

# **Exclusion Fencing Recovery Grant Applications Open**



Applications for the Exclusion Fencing Recovery Grant are open.

The objective of the grant is to assist graziers in re-establishing their networks of exclusion fencing or cluster fencing, damaged or destroyed by the Western Queensland flooding in March 2025.

This initiative not only protects livestock and pasture but also strengthens resilience against future disasters and mitigates risks such as wild dog predation.

The grant is delivered through Central Western Queensland Remote Area Planning and Development Board Incorporated (RAPAD) and Quilpie Shire Council, covering eligible local government areas through the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

This program of \$105 million is part of a broader package of support for graziers impacted by the disaster event.

Eligible producers can access grants of up to \$500,000.

Key details include:

- **Initial amount:** Up to 10% of eligible costs (maximum \$50,000) is available upon submission of evidence (photos and quotes), an approved work plan and the execution of a funding agreement with one of the service providers.
- **Subsequent amount or amounts** of up to 100% of assessed eligible actual costs will be paid upon completion of milestones in the approved work plan.
- Graziers will need to work with the delivery agencies to **develop workplans** and identify costs to access grants.

#### What is a work plan?

- Work plans identify the areas and extent of damage to exclusion fencing, the costs associated with repairing, description of activities required and milestones for completing work.
- Graziers will be assisted by the delivery agencies and Industry Recovery and Resilience Officers in developing their work plans. DPI staff are not required to provide this service.

Refer to 'Applicant Guidelines' for how the funding may be used including eligible and ineligible costs.











## **Key Dates:**

- Expression of Interest (EOI) by 30 December 2025.
- Completion of work, no later than 31 March 2027
- Final date for lodging acquittal/claim grant funds 30 April 2027

## **Delivery agencies:**

RAPAD if the graziers live in these local government areas:

• Barcaldine

Barcoo

Blackall Tambo

Boulia

Diamantina

Longreach

Winton

Quilpie Shire Council if the grazier lives in these areas:

Quilpie

Balonne

Bulloo

- Murweh
- Paroo

## Promoting the grants to your network

Please share this information with eligible primary producers. If they have questions or need assistance, direct them to their respective service provider as listed above.

- RAPAD: 0448 739 759 or mgronold@rapad.com.au
- Quilpie Shire Council: 07 4656 0500 or EFRG@quilpie.qld.gov.au

#### **Additional financial support**

- <u>freight subsidies</u> of up to \$5,000 per property to move essential materials such as fodder, building and fencing materials, machinery, and animals for restocking
- <u>disaster assistance loans</u>, up to \$250,000
- <u>disaster assistance (essential working capital) loans</u>, up to \$100,000
- exceptional disaster recovery assistance grants, up to \$75,000.

Read more about the <u>funding arrangements for financial assistance</u>.

The <u>Rural Financial Counselling Service</u> (RFCS) can help primary producers to apply for government financial assistance and other rural financial counselling advice.







