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# Frequently Asked Questions Early Needs Recovery Program Industry Grants Guidelines FAQ

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FAQ for the Industry Grants application for the Early Needs Recovery Program

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## What is the Early Needs Recovery Program – Industry Grants?

The \$13 million Early Needs Recovery Program (ENRP) is part of the \$150 million Primary Industry Support package which is co-funded by the Australian and NSW governments. The program aims to support primary producers in the most flood-impacted regions and industries of NSW to regain productivity.

The \$3.2 million Early Needs Recovery Program – Industry Grants (the Program) is part of the \$150 million Primary Industry Support Package that is co-funded 50-50 by the Australian and NSW governments under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

This program is designed to support recovery, rebuilding and resilience efforts for producers of agricultural goods in the most heavily impacted industries (greater than \$5million of damage).

The Program is offering a targeted, competitive grant opportunity over one round of funding. All applicants are encouraged to read the grant guidelines prior to applying. All projects are required to be completed by 24 April 2024.

Local Land Services (LLS) is delivering the ENRP in collaboration with the Department of Regional NSW and the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI).

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## Is the grant only available in certain Local Government Areas (LGAs)?

Yes – the grant funding can only be used to support industries that fall within the LGAs identified under AGRN 1012.

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## Who can apply?

The industry grants are targeted grants. This means that the applicants have been invited by The Department and others cannot apply. This is to ensure that the funding will be handled by the appropriate industry organisations as well as Local Land Services and Department of Primary Industries as subject matter experts. These applicants were invited after consultation with industry bodies to determine the best method for roll out.

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## My industry is not considered as a targeted industry for the ENRP Industry Grant. Can I apply anyway?

No, only industries that have been identified and invited to apply can submit an application for the Early Needs Recovery Program - Industry Grants.

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## What is the close date for applications?

Applications close 5pm 20 December 2022.

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## Can I submit more than one application?

No – organisations can only submit one application.

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## What if my application is late?

Applications close 5pm 20 December 2022 via the online application process.

All requests for a submission extension must be received in writing before 5pm AEST on the application closing date. Extension requests may be accepted at the sole discretion of Local Land Services.

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## What activities are eligible?

Eligible activities are to be undertaken in the defined disaster area for the NSW storms and floods that occurred from 22 February 2022 onwards (AGRN 1012) and can include:

- employing or contracting a person (Industry Recovery Officer) to coordinate and/or deliver recovery activities for the industry including grant administration (maximum of \$150,000/year)
  - production and business recovery advisory and coaching services
  - recovery workshops, field days, seminars, training materials and roadshows
  - recovery communication materials including development of newsletters, handbooks, fact sheets, webinars, podcasts, videos, and website content
  - projects that remove barriers to production recovery and/or build resilience
  - other activities as agreed by the Department.
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## How much funding is available?

There is \$3.2 million allocated for targeted industry recovery projects within the Early Needs Recovery Program.

Each eligible industry has a specific portion of the \$3.2 million allocated, with a maximum determined by the amount of impact caused by the February 2022 flooding event in NSW.

Please refer to the Program funding section in the Early Needs Recovery Program – Industry Grants Grant Guidelines to confirm the amount available for each industry.

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## Can ineligible projects be referred to a more appropriate funding program?

Yes. Projects that are more suitable for other NSW Government programs may be referred to those programs. Applications that are referred will be subject to the full assessment criteria of the other NSW Government program to which they are referred. Applicants may need to update their application to meet the criteria of the referred program.

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## What if there are unspent funds?

If the situation arises where a grant recipient's project is completed and there are unspent funds remaining from the grant allocation, Local Land Services may require the grant recipient to return the unspent funds. If the grant recipient requests to use the funds to extend the scope of the project, Local Land Services may assess that request if it aligns to the objectives of the grant program and can be completed by 24 April 2024. Local Land Services may require the grant recipient to provide supporting information such as revised economic or social impact data.

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## When do I have to spend the funding amount by?

The funding provided must be spent and all claims submitted by 24 April 2024.

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## How will I get paid if I am successful?

All Early Needs Recovery Program funds will be paid via milestones. Milestone payments and reporting requirements will outlined in the Funding Deed.

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## Where do I get further information?

For more information and to request documentation including grant guidelines and an application form, please contact Kiera Turner 0492 166 068 or Peta Holcombe 0456 760 556 from the Early Needs Recovery Program team or email [recovery@lls.nsw.gov.au](mailto:recovery@lls.nsw.gov.au)

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