

2011-12 Implementation Plan for the Natural Disaster Resilience Program – South Australia

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ON NATURAL DISASTER RESILIENCE

PRELIMINARIES

1. This Implementation Plan is created subject to the provisions of the *National Partnership Agreement on Natural Disaster Resilience* and should be read in conjunction with that Agreement.
2. The Commonwealth Government has committed \$2.056m to the 2011-12 Natural Disaster Resilience Program established under the National Partnership Agreement. The National Partnership Agreement requires that this funding contribution is matched by the jurisdiction.

PROJECT OBJECTIVE

3. The objective of the Implementation Plan is to establish the 2011-12 Natural Disaster Resilience Program that will enhance South Australia's capacity to withstand and recover from emergencies and disasters.
4. The intended outcomes of the 2011-12 Natural Disaster Resilience Program are to:
 - § Reduce risk from the impact of emergencies and disasters.
 - § Build appropriate emergency management capability and capacity consistent with emergency risk profiles.
 - § Support emergency management volunteers.
5. The output of the 2011-2012 Natural Disaster Resilience Program is the following grant funding schemes for projects that build resilience to withstand natural disasters, and other emergency priorities.

Natural Disaster Resilience Grant Scheme.

The NDRGS recognises that disaster resilience requires a shared responsibility to understand the risk environment and disaster impacts, and to build adaptive and empowered communities that act on this understanding.

The NDRGS promotes the importance of eligible organisations, being state government agencies, government owned corporations, local government, Indigenous community councils and unincorporated remote communities working together in a coordinated and cooperative effort to develop integrated emergency management plans.

A strategic priority for establishing a better understanding of the risk environment, and for building adaptive and empowered communities, is the development of Zone emergency risk management plans that are to be integrated with the State Emergency Risk Assessment process and framework. This work is being undertaken by the 11 x Zone Emergency Management Committees established across the state, along with significant support and guidance by state emergency management bodies including State Hazard Leader agencies. It is intended that the NDRGS will continue to support this important strategic priority in South Australia.

All projects submitted to the NDRGS must align to the following strategic priorities as outlined in the National Strategy for Disaster Resilience.

- § Leading change and coordinating effort.
- § Understanding risks.
- § Communicating with and educating people about risks.
- § Partnering with those who effect change.
- § Empowering individuals and communities to exercise choice and take responsibility.
- § Reducing risk to the built environment.
- § Supporting capabilities for disaster resilience.

Emergency Management Volunteer Support Scheme.

The National Strategy for Disaster Resilience recognises that volunteers play a crucial role in the delivery of emergency management services. It is also recognised that socio-economic and demographic shifts are presenting particular challenges, and opportunities in the attraction, support and retention of volunteers into the emergency management sector.

Ongoing support for the recruitment, retention, training, equipping and maintenance of volunteers in all aspects of emergency management will strengthen our capability to respond and recover from disasters.

Projects submitted to the EMVSS must align to the following strategic priorities that align to the *National Action Plan for the Attraction, Support and Retention of Emergency Management Volunteers*.

- § Enhance leadership training to support emergency management volunteers.
- § Develop alternative learning approaches for emergency management volunteers.
- § Resourcing emergency management volunteers in both response and recovery to effectively perform their duties.
- § Increase community awareness of the role and value of emergency management volunteers.
- § Enhance youth participation in emergency management volunteering.
- § Harness the willingness and resources of spontaneous volunteers.

TERMS OF THIS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

6. This Implementation Plan will commence as soon as it is agreed between the Commonwealth of Australia, represented by the Commonwealth Attorney General, and the State of South Australia represented by the Minister for Emergency Services.
7. This Implementation Plan will cease on completion of the program as specified in this Implementation Plan, including the acceptance of an annual performance report and processing of final payments against performance benchmarks specified in this Implementation Plan.
8. This Implementation Plan may be varied by written agreement between the Ministers.
9. Either Party may terminate this agreement by providing 30 days notice in writing. Where this Implementation Plan is terminated, the Commonwealth's liability to make payments to the State is limited to payments associated with performance benchmarks achieved by the State by the date of effect of termination of this Implementation Plan.
10. The Parties to this Implementation Plan do not intend any of the provisions to be legally enforceable. However, that does not lessen the Parties' commitment to this Implementation Plan.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Role of the Commonwealth

11. The Commonwealth is responsible for reviewing the State's performance against the project benchmarks specified in this Implementation Plan and providing any consequential financial contribution to the State for that performance.

Role of the State

12. The State is responsible for all aspects of program implementation, including:
 - (a) Fully funding the program, after accounting for financial contributions from the Commonwealth and any other third party;
 - (b) Completing the 2011-12 NDRP program in a timely and professional manner in accordance with this Implementation Plan;
 - (c) Meeting all conditions including providing reports in accordance with this Implementation Plan;
 - (d) Monitoring and administering the acquittal of NDRP Legacy Projects as agreed in this Implementation Plan.
 - (e) The SA Fire and Emergency Services Commission (SAFECOM) administering the Natural Disaster Resilience Program on behalf of the State, and in accordance with the National Partnership Agreement and relevant SA administrative provisions.

PERFORMANCE BENCHMARKS AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

13. The financial contribution to be provided by the Commonwealth for the 2011-12 Natural Disaster Resilience Program is \$2,058,960. This contribution is payable in accordance with the performance benchmarks set out in Table 1.

Table 1: Performance benchmarks and associated payments

Payment No.	Performance benchmark	Due date	Amount
1	Agreement to the Implementation Plan by the Commonwealth of Australia, represented by the Commonwealth Attorney General, and the State of South Australia represented by the Minister for Emergency Services	Expected by 25 th July	\$1,029,480
	Launch of the 2011-12 Natural Disaster Resilience Program by the Commonwealth Attorney General and Minister, Emergency Services.	Expected by 25 th July	
	Closing date for 2011-12 NDRP Grant Funding applications	Expected by 9 th September	
	Approval of 2011-12 NDRP projects by the Minister, Emergency Services.	Expected by 28 th October	
	Advise Commonwealth of approved 2011-12 projects.	Expected by 11 th November	
2	2011-12 Annual Performance Report of the Program's Key Performance Measures as outlined in Section 21 and 22 of the Implementation Plan.	31 st March 2012	\$1,029,480
Total Payments			\$2,058,960

14. Any Commonwealth financial contribution payable will be processed by the Commonwealth Treasury and paid to the State Treasury in accordance with the payment arrangements set out in Schedule D of the *Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations*.

BUDGET

15. The overall project budget is set out in Table 2.

Table 2: Overall project budget

NDRP Program	Cwlth	¹ State	² Other	Total
Emergency Management Volunteer Support Scheme	\$160,000	\$160,000	–	\$320,000
Natural Disaster Resilience Grant Scheme	\$1,840,960	\$868,000	\$948,000	\$3,656,960

NDRP & Legacy Project Administration	\$58,000	³ \$80,000	–	\$138,000
Total	\$2,058,960	\$1,108,000	\$948,000	\$4,114,960

Notes: ¹ Approved NDRP State Cabinet Funding ² Other denotes NDRP Eligible Agency contribution. ³ Denotes State Government in kind contribution to NDRP administration.

16. Having regard to the estimated costs of programs specified in the overall program budget, the State will not be required to pay a refund to the Commonwealth if the actual cost of the 2011-12 program is less than the agreed estimated cost as outlined in Table 2. Similarly, the State bears all risk should the costs of the 2011-12 NDRP program exceed the estimated costs outlined in Table 2. The Parties acknowledge that this arrangement provides the maximum incentive for the State to deliver programs cost-effectively and efficiently.
17. Any funds not expended on NDRP projects in 2011-12, as outlined in Table 2, will be carried over to the 2012-13 NDRP program, whilst recognising the National Partnership Agreement requirement that all Commonwealth contributions are to be matched funded by the jurisdiction.

REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

18. The State will provide an NDRP Annual Performance Report to the Commonwealth by 31st March 2012.
19. The Annual Performance Report will outline the performance of the Natural Disaster Resilience Program in relation to:
 - 19.1. The agreed Program Objectives as stated in Section 10 to 12 of the Implementation Plan.
 - 19.2. The effective administration of the program as outlined in Section 15 of the Implementation Plan.
 - 19.3. The agreed program budget as outlined in Section 17 of the Implementation Plan.
 - 19.4. The agreed Key Performance Measures as outlined in the Section 21 and 22 of the Implementation Plan.
 - 19.5. Promotional activities undertaken in relation to, and media coverage of, the project during the reporting period.
 - 19.6. A description of the work that will be undertaken to complete the remaining Key Performance Measures and any expected promotional opportunities during the next reporting period.

20. **2011/2012 IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT**

The parties have confirmed their commitment to this plan as follows:

Signed for and on behalf of the State of South Australia by

The Hon. Kevin Foley, MP
Minister for Emergency Services

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Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by

The Hon. Robert McClelland, MP
Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Australia

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