



What is the Storm and Flood Industry Recovery Program Supply Chain Support Grant?

The SFIRP Supply Chain Support Grant provides direct funding to support the medium to longer-term recovery of primary producers in identified industry sectors with the aim of supporting job security, future resilience and enabling future production.

How much funding is available under the SFIRP Supply Chain Support Grant?

Approximately \$50 million is available to primary producers through the SFIRP Supply Chain Support Grant. See industry guidelines for details about the amount of funding available to your industry sector).

Please note: approved applicants must first draw down completely on their Special Disaster Grant of the full \$75,000 before accessing approved funding under the Supply Chain Support Grant.

How were grant amounts for each targeted industry determined?

The Department of Regional NSW conducted extensive analysis to better understand and document the direct damage experienced from the February and March 2021 storms and floods. This has been supported by direct engagement through state and regional recovery subcommittees, industry working groups and direct consultation with industry representative organisations. This has informed the targeted industries which are prioritised under the SFIRP, as well as the grant amounts for each targeted industry.

What Local Government Areas are eligible under SFIRP?

An eligible applicant must be primarily based in one of the 78 Local Government Areas (LGAs) that were disaster declared under AGRN 954 and AGRN 960 as at July 2021. Refer to the Program Framework or the Natural Disaster Declarations webpage for a full list of eligible LGAs.

Who can apply for the Supply Chain Support Grant?

Primary producers who were affected by the NSW storms and floods that occurred from February and March 2021 onwards, and who operate in the following industry sectors:

- Agriculture
 - Livestock (sheep & beef)
 - Dairy
 - Broadacre cropping
- Horticulture
 - Turf
 - Vegetables
 - Berries
 - Cut Flowers
 - Plant nurseries
- Aquaculture
 - Oysters
 - Mussels

My industry is not considered as a targeted industry for a SFIRP Supply Chain Support Grant. Can I apply anyway?

No. Only primary producers in eligible industries are eligible to apply for funding under the SFIRP Supply Chain Support Grant.

How much can I claim, and do I have to repay the grant?

Applicants can apply for different funding amounts depending on their industry sector.

- Dairy - up to \$100,000
- Turf and Extensive livestock (beef and sheep) - up to \$75,000
- Broadacre cropping – up to \$50,000
- Vegetables, Berries, Cut Flowers, Plant Nurseries, Oysters and Mussels – up to \$30,000

This is a grant not a loan, so you do not need to repay the funds.



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What can I apply for under a SFIRP Supply Chain Support Grant?

Eligible producers can apply for funding that will address or respond to impacts of the storm and flood events. Eligible activities are outlined in the Industry Guidelines and are specific to each sector. Please check the guidelines prior to applying for all eligible expenses.

Funding cannot be used for activities already covered by insurance or other government funding programs.

How do I submit a SFIRP Supply Chain Support Grant application?

Applications for the SFIRP Supply Chain Support Grant are submitted online to the Rural Assistance Authority (RAA). Please view the example application documents if you are unsure about the process.

When do SFIRP Supply Chain Support Grant applications close?

Applications must be submitted by 2pm, 3 March 2022. Late applications will be considered by the Rural Assistance Authority only in exceptional circumstances.

How long do I have to complete claimed works and spend approved funding?

The Storm and Flood Industry Recovery Program's Supply Chain Support Grants are intended to support medium-term recovery and resilience.

All projects funded by the SFIRP Supply Chain Support Grant must be completed and all funds expended by 30 May 2023. All invoices to claim payment must also be submitted to the RAA by 30 May 2023.

The RAA may ask you about progress and evidence and can also proceed with an audit at any time.

Can I apply for the rebate before I have incurred the expenses?

Yes, application forms can be completed online before costs are claimed. You can submit invoices later using the Claim Request form on our website. Invoices can be submitted up until the closing date. Please note: approved applicants must first draw down completely on their Special Disaster Grant of the full \$75,000 before accessing approved funding under the Supply Chain Support Grant.

How will I get paid if I am successful?

All SFIRP Supply Chain Support Grant funding recipients will be paid via milestones. Milestone values will be advised if successful and will be dependent on the value of your claim. Approved applicants will be required to provide evidence of expenditure and co-contributions to access each milestone payment.

Approved applicants must first draw down completely on their Special Disaster Grant of the full \$75,000 before accessing these funds.

For more detail on payments and reporting requirements please refer to the industry guidelines available on the RAA website.

Can I apply for SFIRP Supply Chain Support Grant without submitting an application for the Special Disaster Grant?

Where an applicant applies for the SFIRP Supply Chain Support Grant and has not submitted an application to the Special Disaster Grant (SDG), the application will be directed to the SDG form application. In this instance, the applicant will be required to complete a Special Disaster Grant application form as well.



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Will I be ineligible to apply for a SFIRP Supply Chain Support Grant if I do not submit a Special Disaster Grant?

All applicants under the SFIRP Supply Chain Support Grant must have already applied and been approved for the \$75,000 Special Disaster Grant (SDG). Any applicant who submits an application for the SFIRP Supply Chain Support Grant without a prior SDG application will be directed to complete an application form for the SDG program to be assessed in conjunction as their application for SFIRP Supply Chain Support Grant.

My costs have been greater than the amount specified for my sector - can I claim for the actual costs incurred?

No. The SFIRP Supply Chain Support Grant is capped for each industry and has been designed to support overall sector recovery. Where applicants have incurred recovery costs greater than the grant limit these will need to be funded by the applicant as part of their recovery activities. Incurred costs can be provided as an in-kind co-contribution.

What evidence do I need to supply for project costs?

Information on the types of evidence suitable to demonstrate costs or damage is specific to each industry under the SFIRP Supply Chain Support Grant. Please view the industry guidelines available on the RAA website for further details.

What if I have unclaimed invoices from the Special Disaster Grant, can I submit them for the SFIRP Supply Chain Support Grant?

Yes, if the invoices are for eligible SCSG activities but the invoices will be included as part of the co-contribution. Invoices will need to be dated after the application date.

What can be claimed as in-kind co-contribution?

In-kind contribution can include labour costs and work undertaken as part of storm and flood recovery activities and not claimed as part of this or any other government grant. Examples of in-kind co-contributions include:

- Hours worked
- Cleaning infrastructure
- Outboard engines
- Grading machines
- Removing and disposing debris/flotsam
- Repairing infrastructure
- Disposing of dead stock

Further information on co-contribution, including co-contribution examples, is available in the Supply Chain Support Grant Co-contribution Examples document.

What invoices will be accepted to receive additional milestone payments?

All Invoices are to be dated from the 30th September 2021 and addressed to the applying entity.

What information do I need to provide with my application?

Agriculture & Horticulture:

- LLS Rates Notice OR Land and Stock Return for storm and flood impacted property
- Lease Agreement (if you are the Lessee of a property)
- Evidence of co-contribution (if submitting paid invoices in this application)
- Most recent Tax Returns & Financial Statements for your farm business

Aquaculture:

- Class A Aquaculture Permit & Aquaculture Permit
- Evidence of co-contribution (if submitting paid invoices in this application)
- Most recent Tax Returns & Financial Statements for your farm business



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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.

I don't have a copy of my Local Land Service (LLS) rates notice or LLS Land and Stock return?

LLS can send you a copy of your LLS rates notice and/or LLS land and stock return. Request a copy on 1300 795 299.

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 purposes.

Can I claim the dry hire costs for my own equipment?

No, Applicants can only claim running costs (e.g. Fuel and Oil) and their labour costs for using their own equipment. Where an applicant identifies 'lost opportunity cost' or similar regarding using equipment for recovery purposes it is recommended they be advised to hire additional machinery to undertake the recovery work and claim the lease costs.

I sold stock at a lower price due to flood impact, can I claim this?

No, Producers cannot claim the price difference for livestock where they sold animals at a price lower than they repurchased.

What if my total Primary Production income derives from Multiple industries (eg, Livestock and Cropping), can I claim for both?

No, The SCSG can only be claimed once per ABN. If the total Primary Production income is derive from Multiple industries the majority income will be assessed and the applicant will reflect this.

I have repairs to gravel roadway and tracks from the floods, under the future resilience component can these be repaired using concrete or bitumen?

Yes, the repairing/replacing of storm and flood damaged infrastructure in a resilient way is an eligible expense under the program. Applicants must demonstrate that the infrastructure was damaged and has not already been repaired and claimed under the Special Disaster Grant. Photos and a Statutory declaration may be required.



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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 Financial Counselling Service

If you are experiencing any issues completing the application form, free confidential assistance is available from your local Rural Financial Counselling 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.

Rural Assistance Authority (RAA)

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.



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AGRICULTURE PRIMARY PRODUCERS

I am an agricultural producer but not in dairy, extensive livestock or broadacre cropping. Can I still apply?

No. Only primary producers who in a normal year receive 50% or more of their income from dairy, extensive livestock (sheep and cattle) or broadacre cropping sectors are eligible to apply.

I am involved in extensive livestock and cropping. Can I apply more than once?

No. A producer can only submit a single application based on their primary production enterprise. Primary production is demonstrated by representing 50% or more of their total gross income per annum.

HORTICULTURE PRIMARY PRODUCERS

What if I have more than one type of crop? Can I apply more than once?

No. A producer can only submit a single application based on their primary production enterprise. Primary production is demonstrated by representing 50% or more of their total gross income per annum.

Can I use this money to purchase new irrigation equipment?

Yes - irrigation pumps are an eligible item and can be purchased to replace infrastructure damaged or destroyed during the storm and flood event.

AQUACULTURE PRIMARY PRODUCERS

Can I claim licence fees from my 2020-2021 as eligible expenditure?

No. Only licence fees incurred after your region was disaster declared can be included as an eligible expense.

I am a new business and have not yet lodged an Annual Aquaculture Production Return but was in production, can I submit an application?

Yes, applications from new industry entrants can be submitted and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis by the Rural Assistance Authority.

I have more than one Class A Aquaculture Permit in more than one estuary. Can I submit more than one application?

Applications are restricted by production enterprise. Where a production enterprise is across multiple estuaries only one application can be submitted for the Supply Chain Support Grant per Australia Business Number (ABN) for all damage incurred.