

Disaster Ready Fund Round Two – Australian Capital Territory

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – ENVIRONMENT

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule													
Parties	Commonwealth of Australia (Commonwealth) Australian Capital Territory (ACT)												
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 Two 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, economies, and the environment. Funding provided under this Schedule will contribute to the delivery of the projects listed at Attachment A , and support state and territory governments with Program administration as established at Attachment B .												
Estimated financial contributions	<p>The Commonwealth will provide to ACT an estimated total financial contribution of \$7,614,833.45 (GST exclusive) in respect of this Schedule. ACT will be responsible for arranging financial and/or in-kind contributions for projects to an estimated total value of \$9,953,602 and for Program administration to an estimated total value of \$112,534.48.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Funding category</th> <th>AUD</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><i>Estimated*</i> Commonwealth contribution for projects</td> <td>\$7,502,298.97</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Estimated*</i> non-Commonwealth contributions for projects (1)</td> <td>\$9,953,602.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Estimated*</i> Commonwealth contribution for Program administration (2)</td> <td>\$112,534.48</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Estimated*</i> ACT contribution for Program administration (3)</td> <td>\$112,534.48</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Estimated*</i> total budget (projects and Program administration)</td> <td>\$17,680,969.93</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>(1) = value of all financial and in kind contributions to be provided by ACT and third party project proponents.</p>	Funding category	AUD	<i>Estimated*</i> Commonwealth contribution for projects	\$7,502,298.97	<i>Estimated*</i> non-Commonwealth contributions for projects (1)	\$9,953,602.00	<i>Estimated*</i> Commonwealth contribution for Program administration (2)	\$112,534.48	<i>Estimated*</i> ACT contribution for Program administration (3)	\$112,534.48	<i>Estimated*</i> total budget (projects and Program administration)	\$17,680,969.93
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	<p>(2) = In accordance with section 6.2 of the Program Guidelines, the Commonwealth contribution for Program administration is up to 1.5 per cent of the total Commonwealth funding awarded to ACT for projects under Round Two.</p> <p>(3) = In accordance with section 6.2 of the Program Guidelines, ACT is required to match the administrative funding provided by the Commonwealth (either cash or in-kind).</p> <p>*Amounts shown may not add to totals due to rounding.</p>
<p>Additional terms</p>	<p>Allocation of funds</p> <p>(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 shown at Attachment A, and used for Program administration as shown at Attachment B.</p> <p>Implementation Plans</p> <p>(2) Implementation Plans for each project under the Schedule will be developed by ACT 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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The requirements of the Implementation Plans 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. b. The Commonwealth will review Implementation Plans within four weeks of receipt. c. Expenditure of Commonwealth funds awarded cannot be incurred until the Commonwealth has endorsed the Implementation Plan for that project, in writing. d. With written approval from ACT, project proponents can commence activities that use only a co-contribution referred to in Attachment A or do not incur expenditure, prior to the endorsement by the Commonwealth of the Implementation Plan. e. The Commonwealth will not be liable, and should not be held as being liable, for any activities undertaken before an Implementation Plan covering that project is endorsed. <p>Performance monitoring and reporting</p> <p>(3) 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, ACT commits to honouring the reporting obligations required by this Schedule.</p> <p>(4) The frequency and timing of reporting under this Schedule is set out at <u>Table 2: Performance requirements and payment summary</u></p> <p>(5) The content requirements of reporting under this Schedule are set out in the Audit and Reporting Framework for the Program, as issued by</p>

the Commonwealth and amended from time to time and to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the terms of this Schedule.

- (6) The Commonwealth may use the Program Reporting Material provided by ACT as required under the Program Guidelines, including to inform the monitoring and evaluation of the Disaster Ready Fund.

Third party project proponents

- (7) In line with the Program Guidelines, ACT may engage third party project proponents to support the delivery of projects under this Schedule.
- (8) While third party project proponents are not signatories to this Schedule, ACT is solely responsible for ensuring third party compliance with the *Disaster Ready Fund Act 2019*, the Disaster Ready Fund Program Guidelines for Round Two, and the terms and conditions of this Schedule.
- (9) Subject to clause 2.c ACT can enter into negotiation of funding agreements with third party project proponents prior to the endorsement by the Commonwealth of the relevant Implementation Plans.

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 ACT with the Commonwealth's approval, which 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:
- 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 ACT cannot reach an agreement on how to reallocate the funds, or
 - c. the Commonwealth considers, in its absolute discretion, that another condition of this Schedule is not met.
- (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.
- (13) The Commonwealth will not recover an amount provided under this Schedule where the funds have been expended by ACT in good faith on project delivery in line with the relevant Implementation Plan.

Intellectual Property rights

- (14) ACT owns the Intellectual Property rights in the Activity Material of projects at Attachment A.
- (15) This Schedule does not affect ownership of any Intellectual Property rights in Existing Material.

	<p>(16) To the extent that the Commonwealth needs to use any of the Activity Material, ACT will agree to terms with the Commonwealth for access to required materials.</p> <p>(17) ACT must ensure that any arrangement it enters into with a project proponent includes a licence of Intellectual Property rights to the Commonwealth in a form substantially the same as in clauses 14-16 above.</p> <p>(18) This Schedule is subject to the special conditions set out below. If there is any inconsistency between the provisions of this Schedule and the special conditions, the special conditions, to the extent of the inconsistency, prevail.</p> <p>(19) [SPECIAL CONDITIONS]</p>
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Glossary

Activity	The project activity described in this Schedule, including the provision of the Reporting Material.
Activity Material	Any Material, other than Reporting Material, created or developed as a result of Program funding.
Existing Material	<p>Means any Material that:</p> <p>(a) was in existence before the receipt of Program funding; or</p> <p>(b) is developed independently of Program funding</p> <p>and that is incorporated in, supplied with or as part of, or required to be supplied with or as part of, the Activity Material.</p>
Intellectual Property (IP)	Means all copyright, patents, registered and unregistered trademarks (including service marks), registered designs, and other rights resulting from intellectual activity (other than moral rights under the Copyright Act 1968). IP covers the wide range of intangible property that is the result of the creative and intellectual effort of individuals and organisations. This includes but is not limited to inventions, computer programs, databases, data, broadcasts, trade marks and designs.
Project proponent	The entities responsible for delivering the project, including day to day project management. Also known as delivery partners or applicants.
Program/the Program	The Disaster Ready Fund

Reporting Material	Means all implementation plans, performance, final, and ad hoc reports which ACT is required to provide to the Commonwealth for the purposes of keeping the Commonwealth up-to-date with the performance of the Activity, as specified in this schedule.
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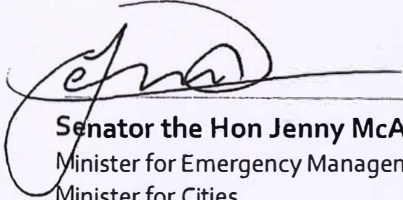
Table 2: Performance requirements and payment summary

Output/s	Performance milestones	Due Date	Payment
As detailed in each project application and Implementation Plans.	ACT enters into a funding agreement with the Commonwealth.	Upon signing of this Schedule by both Parties.	\$7,614,833.45
	Commonwealth endorsement of Implementation Plans, submitted by ACT, encompassing all projects under the Schedule.	Implementation Plans submitted to the Commonwealth for endorsement within three months of the commencement of this Schedule. The Commonwealth will review Implementation Plans within four weeks of receipt.	N/A
	Commonwealth acceptance of Performance Reports, submitted by ACT, encompassing all projects under the Schedule, and updates on the use of administration funding.	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 ACT, 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 ACT, 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

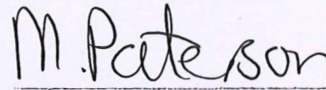


Senator the Hon Jenny McAllister
Minister for Emergency Management
Minister for Cities

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Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services
Minister for Women
Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic
Violence
Minister for Corrections
Minister for Gaming Reform

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Attachment A

Details of ACT Funded Projects

DRFID	Project title	Proponent	Location (Local Government Area/s or state/territory-wide)	Description	Cth funding	Co-contributions		Total project cost	Funding conditions
						From ACT government sources	From non-government project proponents		
DRFR200494	Strengthening ACT social recovery partnerships and community engagement	Community Services Directorate	ACT - Unincorporated ACT	This project will strengthen the preparedness, planning, coordination and response capacity of the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) government and our social recovery community partners. This will ensure ACT social recovery efforts contribute to a stronger more resilient Canberra community and support people throughout their recovery journey from immediate relief to long term recovery to regain a sense of sustained wellbeing and the ability to thrive.	\$612,245.00	\$612,245.00	\$0.00	\$1,224,490.00	

DRFR200425	Supporting ACT Community Sector Organisations in Preparing for the Impacts of Climate Change	EPSDD	ACT - Unincorporated ACT	This project will build the adaptive capacity of community sector organisations (CSOs) to manage and respond to the increasing risk from natural hazards under a changing climate. It will deliver a fit-for-purpose climate hazard risk management and adaptation 'toolkit', developed through a co-design process and trialled with the sector, which will guide CSOs in identifying key risks to their services and support development of effective risk management and adaptation plans.	\$621,182.00	\$706,805.00	\$27,000.00	\$1,354,987.00	
DRFR200421	'Climate ready' natural hazards future proofing through the ACT's planning system	EPSDD	ACT - Unincorporated ACT	Many natural hazards are expected to increase in frequency and/or intensity due to climate change. This project will seek to future proof communities by analysing and adapting the ACT's planning system to make sure that it appropriately manages disaster risk arising from natural hazards. This will include the core elements of strategic planning including land use planning and infrastructure planning. Hazards included will be bushfire, flood, storms and urban heat/heatwave.	\$120,000.00	\$136,356.00	\$0.00	\$256,356.00	

DRFR200430	Increasing vulnerable households' resilience to heatwaves through installation of thermally backed curtains	EPSDD	ACT - Unincorporated ACT	The project will leverage an existing program to expand the delivery of thermally backed curtains and pelmets (in two living areas) to an additional 500 low-income and vulnerable households in the ACT over two-years. The project will increase the resilience of participating households to heatwaves and extreme heat/cold by improving thermal comfort, reducing energy use and costs, and supporting improved health and wellbeing.	\$560,000.00	\$599,455.00	\$0.00	\$1,159,455.00	
DRFR200501	Territory Wide Risk Reduction Implementation	Security and Emergency Management Division	ACT - Unincorporated ACT	A Territory-Wide Risk Register (TWRR) allows us to learn from past emergencies and crises, plan for future disruptions, and identify opportunities to enhance community resilience. The proposed project will allow the ACT to implement, monitor, review and enhance the TWRR to provide the foundation for understanding disaster risks, monitoring effectiveness of existing risk management, and identify opportunities to improve risk treatment, reduction, recovery and build whole-of-government capability.	\$858,178.00	\$859,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,717,178.00	

DRFR200352	EmergencyRedi for the ACT's CALD communities	Australian Red Cross	ACT - Unincorporated ACT	This project will deliver EmergencyRedi workshops and one-on-one sessions throughout the ACT, focusing on the needs of people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. Participants will learn practical actions they can take to minimise disaster risk and impacts. They will understand disaster risk in the ACT and develop plans to mitigate that risk. This will lead to more informed decision-making and increased levels of physical and emotional preparedness.	\$937,414.00	\$0.00	\$937,414.00	\$1,874,828.00	
DRFR200449	Improved flood resilience for Canberra Avenue and nearby community assets	Office of Water	ACT - Unincorporated ACT	This project will reduce climate-related flood risks to an arterial road and a constructed wetland by 1) modelling the effects of climate change on flooding in Jerrabomberra Creek. 2) increasing the flow capacity of the creek threatening the arterial road. 3) placing a serviceable sediment trap within the creek to increase flood resilience. 4) raising the levee between the creek and a recently constructed water quality wetland to resist flooding.	\$615,000.00	\$997,542.00	\$0.00	\$1,612,542.00	

DRFR200488	Community Education Tools and Benchmarking	ACT Rural Fire Service	ACT - Unincorporated ACT	This project aims to strengthen community resilience by utilising interactive teaching tools and gaining insights into the disaster preparedness of the ACT community. Through diverse activities like Simtable and Virtual Reality tools, the project seeks to engage residents actively. Additionally, funding will support a consulting initiative to explore deeper into the community's dynamics and their relationship with disaster resilience.	\$290,000.00	\$290,000.00	\$0.00	\$580,000.00	
DRFR200491	Improving the Resilience of ACT's Urban Forest	Transport Canberra and City Services – Urban Treescapes	ACT - Unincorporated ACT	This project aims to strengthen Canberra's urban forest to enhance the ACT's liveability and resilience to the impacts of climate change related natural hazards. This project will implement a proactive maintenance program to increase public tree resilience to storm events, reduce the risk of tree hazards caused by storms, and extend the life of trees in the urban environment to help combat urban heat.	\$2,888,279.97	\$4,787,785.00	\$0.00	\$7,676,064.97	

Attachment B

Details of ACT Program administration funding

Description (how ACT intends to use administration funding awarded)	Cth funding (1.5 per cent of the total Commonwealth funding awarded to ACT for projects under Round Two, or a minimum of \$112,500).	Co-contribution (from jurisdiction)	Funding conditions
	\$112,534.48	\$112,534.48	<p>Administrative funding can be used by ACT for costs that directly relates to administering Program rounds for which Commonwealth funding has been delivered. These funds cannot be used for the administration of specific projects (i.e. where ACT is the project proponent). These funds cannot be used for costs directly related to the preparation or facilitation of DRF applications for future rounds (i.e. for project proposals that have not yet been assessed and funded).</p> <p>ACT is required to provide updates on the use of administration funding as part of quarterly performance reports.</p>

In accordance with section 6.2 of the Program Guidelines, ACT is required to match the administrative funding provided by the Commonwealth (either cash or in-kind).

