

Moreton Bay Recovery Fund February 2022 Weather and Flood Event Recovery Grants Round 1 Relief Grant Guidelines

The Moreton Bay Recovery Fund (MBRF) - February 2022 Weather and Flood Event Recovery Grants (hereafter referred to as MBRF) program was established to provide grants to:

- Support the recovery of community organisations impacted by the February 2022 weather and flood event; and
- Assist community organisations with the development and implementation of initiatives that support the recovery of Moreton Bay communities more broadly, from the February 2022 weather and flood event.

The MBRF and these guidelines are governed by the Moreton Bay Regional Council Community Grants Policy (No. 2150-030).

The MBRF will be delivered in three rounds, as shown in the table below.

Round	Description	Maximum Funding	When to apply	Estimated Notification
1	Relief from the costs associated with equipment and consumables replacement, clean-up of facilities, insurance excesses and caring for wildlife.	\$5,000	11 - 27 March 2022	14 business days after closing date
2	Restoration of community facilities and contributions towards insurance excesses.	\$20,000	11 March -10 April 2022	16 business days after closing date
3	Recovery programs for the community and social support programs.	TBC	TBC	TBC

These guidelines relate to the MBRF Round 1 Relief Grants.

Guidelines for MBRF Round 2 Restoration Grants are published on Council's website. The third round of the MBRF Round 3 Recovery Grants will be published separately when the round opens.

Round 1 - *Relief*

Purpose of funding - to provide immediate relief to community organisations impacted by the February 2022 weather and flood event, and assist organisations to re-establish their usual services and activities to community.

This round will provide grants to a maximum value of \$5,000 for:

- the replacement of equipment and consumables, related to the organisation's usual services and activities, that were damaged or lost as a direct result of the specified weather event;

- the purchase of new equipment and cleaning products, or expenses to engage contractors or hire equipment, for the purpose of clean-up activities that are required as a direct result of the specified weather event at the effected premises;
- contributions toward insurance excesses associated with eligible policies under which a claim has already, or will be made and approved, for the replacement or repair of equipment and consumables damaged or lost as a direct result of the specified weather event; and
- costs associated with the care and recovery of native wildlife impacted as a direct result of the specified weather event.

Definitions	<p>Community organisation means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) an entity that carries on activities for a public purpose; or (b) another entity whose primary object is not directed at making a profit. <p>Consumables means: Items that are required to deliver the organisation’s usual services or activities and are consumed on a regular basis.</p> <p>Eligible Insurance Policy means: An active insurance policy covering costs eligible under MBRF – Relief Grants</p> <p>Equipment means: Portable items, used to deliver the organisation’s usual services and activities, that are not fixed to the premises.</p>
Eligible applicants	<p>A Community Organisation that applies for funding under this grant must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be based in the Moreton Bay Region; and • Have \$20 million public liability insurance if required by Council. <p>The following are ineligible organisation types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For profit organisations; • Government departments and agencies; • Schools; and • Political groups. <p>Wildlife carer organisations must hold a current wildlife rehabilitation permit (issued by the Qld Government - Department of Environment and Science).</p> <p>Unincorporated community groups may apply through an auspice which is able to accept legal and financial responsibility for the project. The auspice organisation must meet the above criteria. Where community organisations act as an auspice for unincorporated community groups, these funds will not form part of the auspicing organisation’s maximum funding limit.</p> <p>Individuals are not eligible to apply for funding under this grant.</p>
Eligible expenses	<p>Costs expended to date, or to be expended, may include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacement or repair of items lost or damaged in the February 2022 weather and flood event, including:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office equipment, supplies and furniture; • Canteen and kitchen equipment, white goods and appliances; • Canteen stocks, food and drink items (not alcohol) and cleaning products; • Personal protective equipment, first aid supplies and safety equipment; • Clothing, uniforms, merchandise and promotional materials; • Maintenance equipment, tools and outdoor furniture; • Musical and sound equipment, display cases, costumes and art materials; • Sporting equipment, and accessories; • Plants, gardening supplies and animal food; • Cages, temporary enclosures, medical supplies or other consumables required for wildlife care; and • Delivery, freight and set-up costs for eligible items. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean-up expenses associated with the February 2022 weather and flood event including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase of new equipment and cleaning products; and • Contractor costs and equipment hire. • Insurance excess expenses including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excess amounts prescribed under an Eligible Insurance Policy*. These costs may be for an insurance claim which has already been made or will be made. <p>Retrospective funding is available under this grant program for eligible expenses which relate to the February 2022 weather and flood event. Applicants will be required to provide proof of expenditure.</p>
Ineligible expenses	<p>The following items are ineligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase of items or expenditure not directly related to the specified weather event; • Purchase of items or expenditure where an organisation has already received, or expects to receive compensation through another mechanism or insurance claim; • Alcohol, cash or cash equivalents (e.g. gift cards, vouchers); • Landscaping supplies that are primarily for aesthetic purposes; • Livestock and veterinary costs; • Purchase of items that are the responsibility of other levels of government (Eg. equipment for schools); • Vehicles and fuel; • Insurance (purchase of), utilities, salaries, subscriptions and extended warranties; and • Business as usual printing costs.
Funding limits	<p>Eligible organisations may apply for a maximum of \$5,000 (GST inclusive) in Round 1 - Relief Grants.</p> <p>*Note that the maximum contribution allowable toward insurance excess costs across all MBRF grants rounds is \$5,000 per organisation.</p> <p>Council reserves the right to part fund any grant application.</p>

Supporting documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quotes for individual expenditure items greater than \$500; and • Organisations seeking funds to support insurance excess costs must provide a copy of the organisation's relevant insurance policy, noting the applicable excess.
Lodging an application	<p>Applications must be submitted online via Council's grants and funding webpage www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/grants/</p> <p>Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.</p> <p>If you require assistance to complete an application, please contact the Council Community Grants and Partnerships Section on (07) 3205 0555 or email grants@moretonbay.qld.gov.au</p>
Assessment criteria	<p>Eligible applications will be assessed against the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need - absence of grant funding will delay or prevent the organisation from resuming usual services and activities; and/or costs incurred will have a material financial impact on the organisation. • Value for Money - the costs are reasonable and realistic.
Terms and Conditions	<p>Successful applicants are required to comply with the terms and conditions associated with Council's financial support.</p> <p>Only one application per organisation will be considered. For organisations that deliver their usual services and activities from multiple impacted sites (e.g. Scouts) one application per impacted site may be considered.</p> <p>Round 1 Relief Grants must be acquitted no later than 30 June 2022. If there is a delay, please contact a Grants Officer to discuss.</p>
Enquiries	<p>For further information about the MBRF Round 1 - Relief Grants, please contact a grants officer on (07) 3205 0555 or email grants@moretonbay.qld.gov.au.</p>

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