

Disaster Ready Fund Round One – Australian Capital Territory

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – ENVIRONMENT

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule

Parties	Commonwealth of Australia (Commonwealth) Australian Capital Territory															
Duration	This Schedule will commence as soon as both Parties sign it and will expire on completion of all projects and performance milestones under the Schedule, in accordance with timeframes outlined in the Program Guidelines and Implementation Plan. The Agreement may be terminated earlier or extended as agreed in writing by the Parties.															
Purpose	This Schedule will support the delivery of projects identified through Round One of the Disaster Ready Fund (Program), which will help drive long term resilience and sustainability by delivering projects that mitigate the impact of disasters on communities and economies. Funding provided under this Schedule will contribute to the delivery of the projects listed at <u>Attachment A</u> .															
Estimated financial contributions	<p>The Commonwealth will provide to the Australian Capital Territory an estimated total financial contribution of \$6,858,524.01 (GST exclusive) in respect of this Schedule.</p> <p>The Australian Capital Territory will be responsible for arranging financial and/or in-kind contributions with an estimated total value of \$7,318,524.00.</p> <table><tr><th colspan="3">Table 1</th></tr><tr><th>(\$ million)</th><th>2023-24</th><th>Total</th></tr><tr><td>Estimated total budget</td><td>14.177</td><td>14.177</td></tr><tr><td>Estimated Commonwealth contribution</td><td>6.858</td><td>6.858</td></tr><tr><td>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions (1)</td><td>7.318</td><td>7.318</td></tr></table> <p>Note: (1) = value of all financial and in kind contributions to be provided by the Australian Capital Territory and third party delivery partners.</p> <p>Amounts shown may not add to totals due to rounding.</p>	Table 1			(\$ million)	2023-24	Total	Estimated total budget	14.177	14.177	Estimated Commonwealth contribution	6.858	6.858	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions (1)	7.318	7.318
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Additional terms	Allocation of funds (1) The Parties understand that this Schedule is made in good faith and there is an expectation that funding will be apportioned to projects as determined through the Program, and as shown at <u>Attachment A</u> .															

Implementation Plan

- (2) Project management plans for each project will be finalised after the commencement of this Schedule, as part of an Implementation Plan encompassing all projects.
 - a. The requirements of the Implementation Plan are set out in the Audit and Reporting Framework for the Program, as issued by the Commonwealth and amended from time to time and to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the terms of this Schedule.
- (3) The Implementation Plan will be developed by the Australian Capital Territory and provided to the Commonwealth for endorsement as soon as possible, but no later than three months after the commencement of this Schedule unless otherwise agreed by the Commonwealth.
- (4) Formal commencement of projects cannot occur until the Commonwealth has endorsed the Implementation Plan, in writing.

Performance monitoring and reporting

- (5) The Parties acknowledge that payments under these agreements would usually be tied to the performance milestones at Table 2 below. In lieu of milestone based payments under this agreement, States and Territories commit to honoring the reporting obligations required by this Schedule.
- (6) The frequency and timing of reporting under this Schedule is set out at Table 2: Performance requirements and payment summary
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Third parties

- (8) In line with the Program Guidelines, the Australian Capital Territory may engage third parties to support the delivery of projects under this Schedule.
- (9) While third parties are not signatories to this Schedule, the Australian Capital Territory is solely responsible for ensuring third party compliance with the *Disaster Ready Fund Act 2019*, the Disaster Ready Fund Program Guidelines and the terms and conditions of this Schedule.

Repayment of amounts to the Commonwealth

- (10) If efficiencies or overspends are identified, funding may be reallocated to/from other projects under this Program in that jurisdiction with Commonwealth approval, which approval will not be unreasonably withheld.
- (11) In accordance with subsection 21(4) of the *Disaster Ready Fund Act 2019*, the Commonwealth reserves the right to recover an amount provided under this Schedule, where:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. a project cannot be delivered in line with the relevant Implementation Plan and the project cannot be appropriately scaled or varied, b. the Commonwealth and State and Territory cannot reach an agreement on how to reallocate the funds, or c. another condition of this Schedule is not met. <p>(12) The Commonwealth will determine on a reasonable basis whether an amount should be repaid, and if so, how much should be repaid, with regard to the circumstances of each matter.</p>
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Table 2: Performance requirements and payment summary

Output/s	Performance milestones	Due Date	Payment
As detailed in each project application and the Implementation Plan	The Australian Capital Territory enters into a funding agreement with the Commonwealth.	Upon signing of this Schedule by both Parties.	\$6,858,524.01
	Commonwealth endorsement of an Implementation Plan, submitted by the Australian Capital Territory, encompassing all projects under the Schedule.	Implementation Plan submitted to the Commonwealth for endorsement within three months of the commencement of this Schedule.	N/A
	Commonwealth acceptance of Performance Reports, submitted by the Australian Capital Territory, encompassing all projects under the Schedule.	Performance Reports submitted to the Commonwealth quarterly, in line with due dates advised by the Commonwealth, until the completion of all projects under the Schedule.	N/A
	Commonwealth acceptance of Final Reports, submitted by the Australian Capital Territory, encompassing all completed projects under the Schedule.	Final Reports submitted to the Commonwealth no later than six months from the end of the quarterly Performance Report period that the related projects completed in.	N/A
	Commonwealth acceptance of an Audit Report, submitted by the Australian Capital Territory, encompassing all Material Projects under the Schedule.	Audit Report submitted to the Commonwealth no later than nine months from the end of the financial year in which the final project under the Schedule is completed.	N/A
	Commonwealth acceptance of any ad hoc report/s requested.	As specified by the Commonwealth in respect of each request.	N/A
	Commonwealth acceptance of any financial declarations requested.	As specified by the Commonwealth in respect of each request.	N/A

* For the purposes of this Schedule, the following terms have the meanings set out in the Audit and Reporting Framework for the Program: Implementation Plan, Performance Reports; Final Report; Audit Report; Material Projects; Ad Hoc Report; Financial Declaration.

The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this schedule as follows:

Signed *for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of
Australia by*



The Honourable Murray Watt MP
Minister for Emergency Management

[Day] [Month] [Year]

14/9/23

Signed *for and on behalf of Australian Capital
Territory by*



Mr Mick Gentleman MLA
Minister for Police and Emergency Services

[Day] [Month] [Year]

30/10/2023

Attachment A

Details of Australian Capital Territory Funded Projects

DRFID	Project title	Location (Local Government Area/s or state/territory-wide)	Description	Cth funding	Co-contribution (from jurisdiction or project delivery partner)	Total project cost	Funding conditions
DRF80011	Flood Studies and Monitoring Systems	Unincorporated ACT (Territory-wide)	This project will support understanding and monitoring of the flood risk in the ACT and provide data to inform planning, emergency management and flood mitigation work.	\$634,878.79	\$653,000.00	\$1,287,878.79	-
DRF80012	Community Engagement, Education and Preparedness	Unincorporated ACT (Territory-wide)	This project will deliver community education resources and community engagement that help to improve community preparedness and resilience.	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$300,000.00	-
DRF80051	Disaster Recovery Mental Health and Wellbeing Resilience and Preparedness	Unincorporated ACT (Territory-wide)	This project will support enhancing mental health and wellbeing disaster resilience and preparedness in the ACT.	\$564,524.00	\$564,524.00	\$1,129,048.00	-

DRFID	Project title	Location (Local Government Area/s or state/territory-wide)	Description	Cth funding	Co-contribution (from jurisdiction or project delivery partner)	Total project cost	Funding conditions
DRF80061	Ngunnawal Culture Enhancement and Protection at Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve	Unincorporated ACT (Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve)	This project will help to protect and preserve cultural sites and in-situ artifacts and objects from the impacts of natural disasters.	\$280,000.00	\$280,000.00	\$560,000.00	-
DRF80062	Developing a disaster-resilient investment framework for ACT Reserve assets	Unincorporated ACT (Territory-wide)	This project will set a framework to guide investment in resilient infrastructure to protect against the effects of climate change and disasters.	\$599,060.61	\$787,000.00	\$1,386,060.61	-
DRF80076	Lower Cotter Catchment source water protection	Unincorporated ACT (Cotter Dam)	This project will ensure the future proofing of eroding landscapes and waterways to improve water quality entering the Cotter Dam.	\$412,060.61	\$466,000.00	\$878,060.61	-
DRF80078	Building Climate Resilient Visitor Infrastructure	Unincorporated ACT (Territory-wide)	This project supports climate change ready infrastructure within Canberra's Nature Parks to allow safe passage for recreational users and emergency services personnel.	\$2,100,000.00	\$2,300,000.00	\$4,400,000.00	-

DRFID	Project title	Location (Local Government Area/s or state/territory-wide)	Description	Cth funding	Co-contribution (from jurisdiction or project delivery partner)	Total project cost	Funding conditions
DRF80091	Infrastructure to mitigate urban flooding	Unincorporated ACT (Hall and Narrabundah)	This project will improve safety for the community from flood risk and contribute to reducing damage to public infrastructure.	\$247,000.00	\$247,000.00	\$494,000.00	-
DRF80093	Resilience Strategies for National Arboretum Canberra & Stromlo Forest Park	Unincorporated ACT (National Arboretum and Stromlo Forest Park)	This project will support current and future land-use, program delivery and recreational offerings in the face of increased natural hazard threats and climate change impacts.	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$120,000.00	-
DRF80114	Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve Rim Trail	Unincorporated ACT (Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve)	This project will establish a dual-purpose walking track/fire access trail that supports recreational activities as well as bushfire and environmental management activities.	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$700,000.00	-
DRF80122	Developing a Mass Care Strategy for the ACT	Unincorporated ACT (Territory-wide)	This project will develop a framework to support community needs and functioning during catastrophic disasters.	\$291,000.00	\$291,000.00	\$582,000.00	-

DRFID	Project title	Location (Local Government Area/s or state/territory-wide)	Description	Cth funding	Co-contribution (from jurisdiction or project delivery partner)	Total project cost	Funding conditions
DRF80125	ACT Community Disaster Risk Knowledge Hub	Unincorporated ACT (Territory-wide)	This project will provide an online, publicly available knowledge hub, for sharing information with community on hazards and risk, risk reduction, building resilience and disaster preparedness and recovery.	\$660,000.00	\$660,000.00	\$1,320,000.00	-
DRF80131	Community and Country: A First Nations partnership to culturally based risk	Unincorporated ACT (Territory-wide)	This project will ensure that the ACT Government is working in partnership with First Nations peoples to reduce risk and enhance culturally led initiatives.	\$510,000.00	\$510,000.00	\$1,020,000.00	-