



RURAL FINANCE

VICTORIAN FLOODS
AUGUST 2010 TO JANUARY 2011
VICTORIAN HAIL DAMAGE NOVEMBER 2010

**CLEAN-UP AND RESTORATION GRANTS
NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANISATIONS**

A Clean-up and Restoration Grant of up to \$25,000 is available to Not for Profit Organisations who have suffered direct physical damage as a result of a flood event between August 2010 and January 2011 or damage caused by hail during November 2010 in Victoria for clean-up, removal of debris and business restoration. Further applications can be considered for subsequent flood events that have caused additional direct damage.

The grant is not intended to replace the need for insurance or to provide compensation for losses. Any grant for clean-up work that is subsequently covered by an insurance claim is to be repaid.

All claims for assistance will be assessed on a case by case basis and should be accompanied by 30 day invoices to support the expenditure claimed.

Alternatively in principle approval may be sought before expenditure is committed but invoices will be required before payment is made.

Eligibility

To be eligible, an organisation must be an incorporated charity or not-for-profit organisation.

A not-for-profit organisation may be eligible if it:

- has suffered direct and significant damage as a result of the floods between August 2010 and January 2011 or hail damage during November 2010, and
- is unable to effect the necessary repairs or replacements from their own resources, and
- has exhausted alternative sources of assistance.

Purpose

The Clean-up and Restoration Grant can assist with:

- clean-up costs including hire of equipment, materials and external labour
- removal and disposal of debris and damaged goods and materials
- payment for tradespersons to conduct safety inspections
- essential repairs to internal fittings e.g. floor coverings, electrical re-wiring
- leasing of temporary premises
- repairs to buildings (other than housing)
- reconditioning/repairing essential plant and equipment.

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Grant Entitlements

The amount of the Clean-up and Restoration Grant is based on need after allowing for insurance recoveries. A maximum of \$25,000 is available.

GST is excluded from any grant assessment.

Payments are made by cheque or paid directly to the business' nominated bank account.

Invoices are required to be lodged before any payment is made.

Further application for grant support may be considered to cover the additional clean up and restoration works associated with separate flooding events.

Conditions of Clean-up and Restoration Grant Assessments

Applications must be made by 31 July 2011.

Any applicant found to have provided information of a fraudulent nature may be liable to prosecution and will be required to repay the grant.

Applying for a Grant or Further Information

To apply for the grant, a *Flood/Hail Damage Application Clean-up and Restoration Grant – Not for Profit Organisation* form will need to be completed and lodged as soon as possible. One application form can be used for multiple flood events (damage will need to be detailed separately).

Completed applications including signed Statutory Declaration together with a copy of photographic identification of the principal applicant and other supporting documents including photographs of the flood or hail damage (if available) should be forwarded to:

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Flood & Hail Damage Loans

Flood & Hail Damage loans to assist with re-establishment of a Not for Profit Organisation are also available. Full details can be obtained from our website via the fact sheet "*Flood/Hail Damage Loans – Primary Producers, Small Businesses and Not for Profit Organisations*"