

+ North Queensland Resilient Kids Grants (North & Far North Queensland Monsoon Trough, 25 January - 14 February 2019) Guidelines

1. About the scheme

The Australian Government's '*After the flood: A strategy for long-term recovery*' ([the Strategy](#)) sets out a blueprint for a prosperous and secure future for North and North-West Queensland.

The Strategy aims to guide investment in actions that support the long-term recovery and prosperity of the affected communities, strengthen their preparedness for future challenges and help the regions adapt and transform in an ever-changing environment.

The Strategy has five strategic pillars, underpinned by 19 actions, which reflect what communities, businesses and people said were essential to ensure future prosperity and resilience of the flood-affected regions.

This scheme aligns with the *fostering connected and cohesive communities* pillar which outlines the need to improve physical and mental health outcomes and social and economic recovery and help slow population decline.

The scheme will be available to fund the development and delivery of preventative youth mental health programs for school-aged children in the *eligible area*.

The scheme is being delivered by the Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA).

The Scheme dates and timeframes have been determined by the National Partnership Agreement Steering Committee.

These guidelines contain information about the Scheme including eligibility requirements, how to apply and your obligations as an applicant. Please read these guidelines before applying.

2. Assistance available

2.1 A maximum of **\$2 million** is available under the scheme for *eligible entities* to commission the delivery of *eligible programs*.

2.2 Funding requests must be proportionate to the number of *eligible areas* supported.



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2.3 *Eligible entities* are encouraged to collaborate on grant applications to ensure funding requested does not exceed the maximum available under this scheme.

2.4 *Eligible entities* may commission more than one program or service provider to adequately meet the needs of its region.

2.5 Projects being funded under the scheme must be completed and available funding drawn by 1 December 2023.

3. Eligible entities

3.1 Eligible entities under this scheme are:

- a) Western Queensland Primary Health Network; and
- b) Northern Queensland Primary Health Network.

4. Program eligibility

4.1 An eligible program under this scheme is a program:

- a) which will be commissioned by an *eligible entity*;
- b) is endorsed and confirmed by an *eligible entity* as adequately:
 - i. addressing the required outcomes outlined in Section 5;
 - ii. demonstrating how the program, whether new or an extension of a successful program, will complement existing services and programs in each local government area;
- c) being delivered by an organisation that already has a presence in the community;
- d) under which all costs associated with the program are provided for by grant funding and any associated material is provided to participants at no cost;
- e) that is being delivered or will be delivered in the *eligible area*.

5. Required outcomes

5.1 The key outcomes required for programs supported under the scheme are:

- a) Kids living in the *eligible area* can respond to their own mental health needs and support other members of the community.
- b) Development of mutual assistance systems, social networks and support mechanisms for kids living in the *eligible area* to help them adapt to issues as they occur.
- c) Kids living in the *eligible area* are aware of each other's potential needs (specifically mental health needs) following future disasters through formal and informal networks and plans.
- d) Kids living in the *eligible area*, and those around them have the knowledge, skills, and resources for dealing with health issues (specifically mental health) related to the disaster experience.

6. How to apply

6.1 QRIDA will invite *eligible entities* to apply and make application forms available for this purpose.

6.2 Program plans submitted with applications must include:

- a) a description of how the program/s will address the scheme's outcomes;
- b) a description of how the program will target clients;
- c) a description of program deliverables;
- d) a quote or estimate of program costs; and

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- e) confirmation by the *eligible entity* that the program plan has been assessed and endorsed by persons within the entity that have the appropriate knowledge and experience to do so.

6.3 QRIDA will verify and confirm the information provided in the application and may request any additional information necessary to assess the application.

6.4 Penalties may be applied under the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994* (Qld) if any information provided in an application is found to be untrue, false or misleading. Applicants should also be aware that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth).

7. Assessment and decision process

7.1 QRIDA will acknowledge receipt of applications by email and advise if any further information is required to commence assessment.

7.2 QRIDA will assess applications received at the end of the application period. Incomplete applications will not enter the assessment queue until all required information is received.

7.3 In assessing applications QRIDA may seek expert or additional advice on any grant application.

7.4 QRIDA will provide outcomes of the assessment process to the National Drought and North Queensland Flood Response and Recovery Agency and may also provide copies of application information to this agency.

7.5 QRIDA will be the final decision maker on grant applications and make a grant offer in writing to approved applicants.

8. Funding arrangements

8.1 Approved applicants will be required to enter into a funding agreement with QRIDA

8.2 The funding agreement includes undertakings relevant to the disclosure of the approval, expenditure of grant funding, an agreed set of milestones and reporting requirements, including a completion report, branding and recognition requirements (including Commonwealth requirements) and any other specific conditions attached to the funding approval as a result of the assessment process or further considerations by QRIDA.

8.3 The Grant Recipient should not make financial commitments for funded activities based on the approval of funding or public announcements. Financial commitments entered into before a grant agreement has been executed with QRIDA are done so at the risk of the Grant Recipient.

8.4 Payments towards the program/s will be made to arrangements set out in the funding agreement:

- a) Payments to Primary Health Networks will be made on provision of quotes/payment requests from service providers.
- b) Primary Health Networks must provide acquittal reports in accordance with the funding agreement including evidence of payment to service providers and details of services delivered.
- c) Primary Health Networks can make multiple requests to draw against the approved amount of monies until the cumulative grant funding totals the grant amount approved.

9. Terms and Conditions

9.1 Successful applicants will be required to agree to subsequent audits under the scheme to confirm that grant funding has been expended on approved purposes.

9.2 These guidelines may be reviewed or varied by the National Partnership Agreement Steering Committee at any time.

10. Your privacy

QRIDA's Privacy Policy available at: www.qrida.qld.gov.au/privacy, sets out general information on how QRIDA collects, uses and discloses individuals' personal information.

11. More information

For more information on the Resilient Kids Scheme, please contact QRIDA on Freecall 1800 623 946 or email contact_us@qrida.qld.gov.au.

12. Public acknowledgement of Australian Government assistance

The announcement of successful projects under this Scheme will occur as an Australian Government media statement unless otherwise agreed by the Australian Government. In addition, prior agreement must be reached with the Australian Government on the nature and content of any subsequent events, announcements, promotional material or publicity relating to an eligible measure under the arrangements. This includes but is not limited to: media releases, events, social media, signage and advertising.

13. Evaluation and review

Evaluation and review activities will be undertaken by the National Drought and North Queensland Flood Response and Recovery Agency.

14. Definitions

Eligible area means the areas covered by the Queensland local government authorities of Burdekin Shire Council, Burke Shire Council, Carpentaria Shire Council, Charters Towers Regional Council, Cloncurry Shire Council, Douglas Shire Council, Etheridge Shire Council, Flinders Shire Council, Hinchinbrook Shire Council, McKinlay Shire Council, Richmond Shire Council, Townsville City Council, Whitsunday Regional Council and Winton Shire Council.