

LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISASTER RECOVERY ASSISTANCE

OVERVIEW

- The State Government provides financial assistance to local councils to assist with the cost of undertaking eligible activities in response to natural disasters.
- Natural disasters are defined as rapid onset events (storm, flood, earthquake, bushfire, etc).
- Councils are required to make reasonable efforts to mitigate the physical and financial impact of natural disasters.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- Restoration or replacement of an essential public asset (e.g. assets that are an integral part of the council's infrastructure associated with health, education, transport or welfare).
 - Roads and road infrastructure
 - Levees, sea walls protecting essential public assets
 - Council buildings (where not insurable)
 - Temporary road diversions
 - Emergency repairs.
- Counter disaster operations (e.g. activities carried out by councils to protect communities and ensure public health and safety following an event).
 - Sandbagging
 - Bushfire control lines.
- Community recovery funds.

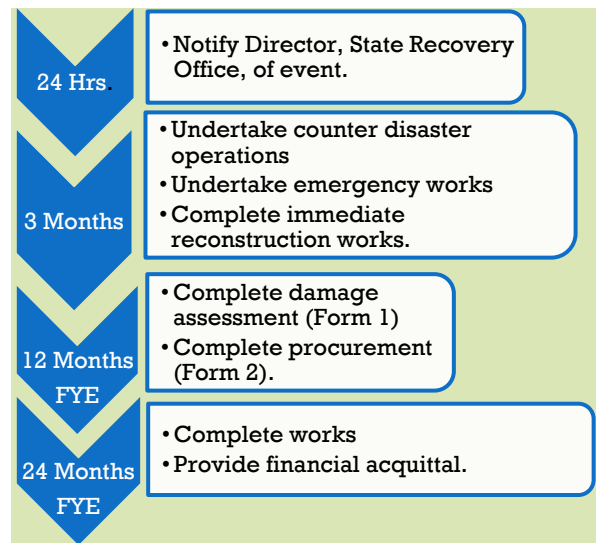
ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- Expenditure that relates directly to eligible measures in response to a natural disaster that are additional to council's normal operating requirements:
 - Overtime and allowances
 - Machine hire
 - Contractors
 - Backfilling of staff
 - Plant repairs and servicing.

STATE CONTRIBUTION

- 1st threshold \$150,000 or 2% of rate revenue, state contribution 50%.
- 2nd threshold 3.5% of rate revenue, state contribution 75%.
- Council can seek extraordinary assistance due to limited financial capacity.

TIMELINE FOLLOWING A DISASTER EVENT



FORM 1

- Must provide sufficient evidence to demonstrate a clear link between the eligible disaster and the identified asset damage/recovery activities.
- To establish a claim for asset damage, the evidence should include the asset location, function, pre-disaster and post-disaster condition. Please refer to [Photographic Evidence Guidelines for assistance.](#)
- A qualified engineer or quantity surveyor shall verify the estimated reconstruction costs for the reconstruction of an essential public asset.

FORM 2

- Council provides details of procurement processes undertaken.
- The form 2 finalises the cost of the claim and will form the basis of the Government's offer of assistance.