

School Recovery Grants

Frequently Asked Questions

Eligibility

What are the eligibility requirements?

To be eligible to apply for a School Recovery Grant, each applicant must:

- Be a state government or non-government primary or secondary school in New South Wales or Queensland or a Parents and Citizens Association of a state government or non-government primary or secondary school in New South Wales and Queensland in a flood affected area. Individuals or business are not eligible to apply.
- Need to replace or repair facilities or property which was lost or damaged by flood during the 2021 flood season and is not likely to be covered by insurance; or
Want to implement community activities that aim to strengthen social connectedness, emotional wellbeing and assist school communities to recover from the recent floods;
- Be able to identify how their proposed activity or the repair or replacement of the facilities or property will benefit the school;
- Not be implementing projects with any political objectives;
- Hold a current bank account in Australia in its name.

What's the value of grant I can apply for?

This is a single grant of \$5,000.

What does a grant cover?

The grant covers either:

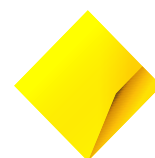
- The cost to replace or repair facilities or property which was lost or damaged by flood during the 2021 flood season and is not likely to be covered by insurance: or
- The cost to implement community activities or programs that aim to strengthen social connectedness, emotional wellbeing and assist school communities to recover from the recent floods.

I'm a business, can I apply?

Only state government or non-government primary or secondary schools in New South Wales or Queensland or a Parents and Citizens Association of a state government or non-government primary or secondary school in New South Wales and Queensland in a flood affected area.

I'm a school or P&C, can I apply?

Yes - any school state government or non-government primary or secondary school in New South Wales or Queensland or a Parents and Citizens Association of a state government or non-government primary or secondary school in New South Wales and Queensland in a flood affected area are eligible to apply.



I'm an individual, can I apply?

No - individuals are not eligible to apply, only school or parent and citizen associations based in a flood affected area are eligible to apply.

Application Queries

Do I have to be a customer of Commonwealth Bank?

No.

Do I have to have Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status?

No.

Do I have to have an ABN?

No. However, if you do have an ABN, please include it in your application.

I'm a CommBank employee, can I submit an application?

If you are a formal representative of a school or P&C organisation in a flood affected area, you are eligible to apply.

How long do I have to apply for a grant?

Applications close 21 May 2021. We will be reviewing applications as they come in and plan to make payments on a regular basis, so we would encourage you to apply as soon as you're able.

All my documentation was in the flood, how can I apply?

We understand. Please apply and provide all the information you can at this time.

Do I need evidence of the damage that has occurred?

It is not mandatory, but please provide any supporting documentation you may have available to show how the grant will be spent. If you do not have any documentation, please briefly describe what the grant will be spent on.

I don't know the exact value of the impact, can I estimate it?

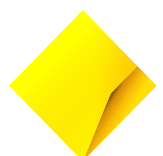
Absolutely. Please provide your best estimate and share any supporting documentation you may have available to show the damage incurred.

I'm not sure if my insurance will cover the damage, can I apply for a grant?

Yes – you are welcome to apply, however please keep us informed on the status of your organisations insurance claim.

My insurance claim was granted but it doesn't cover the full damage, can I apply?

Yes.



Grant Payment

How long will it take to get my funding?

We will be reviewing applications as they come in and plan to make payments on a regular basis.

Can I get this money directly from my branch?

We will deposit the money in the organisations bank account that is provided in the application. If your situation requires an alternate process we'll review this on a case by case basis.

Can I apply through my branch?

You will need to complete the online application in order to be eligible for the grant. However, your local branch will be able to assist you in completing the application.

As a Commonwealth Bank customer will I get preferential treatment?

No, each application is granted on the basis of meeting the Eligibility Criteria, you and/or the organisation you are applying on behalf of do not need to be a CBA customer to apply for a grant.

Can I apply for multiple grants for different things?

Yes you may, if damage has occurred in multiple locations please detail these in your application.

Can both the school and P&C apply?

No, each school may only receive one grant regardless if the application is made by the P&C or school.

When do I need to have spent the grant?

The received grant needs to be spent within 12 months of receiving the funds.

Can the grant be paid into my personal bank account?

No.

Further Information

I can't service my mortgage/I'm in hardship at the moment, can I apply for a grant?

No, only eligible organisations may apply for a grant.

Who are SmartyGrants and why are they taking my application?

SmartyGrants is an online portal for grants management. It is Australia's most used grants management system and provides a simple, secure way for applications to be submitted.

