

NSW Natural Disaster Assistance Schemes

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The following schemes are available under the NSW Disaster Assistance Arrangements. More information on these schemes can be found in the *NSW Disaster Assistance Guidelines*, available through www.emergency.nsw.gov.au

No Natural Disaster Declaration Required		
Disaster Assistance for Individuals	The Department of Justice can provide disaster relief grants to eligible individuals and families whose homes and essential household items have been destroyed or damaged by a natural disaster. People with limited financial resources and no insurance may be eligible for assistance for essential household items and structural repairs to the home.	1800 018 444 www.emergency.nsw.gov.au/disasterassistance
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Primary Producers-Loans	Loans of up to \$130,000 are available (subject to certain eligibility criteria), at a concessional interest rate for those in urgent need. These loans may be used to meet carry-on requirements and the replacement and repair of damage not covered by insurance. The NSW Rural Assistance Authority administers this scheme.	1800 678 593 www.raa.nsw.gov.au
Primary Producers - Transport Subsidies	Transport freight subsidies of up to 50 percent on the carriage of livestock and fodder are available to help primary producers, with the exception of fodder/supplements for dairy cattle, which only attracts a subsidy of 25 percent. The maximum subsidy available is \$15,000 per annum. The NSW Rural Assistance Authority administers this scheme.	1800 678 593 www.raa.nsw.gov.au
Small Businesses	Loans of up to \$130,000 are available at a concessional rate to small businesses affected by disasters and which meet certain eligibility criteria. This finance is available to those unable to obtain assistance through normal channels. The NSW Rural Assistance Authority administers this scheme.	1800 678 593 www.raa.nsw.gov.au
Assistance for Councils	Grants are available to meet certain additional costs of emergency work to restore essential services, including the provision of emergency levee banks, which are in excess of normal operations. Grants are available to meet 100 per cent of eligible emergency works and 75 per cent of eligible restorations works up to \$116,000 with 100 per cent cost recovery beyond that level. The Department of Finance, Services & Innovation (NSW Public Works Advisory) administers this assistance.	www.publicworks.nsw.gov.au (02) 9372 8871

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<p>Assistance for Councils</p>	<p>Grants are available to help Councils to permanently restore roads and bridges to pre-disaster standards. These grants meet 75 percent of the first \$116,000 expenditure and 100 percent beyond that level. This assistance is administered by the NSW Roads and Maritime Services.</p>	<p>www.rms.nsw.gov.au (02) 8843 3124</p>
<p>Trustees of Parks and Reserves</p>	<p>Provided the facilities concerned constitute "essential public assets", grants may be made available to those parties (i.e. community volunteer trustees) responsible for managing Crown land, parks and reserves, who do not have the financial capacity to meet restoration costs from their own resources.</p> <p>Department of Primary Industries, Lands administers this scheme.</p>	<p>www.crownland.nsw.gov.au (02) 4920 5074</p>
<p>Sporting and Recreation Clubs</p>	<p>A special scheme is available to assist sporting and recreation clubs in meeting the costs of restoration of essential club facilities that have been damaged or destroyed. The assistance is made available to those clubs which do not have the financial capacity to meet restoration costs from their own resources, but which have the capacity to repay any loan that may be granted. Under these arrangements the maximum assistance available is \$12,000, including a grant of up to \$2,000 and the balance by way of repayable advance with interest.</p> <p>NSW Treasury administers this scheme.</p> <p>This finance is available to those unable to obtain assistance through normal channels.</p>	<p>(02) 9228 5062</p>
<p>Churches and Voluntary Non-profit Organisations</p>	<p>Loan assistance is available to churches and voluntary non-profit organisations for the restoration of essential facilities that have been damaged or destroyed. Eligible groups will usually perform a service for the community or environment and are funded by grants or donations.</p> <p>Non-profit organisations that perform a commercial function, charge a fee for a service or represent commercial or industrial groups, e.g. industry bodies are not eligible for assistance. These organisations can recover costs from their members or through fees. As with other schemes, assistance is only available to those organisations which do not have the financial capacity to meet restorations costs from their own resources, insurance and are unable to obtain assistance through normal channels. Advances are subject to a maximum of \$25,000 at a concessional interest rate per annum. The NSW Rural Assistance Authority administers this scheme.</p>	<p>1800 678 593</p>