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GRANTS TO SUPPORT LONG-TERM FLOOD RECOVERY IN NORTH AND FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND

\$11 million of Flexible Funding Grants is now available to community groups, local councils, non-government and not-for-profit organisations that support communities impacted by the 2019 monsoon trough event.

The Flexible Funding Grants Program is jointly funded under the Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) and through Category C Community Recovery Funds (CRF).

Federal Minister for Emergency Management David Littleproud said this \$11 million round of grants follows the \$4.5 million first round of Flexible Funding Grants rolled out from October last year, bringing the total to \$15.5 million for these long-term recovery grants.

“Applications are now open for two types of grants—small grants between \$2500 and \$50,000, and large grants between \$50,000 and \$150,000,” Minister Littleproud said.

“These grants are an important part of the ongoing long-term recovery for communities in Far North, North and North-West Queensland.

“More than a year has passed since flooding devastated the region and many communities are still recovering.

“I encourage all eligible community groups, local councils and peak bodies to submit an application.”

Minister for Communities Coralee O'Rourke said the Queensland Government is in it for the long haul to help these communities get back on their feet and build their resilience for future disasters.

“We're looking for applications that put forward projects and initiatives that will build on the recovery effort in affected communities and strengthen preparedness and resilience into the future,” Minister O'Rourke said.

“Sixty-eight projects were funded under the first round of the Flexible Funding Grants – including Get Ready workshops in Charters Towers, flood and tide sensors in Yarrabah and mobile disaster LED road signage in the Barcoo Shire.

“The Flexible Funding grants will be available in 39 local government areas in Far North, North and North-West Queensland.

“The Commonwealth and Queensland governments are committed to the long-term recovery of affected communities.”

Applications for the Flexible Funding Grants will close at 2pm on Monday 6 April.

For more information and to apply, visit: www.communities.qld.gov.au/funding

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