

SUPPLY CHAIN SUPPORT GRANTS



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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Ongoing support is being delivered to communities impacted by storms and flood that occurred in February and March 2021, through the NSW and Australian Government joint-funded Supply Chain Support Grant program.

The program is one of eight funding initiatives under the \$200 million Phase Three Storm and Flood Recovery Package, targeting producers in impacted areas to help them rebuild and recover in the medium and longer-term.

Funding and projects under the Supply Chain Support Grant will complement the \$75,000 Special Disaster Grant and

support NSW's agriculture, horticulture and aquaculture industries to rebuild and recover.

Eligible primary producers are required to have accessed the full \$75,000 Special Disaster Grant before accessing funds through the Supply Chain Support Grant.

The amount of funding available to eligible producers in targeted industries will vary by industry and a 50:50 financial and/or in-kind co-contribution from applicants is required.

MILESTONE PAYMENTS

All Supply Chain Support Grant funding recipients will be paid via milestones. Please see the table below for a breakdown of milestone payments by industry:

INDUSTRY	MAXIMUM CAP	MILESTONE PAYMENT 1	MILESTONE PAYMENT 2	MILESTONE PAYMENT 3	MILESTONE PAYMENT 4
Dairy	\$100,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Turf	\$75,000	\$18,750	\$18,750	\$18,750	\$18,750
Extensive livestock	\$75,000	\$18,750	\$18,750	\$18,750	\$18,750
Broadacre cropping	\$50,000	\$17,000	\$16,500	\$16,500	
Oysters and mussels	\$30,000	\$15,000	\$15,000		
Cut flowers, vegetables, berries and plant nurseries	\$30,000	\$15,000	\$15,000		

FUNDING DEED & PAYMENTS

Once your application has been approved and you have fully disbursed the \$75,000 under the Special Disaster Grant (SDG Feb/March 2021) you will be contacted to complete a funding deed.

The funding deed is a document that sets out the terms and conditions of the grant. It will include details to document the recovery activities or projects that you will be completing using the Supply Chain Support Grant funding.

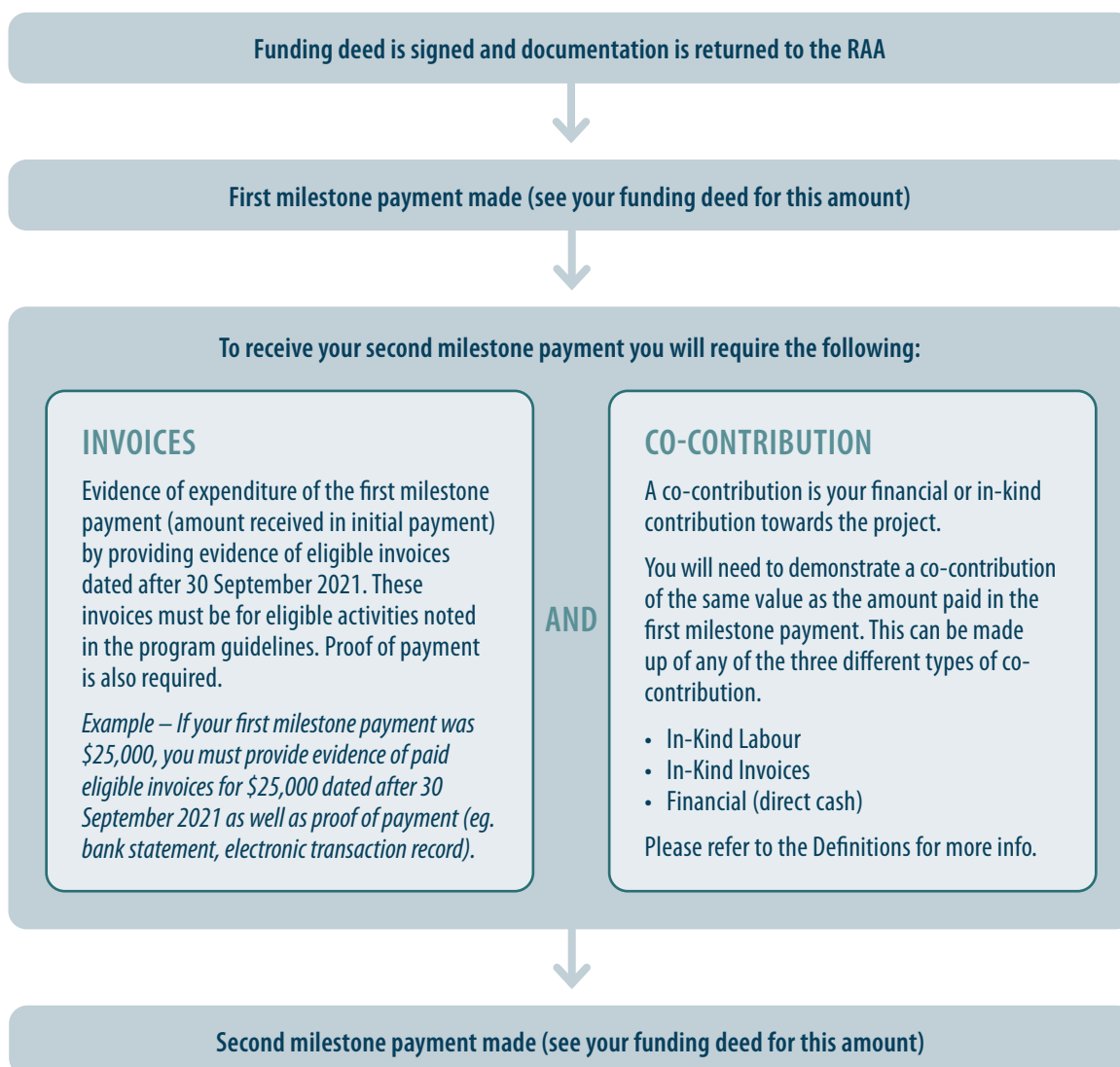
After you have signed your funding deed and returned the document to the RAA, you will be paid the first milestone

payment as per the funding deed.

For the RAA to release the additional milestone payments, you will be required to provide evidence of expenditure of the first milestone payment in eligible invoices (you need to demonstrate how you have spent the first milestone payment).

These invoices are to be dated after 30 September 2021.

In addition, you are required to provide evidence of your co-contribution for the same value as the paid milestone.



For third and fourth milestone payments (if applicable), the process of providing evidence of paid invoices and co-contribution is repeated.

INVOICES & CO-CONTRIBUTIONS

INVOICES

All Invoices need to be dated after 30 September 2021.

Invoices will only be accepted for eligible activities listed in the program guidelines. Eligible activities are listed in this document for reference, along with detail of the supporting documentation that will be required.

All invoices need to have a proof of payment attached (bank statement, invoice with nil balance or tax receipt).

All invoices are required to meet the "Tax Invoice" requirements as set out by the ATO.

CO-CONTRIBUTIONS

Financial co-contribution:


A financial co-contribution is an amount of money that an applicant can use towards their project. This can be demonstrated by providing evidence such as a bank statement showing the available funds (applicant details must be noted on the bank statement).

In-kind invoices:

Activities already undertaken to repair storm and flood damage can be claimed. Evidence of invoices and proof of payment is required. The invoices must not have been claimed under any other government program or covered by insurance. Invoices must be dated after the declaration for the Feb/March 2021 Storms and Flood and need to be in line with the Supply Chain Support Grant eligible activities.

In-kind labour:

An estimate is used. This is for reasonable staff labour costs to be capped at \$50/hr. This needs to be detailed to describe the work and the hours undertaken. Existing staff labour costs cannot be used to verify the initial grant and timesheet(s) will be required as evidence. *Please see example below.*



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EXAMPLE

Work in-kind Template

Please only include work that is eligible as per our Guidelines

Relationship to the business eg. Neighbour, friend etc.						
Applied rate is in \$50 hour						
Total is the Rate x Hours of eligible work completed in each entry						

Entry No	Date	Name	Relationship to the business	Applied Rate	Hours	Total	Eligible Tasks completed
1	15/04/2021	John Smith	Family Friend	\$50.00	8	\$400.00	Removed damaged fences – Paddock 3
2	16/04/2021	Army	Volunteer	\$50.00	7	\$350.00	Clearing flood debris from damaged fence lines
3	16/04/2021	Peter Smith	Partner	\$50.00	8	\$400.00	Tractor work to remove damaged fences and clear laneways
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ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

AQUACULTURE

ELIGIBLE ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES	EVIDENCE YOU MUST PROVIDE TO CLAIM
<p>4.1 Replacing or repairing damaged, non insured or under insured infrastructure including shellfish cultivation equipment, pipes, pumps tanks, shellfish graders, processing equipment, land depot sheds and boats.</p>	<p>Evidence must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of costs originally outlaid through valid tax invoices and proof of payment • Valid tax invoice and proof of payment. • Photographs may be required • Evidence that plant and equipment was damaged beyond repair to claim replacement.
<p>4.2 The replacement of physical assets to return infrastructure to its previous standard, or to a standard that improves future resilience.</p>	<p>Evidence must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof works have not been completed under Special Disaster Assistance Grant • Valid tax invoice and proof of payment • Quotes may be required • Photographs may be required.
<p>4.3 Clearing storm and flood damage including but not limited to removal of slit, gravel, damaged goods and other debris from within leases, adjacent to leases and from land bases.</p>	<p>Valid tax invoice and proof of payment.</p>
<p>4.4 Hiring or leasing equipment or materials including machinery fuel to rectify damage to property, infrastructure, equipment, or inventory.</p>	<p>Evidence must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lease agreement • Valid tax invoice and proof of payment. • May require logbooks for proof of machinery fuel.
<p>4.5 The purchases of oyster/mussel spat or suitable alternative to replace stock oysters or mussels that were lost or died as a result of the February and March 2021 storms and floods.</p>	<p>Evidence may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax invoices as evidence of purchase of oyster stock • Evidence of a history of wild oyster spat catching • Copy of Food Authority Licenses may be required.
<p>4.6 Critical business costs associated with re-establishing production in 2021-2022 i.e. licences and fees.</p>	<p>Valid tax invoice and proof of payment.</p>
<p>4.7 Pest Management supplies/service for flood affected stock.</p>	<p>Valid tax invoice and proof of payment and evidence.</p>
<p>4.8 Accessing technical. Environmental and business advice.</p>	<p>Valid tax invoice and proof of payment.</p>

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

AGRICULTURE

ELIGIBLE ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES	EVIDENCE YOU MUST PROVIDE TO CLAIM
4.1 Repairing or replacing, non-insured infrastructure including internal fencing, internal access paths/tracks.	Valid tax invoice and proof of payment.
4.2 The replacement of physical assets to return infrastructure to its previous standard, or to a standard that improves future resilience.	Evidence must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof works have not been completed under Special Disaster Assistance Grant • Valid tax invoice and proof of payment • Quotes may be required • Photographs may be required.
4.3 Clearing storm and flood damage including but not limited to removal of slit, gravel, damaged goods, and other debris.	Valid tax invoice and proof of payment.
4.4 Hiring or leasing equipment or materials including machinery fuel to rectify damage to property, infrastructure, equipment, or inventory.	Evidence must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lease agreement • Valid tax invoice and proof of payment. • May require logbooks for proof of machinery fuel.
4.5 Undertaking remedial earthworks and erosion management works due to storm and flood erosion.	Valid tax invoice and proof of payment.
4.6 Replacing livestock lost as a result of the storm and flood events.	Evidence may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NLIS Tags numbers • LLS land and stock return • Letter from a veterinarian if animals are euthanised • Livestock schedule from your accountant.
4.7 Replacing lost or damaged plants, salvaging crops, repairing or restoring fields. Note No more than one replanting cycle.	Evidence must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of when the original crop was planted and how much has been damaged (ha), and • Proof of input costs originally outlaid through valid tax invoices and proof of payment, and • A schedule of costs to reinstate the crop stating when work is to be undertaken.
4.8 Veterinary or pest management supplies/service for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood-affected herds to maintain the health of livestock • Flood-affected pasture fields to maintain the health of plant stock and crops 	Evidence may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vet/LLS Reports may be requested • Agronomist Reports may be requested • Valid tax invoice and proof of payment.
4.9 Accessing technical, environmental, and business advice.	Valid tax invoice and proof of payment.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

HORTICULTURE

ELIGIBLE ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES	EVIDENCE YOU MUST PROVIDE TO CLAIM
<p>4.1 Repairing or replacing, non-insured infrastructure including irrigation systems, pumps, poles, trellises, netting, greenhouses, internal fencing and internal access paths/tracks</p>	<p>Evidence must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of costs originally outlaid through valid tax invoices and proof of payment • Valid tax invoice and proof of payment. • Photographs may be required • Evidence that plant and equipment was damaged beyond repair to claim replacement.
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<p>4.7 Pest management supplies/service for flood affected pasture fields to maintain the health of plant stock and crops.</p>	<p>Evidence may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agronomist Reports may be requested • Valid tax invoice and proof of payment.
<p>4.8 Accessing technical, environmental and business advice.</p>	<p>Valid tax invoice and proof of payment.</p>