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**Flood affected NQ shires get funding boost
from Australian Government**

- **\$12 million in ‘Recovery and Resilience grants’ for 14 LGAs hardest hit by the 2019 North Queensland flood event.**
- **The grants are for projects that align with the region’s long-term recovery strategy, which was developed in close partnership with affected people, businesses and communities.**
- **Councils will work with their communities on locally led solutions considered essential for recovery and to boost resilience.**

The 14 shires hit hardest by the 2019 North Queensland flood event will receive a \$12 million financial boost from the Australian Government for recovery and resilience projects, through access to more than \$850,000 per council each under Stream 1 of the \$20 million ‘Recovery and Resilience’ grants program, which opens today.

Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management David Littleproud said the funding would allow councils to invest in projects that local communities had decided were priorities for their futures.

“The grants continue the Australian Government’s ‘locally led, locally understood, locally implemented’ approach to supporting them following the event,” Minister Littleproud said.

“We’ve kept these grants flexible enough that councils, working with their communities, decide which projects get funded. They have until 31 March 2021 to submit their proposals,” he said.

“The money could be used for a range of projects - from workshops that build business skills and training in disaster recovery, public events that bring people to the town and attract tourists, and infrastructure projects like community facilities, emergency communications and water assets.”

Stream 2 of the program, which opens early next year, will see \$8 million in competitive grants made available to the affected communities to the end of 2023.

The program is one of five measures totalling \$60 million earmarked by the Australian Government to support ongoing recovery from the devastating event.

For more information on the long-term flood recovery strategy and the grant opportunities, visit: <https://www.droughtandflood.gov.au/flood-recovery>

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