

Disaster Risk Reduction Fund

Local & Regional Risk Reduction Stream

Overview of the Guidelines



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Program overview

Why Disaster Risk Reduction?

The risk of disasters to Australian communities is growing year on year, driven by compounding factors of climate change, demographic shifts, and reliance on technology and other assets to deliver essential services

In 2018, the Australian Government established the **National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework**, which is a multi-sector collaboration designed to **reduce the disaster risk associated with natural hazards**.

Disaster Risk Reduction Fund (DRRF)

- Established by a National Partnership Agreement
- Makes available **\$51.8 million** in joint Commonwealth and NSW Government funding to 30 June 2024
- The DRRF will fund targeted work across the state of NSW to:
 - ✓ Take action to **reduce existing** disaster risk
 - ✓ **Minimise creation of future** disaster risk
 - ✓ **Equip decision-makers** with the capabilities and information they need to reduce disaster risk and manage residual risk.

DRRF funding streams

The DRRF is being delivered via 3 distinct funding streams

Building Disaster
Risk Knowledge

\$4
million

- Research projects to identify and address data, information and resource gaps including impact of climate change on communities and critical infrastructure to minimise future risk

Under development

State Risk Reduction

\$17.8
million

- Disaster risk reduction projects of state significance
- Mitigation projects to reduce the risk of natural hazards

Closed

Local & Regional
Risk Reduction

\$30
million

- Disaster risk reduction initiatives related to natural hazards identified in regional and local risk assessments
- Community activities to identify and reduce disaster risk and provide opportunities to collaborate

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Funding is available across NSW



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Local & Risk Reduction target outcomes

End of program outcome

- NSW communities implement place-based solutions to reduce local and regional risks and improve their disaster resilience.

Intermediate outcomes may include:

- Communities are engaged and equipped with knowledge and capacity to take actions to reduce disaster risk
- Place-based community risks and needs are identified and prioritised, including for vulnerable groups and communities and those with specific needs.
- Councils and community groups factor disaster risk information into planning and decisions
- Councils and community groups pilot new risk reduction investments, tools, technologies, innovations, platforms and systems.



Partnerships and collaboration

This funding stream has been designed to support and strongly encourage partnerships and collaboration

A large proportion of the available funding has been targeted towards this, with the purpose being to:

- **Encourage collaboration** across organisations that can share knowledge and resources, whilst generating mutually beneficial outcomes
- **Maximise the reach** and efficacy of strategic, targeted, place-based risk reduction projects
- **Generate sustained and longer-term outcomes** that may be built on in the future.



Two funding pathways available

Pathway 1
\$50,000 to \$300,000 <i>per project</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Projects run by a single entity• Focus on implementing smaller scale, place-based solutions to prevent new, reduce existing and manage residual disaster risk.• Project completion: 30 June 2024
Total funding pool: \$6 million

Pathway 2
\$300,000 to \$1.5 million <i>per project</i> If the project is focused on a single LGA, the maximum funding amount is \$500,000 .
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Projects delivered by a consortium of organisations or partnerships• Focus on strategic initiatives that create long-term regional benefit and build risk reduction capability building efforts across communities or regions.• Project completion: 30 June 2024
Total funding pool: \$24 million

Eligible applicants

Pathway 1

Eligible Applicants

- Councils
- Charitable and incorporated not-for profit organisations, including culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) non-governmental organisations, and peak bodies and industry groups if applicable
- Local Aboriginal Land Councils
- Unincorporated community groups under the auspices of an organisation eligible to apply in its own right.

Pathway 2

Eligible Applicants

- Joint Organisations of Councils (JOs)
- Regional Organisations of Councils (ROCs)
- Consortia and partnerships with Local Aboriginal Land Councils or non-governmental organisations
- Consortia and partnerships with CALD non-governmental organisations, communities, or groups
- Consortia and partnerships where the lead applicant is an eligible organisation under Pathway 1

What are we looking to deliver?

Pathway 1

Operational risk reduction projects to fill more immediate, practical needs for individual organisations.

- Risk assessment initiatives
- Small scale infrastructure and Master Plan design activities
- Locally based communication and training initiatives
- Awareness raising activities and other community or place-based efforts
- Place-based or community-led efforts

Pathway 2

Strategic, targeted, place-based risk reduction projects that generate sustained and longer-term outcomes that may be built on in future.

- Regional or large-scale planning activities
- Joined up resilience strategies
- Investment frameworks
- Development and utilisation of technologies (such as AI and robotics) and existing and readily available innovations.



Practical examples of projects

Possible eligible projects:

- River clearing initiatives, fire trail upgrades
- Hazard reduction burns and/or utilising other cultural land management practices
- A training course that builds understanding and capacity of an organisation or community to engage with systems thinking and resilience
- A feasibility assessment or development of options for investment for an early warning system
- Constructing a drainage culvert to address a specific flooding risk
- The apportioned salary for a formal resilience and risk reduction role in local government (up to 18 months)

Examples of ineligible projects:

- Projects to reduce the risk of droughts
- Projects and activities that involve the construction of large-scale infrastructure such as flood mitigation works
- Projects that have already commenced or are already complete



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Support to help prepare your application

Tools and support will be made available to prospective applicants, to help think about problems, ideas and opportunities:



Interactive workshop/s

Facilitated and recorded session on how to define a problem, generate and prioritise ideas. Follow up sessions available based on regional demand

Register to attend



Guidance materials

Recorded webinar and information sheets on DRR, including case studies, and grant writing tips

Access via the website

www.nsw.gov.au/resilience-nsw



Contact our mailbox

Reach out to Resilience NSW to discuss general terms against Guidelines and FAQ via the DRRF mailbox

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Application and assessment

Submission details

- Requests detailed application information
- Submission made via Resilience NSW online grants platform

Assessment criteria

	<i>Pathway 1</i>	<i>Pathway 2</i>
• Demonstrated community need	25%	20%
• Capacity to deliver	20%	20%
• Outcome and impact	30%	35%
• Value for money	15%	15%
• Risk	10%	10%

See Guidelines for sub-criteria

Key dates

Milestones	Date
Application process opens	9 May 2022
Application process closes	1 July 2022
Assessment outcomes announced	August 2022
Funding agreements established and first payments made	September 2022
Final date for project completion for both pathways	30 June 2024

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