

Disaster Recovery Financial Assistance Program: Freight Subsidy for Primary Producers

Guidelines

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1. Objective

The Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) are an Australian Government measure for sharing the cost of disaster events with states and territories. The DRFA provides categories of assistance for individuals, the public and government in recovering from natural disasters and terrorist attacks.

Freight subsidies are for Primary Producers in the Territory who have been impacted by an eligible event and are located within the identified local government area impacted. Primary Producers can claim freight subsidy for reimbursement of costs involved with transporting livestock, fodder or water for livestock and building or fencing equipment or machinery as a direct result of damage by the eligible event.

2. Program Governance

[DTBAR General Grant Terms and Conditions](#)¹ apply to this Program and form part of these DRFA Freight subsidy for Primary Producer program Guidelines, unless expressly varied or replaced by provisions contained within these Program Guidelines.

In the event of any inconsistency between the General Grant Terms and Conditions and these Program Guidelines, the provisions of these Program Guidelines will prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

DTBAR reserves the right to amend or update the General Grant Terms and Conditions from time to time, as required.

3. Program Participation

Applications must be submitted through GrantsNT using the approved application form.

Applicants must comply with these Guidelines and Terms and Conditions and any guidance issued by the Department.

The Department will determine whether an applicant, activity or expenditure is eligible under this program and may request additional information to support an application. The Department's determination is final.

4. Eligibility criteria

4.1 Eligible criteria - applicants

Applicants must:

- Be an eligible Primary Producer²
- Be a Territory Enterprise with a valid ABN.
- Have suffered significant damage to assets or stock as a result of the disaster.
- Have been operating in the impacted area when the disaster occurred and intend to continue operating locally.
- Have been financially viable before the disaster.
- Be unable to claim the expenditure through insurance.

¹ https://nt.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/1620556/General-Terms-and-Conditions-Grants-and-Subsidies.pdf

² see definition

- Not have received, or be entitled to receive, other recovery funding for the same loss or damage.
- Not be an Excluded Entity.

4.2 Eligible separate business

Applicants who operate more than one enterprise under a single ABN, but each enterprise operates separately within the impacted area, may apply for assistance for each eligible separate business.

Enterprises are under the same ABN and are linked services of the same business are not eligible.

4.3 Excluded Entities

Applicants are ineligible for assistance under this program if they:

- a) do not meet the definition of a Primary Producer.
- b) derive less than 50% of their gross revenue from primary production activities in the Northern Territory.
- c) do not have a right or interest in a farm enterprise.
- d) do not contribute their own labour and capital to a primary production enterprise.
- e) Only operate outside the eligible primary production industries identified under ANZSIC Codes 01 (Agriculture), 02 (Aquaculture), 03 (Forestry and Logging), 04 (Fishing, Hunting and Trapping), and 05 (Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing Support Services).
- f) Entities whose primary activities are not related to primary production, including businesses that solely provide services to the agricultural sector without qualifying as a primary producer.

4.4 Eligible freight costs and funding cap

Eligible Recipients can be reimbursed for up to 50% of transport expenses, up to maximum of \$15,000, for:

- 1) Moving livestock out of an impacted area or bringing in replacement livestock for animals that were lost.
- 2) Delivering emergency fodder or water for livestock.
- 3) Transporting building or fencing materials, equipment and machinery.

4.5 Eligible Impacted Area

This assistance is available to Eligible Recipients who are situated in the eligible impacted area, as announced by the Department on the [Northern Territory Government Website](https://nt.gov.au/industry/business-grants-funding/freight-subsidy-disaster-assistance)².

² <https://nt.gov.au/industry/business-grants-funding/freight-subsidy-disaster-assistance>

5. Application Process

5.1 Submitting your application

Applications can be made via [GrantsNT](#) by filling out the online application form and, where requested, upload supporting documentation.

As part of the application process, applicants are to provide:

- a) Evidence you were located in the declared eligible impacted area at the time of the eligible event (for example utility bills or lease).
- b) A description of the damage or loss caused as a direct result of the eligible event and the services for which funding is being sought.
- c) Supporting documentation demonstrating the cost or loss incurred as a direct result of the event (for example photos, insurer damage report, quotes or Tax invoices for services relating to damage from the event). Note: freight costs should be clearly itemised.
- d) Documents that substantiate the business is an Eligible Recipient.
- e) Supporting evidence may be requested prior to funding agreement execution.
- f) A valid Territory Government Vendor ID and bank details registered in your GrantsNT Organisation Profile.

5.2 Insurance

Applicants are required to claim on insurance where available. Applicants must certify that they are ineligible or that insurance has been refused, or that their insurance will not cover all the costs.

Applicants may lodge a grant application pending the outcomes of an insurance claim. In these cases it is the Applicants responsibility to advise the Department of the outcome of the claim.

Please be aware the Department is unable to finalise an application until the outcome of the insurance claim is determined and where requested, formal advice of the claim outcome is provided.

5.3 Claiming expenditure (Reporting and Acquittal process)

Recipients deemed eligible will be offered funding by grant agreement and payment will be subject to the reporting and acquittal requirements contained in the agreement.

The reporting and acquittal process is submitted by the Eligible Recipients via [GrantsNT](#) by completing the online reporting and acquittal forms and uploading the required evidence such as, but not limited to:

- Tax invoice(s) showing full details of the goods and services, including freight costs, provided and being related to damage from the eligible event.
- Evidence of payment of these tax invoices. A copy of the Eligible Recipient's bank remittance/and or bank statement with any receipt from the supplier or contractor of payment made.
- Evidence any insurance arrangements are fully utilised and/or the asset is not claimable. Evidence that the funded services have been completed.
- Any other documentation required by the Department to ensure funding is expended in line with the program objectives.

5.4 Funding for Eligible Recipients

The Department will assess applications against the criteria listed in these terms and conditions, and Eligible Recipients will receive a grant funding agreement that will outline the reporting, acquittal and payment terms and requirements.

5.5 Compliance with Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA)

The Northern Territory Government will administer this grant in accordance with the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA), including applicable requirements for reporting, assurance, audit and record keeping. This includes maintaining appropriate evidence to support eligibility, assessment decisions and payments, and complying with any Commonwealth review or audit processes. Applicants may be required to provide information or documents to support these requirements, including for audit or compliance purposes.

6. Definitions

Primary Producer means a business (an individual, partnership, trust or company):

- Has a right or interest in a farm enterprise; and
- Contributes a part of his, her or its labour and capital to the business, and
- derives at least 50% of its gross revenue from the business of primary production in the Northern Territory.

Primary producers are listed under the Australian New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification 2006 (ANZSIC) 1292.0 (Revision 2.0) Codes 01 (Agriculture), 02 (Aquaculture), 03 (Forestry and Logging), 04 (Fishing, Hunting and Trapping) and 05 (Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing Support Services).