

Small Business Emergency Response Grants - Severe Weather Event August / September 2024

PURPOSE OF THE GRANT

If a small business has been impacted by the recent August/September 2024 floods and storms, they may be eligible for a Small Business Emergency Response Grant.

Emergency Response Grants are intended to assist small businesses that were impacted by flood waters, wind and power outages resulting in property damage and/or loss of stock (for example spoiling of perishable goods) to continue or recommence operations as soon as possible.

AVAILABLE GRANT FUNDING

The maximum grant amount available is **\$25,000**.

Tier One: An initial one-off amount of \$2,500 is available.

To support an initial claim, applicants are required to:

- describe and provide evidence of direct damage from the event on their business; and
- demonstrate with evidence that they were actively trading immediately prior to 26 August 2024.

Tier Two: A subsequent one-off amount of up to \$22,500 is available.

- To support a subsequent claim, applicants are required to provide evidence of payments made

directly relating to eligible recovery activities. The evidence provided must also cover the amount claimed under the Tier One application if not already provided.

HOW THE FUNDING MAY BE USED

Grants are provided to help pay for the costs of the clean-up and reinstatement of the small business. 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/or leasing equipment or purchasing materials to clean a property, premises or equipment
- removing and disposing of debris, damaged goods and materials
- removing and disposing of spoiled goods and stock due to power outage
- replacing lost or damaged stock if it is essential to enable the immediate resumption in operation of the small business, and
- leasing temporary premises for the purpose of resuming operation of the small business (within the same municipality).

A full list of eligible activities is provided in the grant guidelines.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

An applicant must meet all the eligibility criteria outlined below and be assessed against further criteria outlined in the grant guidelines:

- be a sole operator or a small business employing 19 or less full-time equivalent employees (FTEs)
- hold an Australian Business Number (ABN) and have held that ABN at the time of the event
- applicants who operate more than one business under a single ABN may submit multiple applications, however the applications must apply to different businesses and cannot include the same claims
- have been engaged in carrying on the small business when affected by the event
- have suffered direct damage to premises and/or tools of trade (e.g. equipment, plant) and/or stock as a direct result of the event
- provide satisfactory evidence of the loss or damage being claimed, and
- be primarily responsible for meeting the costs claimed in the application.

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

HOW TO APPLY

Applications open 2pm, 15 October 2024.

Applications are online via

https://www.business.tas.gov.au/funding/general/small_business_emergency_response_grant_program.

Grants are administered by Business Tasmania in the Department of State Growth.

Queries can be directed to:

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