



Rural Financial Counselling Service NSW NORTHERN REGION

RAA Flood Grant – Storm & Flood Industry Recovery Program – Expires 3 March 2022 Supply Chain Support Grant Rural Landholders Grant

Funding and projects under the SFIRP Supply Chain Support Grant will complement the \$75,000 Special Disaster Grant, and support NSW's agriculture, horticulture and aquaculture industries to rebuild and recover in the medium and longer-term.

Eligible primary producers are required to have accessed the full \$75,000 Special Disaster Grant before accessing funds through the Supply Chain Support Grant.

The amount of funding available to eligible producers in targeted industries will vary by industry and a 50:50 financial and/or in-kind co-contribution from applicants is required.

Eligible Industries, Sectors & Local Government Areas

Agriculture	Horticulture	Aquaculture
Dairy - up to \$100,000 per applicant	Turf - up to \$75,000 per applicant	Oysters - up to \$30,000 per applicant
Extensive Livestock - up to \$75,000 per applicant	Berries - up to \$30,000 per applicant	Mussels - up to \$30,000 per applicant
Broadacre Cropping - up to \$50,000 per applicant	Cut Flowers - up to \$30,000 per applicant	
	Plant Nurseries - up to \$30,000 per applicant	
	Vegetables - up to \$30,000 per applicant	

Rural Landholders Grant (RLG)

Up to \$10,000 for NSW rural landholders who do not qualify for the Special Disaster Assistance or the Supply Chain Support Grant.

Register your interest for this new program, complete a quick REGISTRATION of your interest

RAA Landholders Grant - [Rural Landholders Grant \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au)

RAA: [Supply Chain Support Grant \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au)

RAA - Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme – Now Open

RAA are currently working with the Commonwealth Government to finalise details of the new scheme.

If you already have an application with RAA for the first EWIR scheme (**Round 1**), **you do not need to do anything** – RAA will be in touch with you with the next steps.

Round 2 is now open.

RAA Website: <https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/grants/ewir>

RAA - Farm Innovation Fund Loans

The NSW Government has committed \$1 billion to the Farm Innovation Fund under the Emergency Drought Relief Package 2019-20. From 1 July 2019, farmers can borrow up to a maximum of \$1 million per project, with a total of \$1,000,000 outstanding at any one time to build on-farm infrastructure, including stock containment areas. In addition, interest charges on Farm Innovation Fund loans for the 2019-20 financial year will also be waived. Loans are now available from the NSW Rural Assistance Authority to assist with drought preparedness, environment, farm infrastructure and natural resources works. Loans up to \$1,000,000, up to a 20-year term, current interest rate is 2.5% which is fixed for the term of the loan.

RAA Ph: 1800 678 593 - <https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/loans/farm-innovation-fund>

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE



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Income Support for Farmers - Farm Household Allowance

New amendment and simplification of the application process; A new online claim that can be used by both members of a couple. Relief measures #2 2019 - Commences 11 June 2020

The Farm Household Allowance (FHA) will help farmers with their daily living expenses, and is available to farmers Australia wide, **without** the need for a drought declaration. This allowance will provide eligible farmers and their partners with up to four years of income support. This payment is equivalent to the Newstart Allowance and is paid fortnightly.

The Activity Supplement will increase to \$10,000 in the person's lifetime. Amount already spent are included in the total. Extending it to include travel and accommodation costs associated with eligible activities.

Simplified assets test will mean all assets (farm and non-farm) will be counted under a single net value threshold of \$5.5 million.

One rate of payment will mean no fluctuations due to income. Anyone who qualifies for a cent will automatically receive the maximum applicable rate of payment.

Dept. Human Service - Drought and Farmer Assistance Hotline: 13 23 16

<http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/farm-household-allowance>

RIC - Regional Investment Corporation: Concessional Loans

Low interest loans - Drought and Farm investment loans to assist with preparation for drought and recovery from drought. Loans can refinance existing debt or access new debt for operating expenses. Loans are available up to \$2,000,000. Current terms will be:

Drought Loan and AgBiz Drought Loans will have:

- 5 years interest only at the current variable rate of 2.17% then
- 5 years' principal and interest over a 10-year loan term.

Ph: 1800 875 675 <http://www.ric.gov.au/farmers>

RIC Agri starter Loans

Low interest loans to assist first time farmers and loans to support farm succession arrangements.

Eligible first-time farmers wanting to buy, established or develop their first farm, or farmers and farm businesses who are planning for and implementing succession arrangements. Loans available up to \$2 Million. 50% of your total debt must stay with a commercial lender.

Current terms would be:

- 5 years' interest only at the current variable rate of 2.17%
- 5 years' principal and interest over a 10-year loan term.

Ph: 1800 875 675

Rural Aid – Disaster Assistance

Assistance to access livestock fodder and household financial assistance on a case-by-case basis. \$1000

Ph. 1300 327 624 **Buy a Bale: Website:** <https://www.buyabale.com.au/>



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SafeWork NSW - \$2000 & \$600

\$2,000 towards upgrade to side by side for eligible SSV &
\$600 for an OPD Quadbar flexi - ATV life guard – Drone or Helmet

Refer **LINK** for full details - <https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/hazards-a-z/quad-bikes-and-side-by-side-vehicles>

Safe Work NSW \$500 Small business rebate

\$500 rebate for Safety Solutions, see attached link for detail on eligibility and how to apply.

The rebate provides up to \$500 to small business owners and sole traders in NSW who buy and install equipment to make their workplace safer.

Changes have been made to support small business and sole traders in NSW that have recently been impacted by a natural disaster, state of emergency or COVID-19

1. Any sole trader or small business owner that has completed an eligible event with SafeWork after 1 August 2019 has 12 months to apply for the rebate.
2. New workplace hygiene items are also eligible. Please check "What can I buy? - Hygiene products" below for more information.

LINK - [Small business rebate | SafeWork NSW](#)

Service NSW

Some businesses may be eligible. – Small Business Fees & Charges Rebate - \$1,500

LINK - <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/small-business-fees-and-charges-rebate>

If you are a sole trader, the owner of a small business or a not-for-profit organisation in NSW, you may be eligible for a small business fees and charges rebate of \$1,500.

This rebate helps businesses recover from the impacts of COVID-19 and encourages growth by reducing the cost of running a business. Eligible businesses or not-for-profits only need to apply for the rebate once but can submit multiple claims until the full value of \$1,500 is reached.

[Service NSW – Dine and Discover - \\$100](#)

[Service NSW – Seniors Travel Card - \\$250](#)



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