

North and Far North Queensland

Stronger Homes Grant



About the Grant

The Stronger Homes Grant is available for homeowners who were impacted by the 2025 North and Far North Queensland flood event.

Homeowners may be eligible for a grant to improve their home's resilience against future flooding, with funding available for eligible works up to \$10,000.

Flood resilient design is one of many ways Queenslanders can build their resilience to floods. Incorporating resilient building design may reduce the effort, cost and time of clean up and recovery which means people can return to their home faster following a flood.

The grant is available to insured and uninsured homeowners and will be paid to the licensed contractor (builder/tradesperson), or insurance company, once works are completed. Grants are restricted to one per household. Funding is limited and grants will be awarded until the funding capacity is met.

The Stronger Homes Grant is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments through the Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

Who can apply

This grant helps to bridge the gap between 'like for like' repair work and building back more resiliently. With this grant you can start to introduce flood resilient strategies into your home.

This means if you are impacted again, you'll be able to get back into your home sooner.

To be eligible for the grant, you will need to demonstrate certain information about your home:

- The building footprint* of your home was inundated by the 2025 North and Far North Queensland floods. **You will need to submit photographs of the flood damage to your home.**
- Your home is a residence. This means your home is a house, unit, granny flat, or manufactured home that is not used primarily for business purposes.
- You're the homeowner or property owner. You will need to provide a rates notice or register of title.
- Your home is in an eligible local government area. A full list is available www.qld.gov.au/strongerhomesgrant

*The building footprint for a home means the outermost extent of the home, including external areas, external essential services, as well as the area under a home.

What the grant can be used for

Eligible homeowners can apply for grants of up to \$10,000 for resilient strategies such as:

- raising washing machines and/or dryer by mounting on a wall or flood-resilient stand
- raising the electrical switchboard(s) and meter box
- raising data and electrical points
- raising hot water system
- raising air conditioner condenser units
- raising pumps directly connected to a home
- separating electrical circuits between levels
- replacing floor coverings with flood resilient materials
- removing plasterboard wall lining and replace with fibre cement sheet wall lining, with the ability to clean the wall cavity in future
- paint stud work to prevent future mould.

All works must be completed by a suitably licensed Queensland contractor (builder or tradesperson).



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How can I apply for the grant

You are encouraged to apply online, where possible.
Go to: www.qld.gov.au/strongerhomesgrant

If you need further support, you may wish to nominate a third-party within the application process.

Before you commence your application, you will require the following information:

- Copy of your photo identification (drivers' licence, passport, proof of age card).
- Copy of Medicare card.
- Copy of the rates notice or certificate of title for the property applying for grant.
- Photos of the frontage of the home including the letterbox
- Photos of the flood damage to the home.
- Photos of the areas you are proposing to do resilient work in under the grant.
- Copy of itemised contractor/insurers quote (for resilience works only, not for like for like replacement).

Provide a quote for the preferred resilient strategies

You will need to provide an itemised and quantified quote for proposed improvements by uploading the documents via the grants portal when making your application.

For assistance in finding a local QBCC licenced contractor, visit: www.my.qbcc.qld.gov.au/s/findlocalcontractor

Note: You can seek multiple quotes to assist in your decision making, however only one quote is required for assessment. Where multiple trades are required for resilience works, quotes from multiple licensed contractors can be accepted.

After you have submitted your preferred quote, the grant's team will review the costs for the proposed works to confirm the improvements are reasonable, considering the scope and the price to improve flood resilience.

Insurance work may have already started before a grant application has been made. However, the Stronger Homes Grant funding must be approved in writing by the Department of Housing and Public Works before starting any resilience work.

How the grant will be paid

Grants will be paid the following ways:

- If the homeowner is uninsured, we will pay the grant directly to the licensed contractor (builder or tradesperson).
- If the homeowner is insured, and work is being undertaken as part of a claim, we will pay the grant directly to the insurance company.
- If the homeowner is insured and has taken an insurance payout or finalised a claim, we will pay the grant directly to the licensed contractor (builder or tradesperson).

More information

For support or more information about the Stronger Homes Grant:

Website: www.qld.gov.au/strongerhomesgrant

Email: strongerhomesgrant@housing.qld.gov.au

Phone: (07) 3007 4485 (option 4)

Technical guidance: www.qra.qld.gov.au/resilient-homes

