

7.5. RURAL LIBRARIES QLD PLACES AND SPACES GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION

REPORT AUTHOR	Manager Community Services
MANAGER	Acting General Manager Corporate and Communities
DEPARTMENT	Community Services
DATE	28 April 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse an application for \$50,000 in grant funding under the 2026-27 Rural Libraries QLD Places and Spaces program administered by the Queensland Government through the State Library of Queensland for a Mossman Library upgrade.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The State Library of Queensland is offering grant funding to the value of \$50,000 to support the refurbishment of library spaces. These grants have not been offered since 2020.

A strip of land between the eastern side of the Mossman Library and the neighbouring boundary is currently unused. The grant funding would allow for this area to be developed, providing a usable outdoor space for library staff and patrons to enjoy.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS / RESOLUTIONS

Not applicable.

REPORT/BACKGROUND

Through the Places and Spaces Grant, local government authorities (LGAs) operating Rural Libraries Queensland (RLQ) services, will have the opportunity to apply for funds of between \$10,000 - \$50,000 to support refurbishment or relocation of library spaces and /or purchase of equipment and resources that support improved or increased services, programs or outreach. RLQ services are a partnership between the State Library of Queensland and 29 LGAs with populations under 15,000 people.

It is proposed that Council applies for grant funding to the value of \$50,000 to undertake refurbishment of the unused outdoor area of the Mossman Library.

The proposal for the library refurbishment includes:

- Removing the trees on the boundary and replacing the boundary fence.
- Installing a door to enable access to the outside area.
- Relocating data and power cables.
- Adjust existing patio frame to divert water away from the building and install gutters, flashing and downpipes.
- Installing a concrete slab under the existing line of the patio.

- Laying turf to the balance of the area.

Opening the outdoor space would allow for the ability to conduct story time, school holiday activities, messy play, and sensory experiences during the cooler months. It would also provide a space where library customers can eat, socialise, and take phone calls outside the library building. Currently library entry guidelines do not allow for the consumption of food in the library, and loud phone calls cause conflict with staff and other customers. The space would also provide an additional area for groups to meet outside the confines of the library building, but in a safe, inclusive environment.

Advice has been received from State Libraries to ensure the application has the best chance of success. Additionally, letters of support have been obtained from local educators and interest groups including Behaviour Boost, Douglas Community Early Childhood Hub, Douglas Shire U3A, and the Douglas Cluster Early Childhood Development Program teacher.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

While there is no specific Council co-contribution required, there will be a commitment to manage the project and fund the removal of the trees and fence replacement. This cost has been estimated at approximately \$20,000 and is proposed to be budgeted for in the 2026/27 Capital Works program.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There is some risk that ever-increasing costs in materials and services may result in higher than quoted prices, when the time comes to complete the works. This has been factored into the above Council contribution with a buffer amount included, and a rigorous scope of works and request for quote process will be undertaken to ensure best value for money is achieved.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The removal of the trees on the boundary will have some environmental impact. However, the trees currently pose some threat to the library building, as well as the neighbouring property. More appropriate landscaping for the space can be implemented as part of the project.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

An outdoor area would create an informal, welcoming place for people to gather and interact. It can reduce social isolation—especially for older residents, parents, and newcomers—and strengthen a sense of belonging. Outdoor environments can feel less intimidating than indoor settings, encouraging use by people who may not traditionally engage with library services. This includes young people, First Nations community members, and culturally diverse groups. Additionally, access to fresh air, greenery, and relaxed seating supports mental wellbeing.

CORPORATE AND OPERATIONAL PLAN

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following:

Corporate Plan 2025-2030 Initiatives:

Theme 1 - Liveability

To deliver community activities to promote safe, healthy, inclusive and socially engaged communities with an environmental conscious.

1.1 - Deliver community initiatives that support healthy, inclusive and socially engaged communities.

Theme 3 - Service Delivery

We deliver Council services effectively and efficiently to meet community expectations, focusing on the wellbeing of both the community and our employees.

3.6 - Deliver Council services to meet community expectations.

Operational Plan 2025-2026 Actions:

New project arisen during the financial year.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Not applicable.

CONSULTATION

State Libraries QLD, neighbouring property owners, Council's Building Facilities and ICT teams.

CONCLUSION

Applying for this grant, if successful, will allow for the most significant refurbishment to the Mossman Library since the building opened in 2006.

ATTACHMENTS

1. FINAL Guidelines RLQ Places and Spaces Grant 2026 0 [7.5.1 - 6 pages]



2026-27 RLQ Places and Spaces Grant Application Guidelines

Funding overview

Through the Places and Spaces Grant, local government authorities (LGAs) operating Rural Libraries Queensland (RLQ) services, will have the opportunity to apply for funds of between \$10,000 - \$50,000 to support refurbishment or relocation of library spaces and /or purchase of equipment and resources that support improved or increased services, programs or outreach.

RLQ services are a partnership between State Library and 29 LGAs with populations under 15,000 people. Through this partnership, State Library provides direct funding to support staffing, programs and operations of RLQ services and a library collection managed and circulated between RLQ services; and access to professional development, statewide programs, campaigns and research and supports services to ensure the continued development of a thriving library network.

Places and Spaces Grants are being offered for the first time, in recognition of the challenges faced by small councils and increased costs to deliver library facilities and services that meet the unique needs of rural communities.

This grant program will support rural councils to achieve our shared vision “that public libraries that are valued, thriving, place based cultural and social hubs responsive to the changing needs of Queenslanders providing access to lifelong learning and contributing to the liveability of local communities” ([Public Libraries and IKC Roadmap 2024](#))

This program provides material support for the delivery of the Roadmap Places and Programs objective, “Libraries across Queensland are thriving, creative, relevant and inclusive spaces, and are embraced as local cultural and community hubs.” Strategies for the delivery of this objective:

- Deliver experiences for people to explore ideas, become active citizens and connect and contribute to their local communities
- Create opportunities for respectful engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, history and people
- Empower Queensland children and families, providing rich experiences that enable exploration, imagination, and build understanding of the world around them
- Design programs including outreach that reflect community demographics and areas of need, to support lifelong wellbeing, learning and creativity
- Invest in sustainable development, maintenance and operation of diverse, welcoming, accessible and trusted library spaces and facilities

Projects are expected to be delivered between 1 July 2026 -30 June 2027.

The following guidelines have been developed to assist councils in developing applications for funding. Please read these guidelines carefully before completing the application form.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply applicants must:

- be a Queensland local government or town authority delivering an RLQ service that has a current Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the Library Board of Queensland
- be compliant with all aspects of the SLA including completion of annual reporting and acquittal of any other project grants provided by State Library
- For refurbishment or relocation projects councils must:
 - own or have long-term lease arrangements in place for the building undergoing refurbishment
 - ensure any upgrades are made in line with building laws, standards and codes as outlined by [Queensland Government](#)

Eligible expenses

Places and Spaces funding can support improvements to physical spaces, public access equipment and resources within RLQ service or that increased reach through mobile, outreach or pop-up library services and programs.

- Refurbishment or relocation of RLQ spaces to improve access and user experience including:
 - Hard furnishings (e.g. desks, tables, chairs, shelving, storage and furniture)
 - Soft furnishings (e.g. rugs, cushions, lounge chairs, bean bags, ottomans)
 - Window coverings (e.g. curtains or blinds)
 - Floor coverings (e.g. carpet, tiles or linoleum)
 - Interior or exterior signage
 - Door counters
 - Painting and paint supplies
 - Airconditioning
 - Internet connectivity and Wi-Fi
- Public access equipment and resources that support increased library services or program delivery such as:
 - Computers or loanable devices
 - Printers, photocopiers, scanners
 - Television, digital screens, gaming devices
 - Makerspace equipment (e.g.: 3d printers, sewing machines, laser cutters)
 - Library of things (e.g.: Tool Library, Musical Equipment Library, Kitchen Library)
 - Creating a dedicated space within your library (e.g.: children's space, youth space, small business hub)
- Equipment and resources that support increased outreach of library services or programs including:
 - Contribution towards purchase of dedicated mobile library vehicle
 - Fit out of council owned vehicle as a mobile library vehicle
 - Purchase of trailer
 - Pull up banners
 - Pop up gazebo
 - Outdoor cushions
 - Trestle tables
 - Foldable chairs
 - Display stands

- Foldable carts/trolleys
- Storage containers
- Self-serve kiosks
- Pop-up library spaces

Ineligible expenses

RLQ Places and Spaces funding can NOT be used for any of the following:

- Retrospective funding or costs incurred prior to a grant being provided
- Ongoing costs associated with delivery of services, programs or maintenance of equipment and resources
- Purchase of equipment, resources, vehicles that will not be solely for the use of library services and programs
- Refurbishment of facilities that are not owned or long-term leased by council
- Administrative costs
- Purchase, supply, installation or maintenance of:
 - Solar panels
 - Electronic alarm systems
 - Passive security devices (including screens, bars, locks etc.)
 - Staff PCs, back of house spaces

Application Process

Councils must complete the application template via Smarty Grants by 16 April 2026 that includes information on:

- Names and positions of key staff who will be responsible for the delivery of the project for council
- Information about the RLQ location and building
- Demonstrated need for and expected impact of improvements or equipment
- List of works proposed / equipment and resources to be purchased
- Budget including council co-contribution and other government funding (if relevant) and outline breakdown of how the funding will be used
- Timeline for the project (within the period 1 July 2026 -30 June 2027)
- Expected benefits / outcomes resulting from the project

Supporting Material

Councils may also include the following as attachments to strengthen their applications:

- Letters of support
- Email acknowledging co-contribution from council or funding partner (if applicable)
- Photos of current space and plans for refurbishment
- Quotes or estimates of costs

Assessment of applications

Applications, including the information and support material provided by Council, will be assessed based on the below selection criteria and weighted according to relative merit.

Key Selection Criteria	
Eligibility	Has the applicant met all eligibility requirements?
Alignment with the Roadmap	Has the applicant demonstrated how the project aligns with a Places and Programs Strategies outlined in the Public Libraries and IKCs Roadmap
Evidence of local need or priority	Has the applicant outlined: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefits and outcomes of the project • Council and community support for the project • Co-contribution of funding by Council or other partners (if applicable)
Capability and capacity	Has the applicant provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A realistic budget relating to the scope of works outlined in the project • Realistic timeframe for the project including key dates and milestones • Experience of staff, contractors, suppliers responsible for the project

Assessment of applications will be conducted by a Panel made up of representatives that may include but are not limited to - State Library of Queensland, Local Government Association of Queensland, Queensland Government (Department Local Government and Planning, Arts Queensland), Queensland Public Libraries Association.

Recommendations made by the Assessment Panel will be provided to the State Librarian and CEO for endorsement. State Library then is required to seek approval to release grant funding from the Director-General Department of Education in line with the approved Methodology.

Notification

All applicants will be notified in June 2026 the outcome of their application. State Library will make publicly available the results of this grant round on websites and in media.

Unsuccessful applicants will be provided feedback on their application, upon request.

A review of the funding decision can be sought by contacting pl@slq.qld.gov.au

Payments

Successful applicants will be provided with a Grant Agreement which will detail the obligations of both parties, the agreed timelines for delivery, reporting and acquittal processes. Payments may be made in instalments, subject to meeting project milestones, across the 2025-26 and 2026-27 year.

Funding provided under this grant program is not recurrent funding and success in this grant process does not provide any ongoing funding for the applicant.

Unspent funding

Councils must identify any unspent funding at the completion of their project and either return the unspent funds or formally request approval to retain unspent funds for an approved purpose (if underspend totals more than 10% or \$1000 whichever amount is lowest).

Reporting requirements

Successful applicants will be required to provide reporting on templates supplied including:

- A midpoint project report including an update on work completed, expenditure of grant funds which may trigger a milestone payment;
- An acquittal report on a template provided no later than 28 days after the completion date of the project.

Overdue reporting

If your council does not provide reporting on your grant funded project by the required dates, this may be considered as non-compliance by State Library.

Non-Compliance

Non-compliance with any terms of the Grant Agreement (or any other State Library administered funding or grant) may impact a council's eligibility to:

- receive additional annual funding subsidies
- apply for competitive grants or programs including those funded by State Library as well as through funding received from external bodies managed by State Library
- be considered for future competitive grants
- access professional development opportunities and travel bursaries

Funding acknowledgement

Councils must acknowledge the Queensland Government's financial assistance to the project in the manner described on the [Funding Acknowledgement webpage](#).

If the Applicant holds a local event in conjunction with the project (e.g., Opening, announcement, celebration) it is a requirement that council extend an invitation to at a minimum:

- Queensland Minister for Education and the Arts
- State Librarian and CEO, State Library of Queensland.

Council ownership

Council must agree to take responsibility for the ownership, insurance, management and maintenance of any fittings, fixtures, furniture, equipment, vehicles etc purchased with the grant as part of the approved project.

Further information

It is recommended that applicants contact State Library prior to applying to discuss ideas and seek feedback about the eligibility of the proposed project. Please contact: pl@slq.qld.gov.au or your State Library Partnership Officer.

7.6. LOCAL RESILIENCE ACTION PLAN

REPORT AUTHOR	Disaster Resilience Officer
MANAGER	Manager Disaster Management Unit
DEPARTMENT	Disaster Management Unit
DATE	28 April 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the Douglas Shire Council Local Resilience Action Plan (LRAP) and the application of future funding opportunities for identified projects to build community resilience and reduce disaster risk.**
 - 2. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise any matters associated with Local Resilience Plan grant applications.**
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Douglas Shire Council Local Resilience Action Plan is a key strategic document that identifies locally driven long term resilience projects that are designed to reduce disaster risk and strengthen recovery capacity across the Shire.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS / RESOLUTIONS

At the Ordinary Council Meeting dated 26 August 2025, it was resolved that That Council:

1. Endorse the Douglas Shire Council Local Resilience Action Plan contained in attachment 1 and the submission for funding opportunities that arise for the endorsed projects.
2. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise any matters relating to grant applications associated with Local Resilience Plan projects.

Carried unanimously

REPORT/BACKGROUND

The Local Resilience Action Plan (LRAP) is an essential tool that helps Council identify and prioritise projects specifically focused on building community resilience, reducing disaster risk, and ensure there is strategic alignment with regional, state, national and international resilience and disaster risk reduction strategies and frameworks.

LRAPs identify local needs with the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA).

The LRAP supports Council to be proactive in identifying local disaster resilience needs, and to build a forward program that can be matched to funding opportunities as they emerge. Council's LRAP is being updated to reflect new identified projects.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are currently no financial implications related to the endorsement of the Douglas Shire Council Local Resilience Action Plan or the application of funding opportunities that arise.

Initial resourcing for preliminary project development, planning and advocacy will be led by the Disaster Management Unit and administered by the Douglas Recovery Resilience Group.

Endorsing the Douglas Shire Council Local Resilience Action Plan allows Council to remain agile, funding ready and avoid missed funding opportunities.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Councils LRAP supports the implementation of risk reduction measures identified through QRA's Queensland Disaster Risk Management (QDRM) framework, bridging strategic risk assessments with actionable projects.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Environmental recovery is a critical pillar of the recovery process which has strong linkages to social recovery through protection and stewardship of the environment.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Social resilience is enhanced by improving community safety, access to services and public confidence in preparedness, and coordinated response and recovery.

These projects also support economic resilience by enabling faster recovery of local business, tourism, and supply from disasters.

CORPORATE AND OPERATIONAL PLAN

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following:

Corporate Plan 2025-2030 Initiatives:

Theme 1 - Liveability

To deliver community activities to promote safe, healthy, inclusive and socially engaged communities with environmental consciousness.

1.1 - Deliver community initiatives that support healthy, inclusive and socially engaged communities.

Theme 2 - Prosperity

Council plans, builds and maintains the infrastructure required to improve our lifestyle and promote economic growth, working actively to support local businesses.

2.3 - Advocate for/promote economic growth opportunities and economic transition.

Theme 4 - Recovery and Resilience

To partner with community to build resilience against natural disasters creating a strong sense of social capital.

4.1 - Support our community's journey of recovery and rebuilding after natural disasters.

4.4 - Implement the local recovery and resilience action plan.

Operational Plan 2025-2026 Actions:

1.9.2 - Establish the Douglas Recovery and Resilience Group. Ensure recovery and resilience efforts are designed for, and maintain a focus on, a community-led and locally managed model.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Disaster Management Act 2003

Queensland Disaster Risk Management (QDRM) framework

CONSULTATION

The Douglas Recovery Resilience Group (DRRG) has reviewed and updated prioritised disaster risk reduction and resilience projects within the LRAP.

This six-monthly review for council approval includes four new initiatives across the Human and Social, Environment and Built domains.

CONCLUSION

The LRAP is attached for Council's information to endorse the Douglas Shire Council LRAP and the application of future funding opportunities for identified projects to build community resilience and reduce disaster risk.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Douglas Shire LRAP OCM April 2026 [7.6.1 - 2 pages]

Line of Resilience	Resilience Project Funding Status	Resilience Project Title	Resilience Project Description/Scope	Resilience Project Outcomes	Current Project Phase	Project Focus Area	Hazard Addressed	Primary QSDR Objective linkage	Estimated Project Cost
Built	Proposed	Improve stormwater drainage in Wonga	Project: Improve stormwater drainage in Wonga to prevent flooding of roads and residences as identified in the 2023 Wonga Beach Flood Study and Drainage Assessment flood study. The implementation of Option 3 provides a reduction to the flood inundation across a range of events. The number of inundated buildings will be reduced by 20 and 12 in the 20% and 1% AEP respectively. Local government drainage networks are critical infrastructure integral to community function. They can be prone to interruptions during smaller weather events but have the capacity to impact communities quite significantly such as isolating residences from school collection and people from jobs or homes. Severe localised flooding can also cause damage to assets and private property, and expose people to risk of crossing flooded roads or floodways. Wonga Beach is a low lying beachside community that is increasingly experiencing flooding and inundation of residences in recent events, including intense short period rainfall.	A reduction in flooding and a reduction in the inundation of residences across a range of events. The flood mapping and drainage assessment study in Wonga Beach has identified various options to reduce flooding and inundation of residences in the township. The implementation of Option 3 provides a reduction to the flood inundation across a range of events. The number of inundated buildings will be reduced by 20 and 12 in the 20% and 1% AEP respectively.	Pre-concept/Feasibility Study	Water Network	Flooding	1 - We understand the potential disaster risks we face	\$ 1,354,000
Built	Proposed	Development of a Douglas Shire property level flood information portal	Project: Development of a Douglas Shire property level flood information portal to ensure the broader benefits of flood studies and risk assessments are realised, through dissemination to public, private, and government stakeholders, including support to flood emergency responses. The Portal wil assist residents to understand, be better informed and better prepared for flood-related disasters by having access to up-to-date place-based flood risk information. Council has a mix of recently completed level 2 flood models. The portal will allow residents to access flood modelling for their property and develop an understanding of the flood risk for the property. The portal will also provide information on future development including the applicable Q100 floor height. Improved flood modelling will help understand the risk of flooding to help better prepare for and respond to flood events. The initiative will deliver online portals, accessed through Councils' website and Disaster Dashboard that will enable any member of the public within the local government area to enter their address and obtain key information about flooding at their property. Council's existing flood modelling and planned modelling and reviews will be incorporated into the portal	1. Increased understanding of flood risk 2. Improve long term planning to better reespond to flood risk.	Pre-concept/Feasibility Study	Other - Built	Flooding	1 - We understand the potential disaster risks we face	\$ 150,000
Built	Proposed	Establishment of a purpose-built Disaster Coordination, Community Recovery and Resilience Centre (DCCRRRC)	Project: Establishment of a purpose-built Disaster Coordination, Community Recovery and Resilience Centre (DCCRRRC) in a safe, accessible location separate from day-to-day council operations. The facility will be multi-functional, enabling multi agency incident management, response coordination, training, resilience-building, and community recovery. Currently the local council chambers functions as the Local Disaster & Coordination Centre (LDCC). For disasters or hazards with operational periods (e.g. pandemic, biosecurity threats, ongoing isolation from flood waters) this is not be suitable. The facility will house Council's Disaster Management Unit, and allow access for other emergency services, volunteers, and community groups to undertake training and education —helping to foster a strong, well-prepared and resilient community. The facility will form a recovery hub for the government departments, agencies and non government organisations following a disaster. Scope:	The centre will be designed to serve as the Douglas Shire disaster coordination and response centre. It will provide essential community space dedicated to recovery, resilience education, training, and long-term disaster planning. The centre will be self-sufficient and able to function during disasters, demonstrating a significant shift in our capabilities and technology 1. Ensure seamless and efficient disaster management 2. Ensure DM bodies can undertake all required and necessary actions during an event unhindered 3. Provide a Recovery Hub for communities 4. Business continuity for local government	Design	Emergency Services Facilities	Tropical Cyclone	4 - We continually improve how we prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters	\$ 5,775,817
Built	QRA Funded	Upgrading mitigation infrastructure - construction of flood levee bank around Marris Creek.	Build flood levee around Marris Creek to provide flood mitigation to Mossman township and Mossman Hospital following the recommendations from the Marris Creek Flood Levee Assessment.	1. Improve flood immunity of Mossman township and Mossman Hospital. 2. Reduce average annual damages cost for Douglas Shire Council through flood mitigation.	Pre-concept/Feasibility Study	Flood Resilience Infrastructure	Flooding	3 - We seek new opportunities to reduce disaster risk	\$ 4,633,200
Human and Social	QRA Funded	Evaluation on Human and Social Capital impact from QRA funded programs to support community led recovery.	Project Scope: Capture pre and post data on a range of QRA funded community resilience building initiatives to better understand community impacts, to guide and support long term funding for community led resilience activities. Project Description: The proposal seeks to apply a suitable evaluation framework to assess the value of a number of projects with communities recovering from natural disasters and other significant climate impacts. It seeks to 1. Determine their legacy impacts 2. Assess how they were effective in creating these outcomes 3. Provides evidence of community resilience building projects that make a contribution to long term disaster and emergency management processes.	1. Evidence on the human and social capital impacts within the Douglas Shire across funded projects. 2. Provides an Evaluaiton Framework and tool(s) to apply/capture relevent data on future funded community resilience building programs. 3. Explores options/processes for ongoing/sustainable financial support for community resilience building programs, 4. Provide direction as to how the program can be integrated into disater management policy/processes.	Pre-concept/Feasibility Study	Community Groups and Networks	Tropical Cyclone	4 - We continually improve how we prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters	\$ 55,000
Environment	Proposed	High level Climate Risk Assessment and multi-disciplinary workshops for Douglas Shire Council	Project: To design and deliver a series of multi-disciplinary climate risk workshops with the Disaster Recovery Resilience Group (DRRG) and key staff from each service area to build on their awareness and understanding of climate risk and impacts. These workshops will build the foundation for Council to undertake a high-level (first pass) climate risk assessment that captures risks, impacts and opportunities across all service areas. Scope: Design and facilitation of three multi-disciplinary workshops. Engagement with the DRRG plus broad participation from each service area Collation and analysis of workshop inputs Production of a high-level (first pass) climate risk register, with prioritisation. Recommendations for governance, actions, and monitoring & review	Build awareness on climate risk and Council's assessment approach. Identify physical and transitional climate risk, capture insights on compounding risks and cascading impacts for each sevice area of Council. Produce a high-level risk assessment to inform detailed assessments and early actions Recommend improvements to governance, roles and decision processes for climate risk management. Establish a fit-for-purpose monitoring, reporting and review arrangements.	Pre-concept/Feasibility Study	Other - Environment	Flooding	4 - We continually improve how we prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters	\$ 300,000

Attachment 7.6.1

Human and Social	Proposed	Douglas Shire Community Food Storage and Seasonal Preparedness Initiative	<p>Project: Establish additional community food storage capacity within the Douglas Shire (cold storage and pantry facilities) to enable pre-season stockpiling of essential food supplies, particularly to support vulnerable residents during wet season isolation events. The project will be delivered in partnership with a local community organisation. Delivery partner options to be confirmed through consultation and may include a local Neighbourhood Centre, or a not-for-profit food relief provider.</p> <p>Scope: Identification and confirmation of a suitable delivery partner Assessment and confirmation of appropriate storage location Installation of additional cold storage infrastructure (commercial refrigeration and dry storage shelving) Investigation and installation of backup power/battery systems to maintain cold storage during electricity outages Development of stock management, food safety and distribution protocols Pre-season stockpiling framework (timing, triggers, supply chain coordination) Project coordination officer at 0.5 FTE</p>	<p>1. Increased food security for vulnerable residents during wet season isolation events, reducing hardship in low socio-economic households. 2. Reduced reliance on emergency air freight and reactive disaster relief, supporting more cost-effective and proactive preparedness. 3. Improved local preparedness and coordinated pre-season planning, strengthening partnerships between Council and community service organisations. 4. Enhanced resilience of community infrastructure, including reliable cold storage capability during power outages.</p>	Pre-concept/Feasibility Study Service Organisations (NFPs NGOs etc)	Flooding	4 - We continually improve how we prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters	\$	400,000
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