

Primary Producer Emergency Response Grants - Severe Weather Event August / September 2024

PURPOSE OF THE GRANT

If a primary producer has been impacted by the recent August/September 2024 floods and storms, they may be eligible for a Primary Producer Emergency Response Grant.

The grant program aims to provide assistance with the costs of clean-up and reinstatement; and to continue or recommence operations as soon as possible where the impact has been severe.

AVAILABLE GRANT FUNDING

The maximum grant amount available is **\$10,000** to eligible primary producers state-wide.

An additional amount of \$15,000 is available for primary producers in the Derwent Valley and Central Highlands Local Government Areas, recognising the impacts of major flooding in those areas.

HOW THE FUNDING MAY BE USED

Grants are provided to help pay for the costs of the clean-up and reinstatement of the primary production enterprise.

Costs must be directly related to damage caused by the event.

Examples of eligible activities include:

- engaging a tradesperson to conduct a safety inspection of damage to a property, premises or equipment
- hiring and leasing equipment or purchasing materials to clean a property, premises or equipment

- removing and disposing of debris, damaged goods and material, and injured or dead livestock, and
- carting water.

A full list of eligible activities are provided in the grant guidelines available on the Agrigrowth Tasmania website.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

The primary producer must meet all of the eligibility criteria below:

- Be a primary producer. For the purposes of this Grant Scheme an eligible Primary Producer refers to the carrying on of a business of primary production consistent with Taxation Ruling TR97/111 available on the Australian Taxation Office website: <https://www.ato.gov.au/forms-and-instructions/primary-producers-information-2023/who-is-a-primary-producer?anchor=whoisprimaryprod#whoisprimaryprod>.
- Devote part of their labour to the primary production enterprise.
- Derive at least 50 per cent of their gross income from primary production.
 - An applicant may also be eligible for a grant if the applicant derives at least 50 per cent of their total gross income from primary production and value-added products (e.g. wine) made directly from raw

produce grown by the applicant.

- Hold an Australian Business Number (ABN) and have held that ABN at the time of the event.
- Have a primary production enterprise that is located in the defined area for the event and have suffered direct damage as a result of the eligible disaster.
- Have been engaged in carrying on the primary production enterprise when affected by the event.

Further eligibility criteria are provided in the grant guidelines available on the Agrigrowth Tasmania website.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications open 2pm, 15 October 2024.

Applications are online via <https://nre.smartygrants.com.au/storm2024>

Grants are administered by Agrigrowth Tasmania in the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania.

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