to help pay for the costs of clean up, reinstatement activities and emergency measures associated with the immediate recovery of primary production enterprises. For a full list of eligible claims view the program guidelines.

How do I prove flood damage?
To make it easier for you to apply, the RAA has access to third party damage assessment information, for example high-resolution imagery, to confirm the extent of the impacts in declared flood-affected local government areas in NSW.

However, it is important that you provide reasonable evidence of flood damage with your application so we can fully assess your situation.

Some examples include:

- Quotes or estimates for works to be completed
- Tax invoices of expenses incurred for clean up or salvage works already completed in response to the declared event Photos taken of damaged property with time, date and location stamps. These are not mandatory however can assist us to assess your claim

What evidence do I need to provide to receive payment of the grant?
Approved applicants will need to provide tax invoices for eligible expenses incurred along with proof of payment to receive reimbursement for claims.

Can I apply for the grant before I have incurred the expenses?
Yes. You can complete your application online. Once your application has been approved you can then submit your tax invoices along with proof of payment via the online claim form (link to online claims).

What information do I need to provide with my application?
You will need to complete the online application form and attach a copy of the following documentation:

- Most recent tax returns and financial statements for the applying entity along with the Individual Tax returns for all partners, directors, trustees and/or shareholders.
- Your most recent Local Land Service Rates Notice
- Your most recent Local Government Rates Notice

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What do I do if I don't have my current tax return?
You will not be able to progress through the form without providing tax returns. If you do not have your 2020 tax returns, please upload your 2019 tax returns.

You can provide permission for the NSW RAA to contact your accountant directly to obtain your 2020 financial year tax returns and financial statements.

What do I do if I don't have a copy of my Local Land Service (LLS) rates notice?
LLS can send you a copy of your LLS rates notice. Request a copy on 1300 795 299.

Do I need to provide invoices for my claim upfront?
No. You can elect to provide invoices for your claim either upfront with your application or you can choose to do this after you receive approval.
After your application has been approved you can submit invoices for reimbursement along with proof of payment via the online claim link.
All invoices must be submitted to the RAA no later than 1 June 2022 to receive payment.

Can I claim the Rural Landholder Grant if I have received other government funding for the damages caused by the February 2021 or March 2021 Storm and flood events?
No. To be eligible for the Rural Landholder Grants applicants must not have received or be entitled to receive, assistance under the Special Disaster Assistance (Storms & Floods), Storm and Flood Industry Recovery Program's Supply Chain Support Grants, or other natural disaster assistance in the capacity of being a primary producer, small business owner or non-profit organisation.

Is the grant applied per business or property?
The grant funding is available per ABN.

I have multiple properties under one ABN, can I submit multiple claims?
No – only one application per ABN will be eligible.

I have more than 3 properties, but the application form only allows me to enter the details of 3?
You should enter the details of the properties where majority of the damage was incurred. If you require further information, please contact the RAA directly on 1800 678 593.

Is GST included in any payment received?
No. The GST component of any invoice received can be claimed on completion of your Business Activity Statement (BAS). The RAA will NOT issue a Recipient Created Tax Invoice (RCTI) on payment of the rebate, and you should retain the 'Payment Advice' that is forwarded as a record for taxation purposed.

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How does the RAA protect itself against fraud?

The RAA has a strong commitment to fraud prevention, detection, and response. Making a fraudulent application, including providing false or misleading information is a criminal offence which carries a maximum penalty of 2 years imprisonment, or a fine of $22,000, or both.

The RAA will also attempt to recover any assistance received as a result of fraud.

More information can be found on our Fraud and Corruption page on our website.

Rural Finanical Councelling Service

If you are experiencing any issues completing the application form, free confidential assistance is available from your local Rural Financial Councelling Service - https://recovery.gov.au/rural-financial-counselling-service.
Southern Region: 1800 319 458
Northern Region: 1800 344 090

Translations

If you need assistance with interpreting or translating, please contact Multicultural NSW on 1300 651 500 or email languageservices@multicultural.nsw.gov.au.

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If you have any further questions about the Storm and Flood Recovery Program Supply Chain Support Grant please contact the RAA on 1800 678 593 or at rural.assis@raa.nsw.gov.au.