

Disaster Ready Fund Round Three – 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 Three of the Disaster Ready Fund (Program), which will increase understanding of, build resilience to and mitigate the impacts of natural disasters on Australian communities across the built, social, natural and economic environments and may also be used to support projects identified under future rounds of the Program in accordance with this Schedule. 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 the Australian Capital Territory an estimated total financial contribution of \$3,883,026.40 (GST exclusive) in respect of this Schedule. The Australian Capital Territory will be responsible for arranging financial and/or in-kind contributions for projects to an estimated total value of \$2,409,118.00, and for Program administration to an estimated total value of \$58,245.40.</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>\$3,824,781.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Estimated*</i> non-Commonwealth contributions for projects (1)</td> <td>\$2,409,118.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Estimated*</i> Commonwealth contribution for Program administration (2)</td> <td>\$58,245.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Estimated*</i> Australian Capital Territory contribution for Program administration (3)</td> <td>\$58,245.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Estimated*</i> total budget (projects and Program administration)</td> <td>\$6,350,389.80</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>(1) = value of all financial and in-kind contributions to be provided by the Australian Capital Territory and third-party project proponents. (2) = In accordance with section 3.1.4 of the Program Guidelines, the Commonwealth contribution for Program administration is up to 1.52 per cent of the total Commonwealth funding awarded to the Australian Capital Territory for projects under Round Three. (3) = In accordance with section 3.1.4 of the Program Guidelines, the Australian Capital Territory is required to match the administrative funding provided by the Commonwealth (either cash or in-kind). *Amounts shown may not add to totals due to rounding.</p>	Funding category	AUD	<i>Estimated*</i> Commonwealth contribution for projects	\$3,824,781.00	<i>Estimated*</i> non-Commonwealth contributions for projects (1)	\$2,409,118.00	<i>Estimated*</i> Commonwealth contribution for Program administration (2)	\$58,245.40	<i>Estimated*</i> Australian Capital Territory contribution for Program administration (3)	\$58,245.40	<i>Estimated*</i> total budget (projects and Program administration)	\$6,350,389.80
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Related documents	<p>This Schedule should be read in conjunction with the Disaster Ready Fund Round Three 2025-26 Guidelines (Program Guidelines) and the latest version of the Disaster Ready Fund Audit and Reporting Framework (Audit and Reporting Framework) as published on the National Emergency Management Agency's website and amended from time to time. To the extent that this Schedule applies, or is proposed to apply, to a project identified under a future round of the Program, this Schedule should be read in conjunction with the Disaster Ready Fund guidelines applicable to that particular round and references in this Schedule to the 'Program Guidelines' are references to those guidelines (rather than the Disaster Ready Fund Round Three 2025-26 Guidelines) for the purposes of that project.</p>
Additional terms	<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 the Australian Capital Territory and provided to the Commonwealth for endorsement as soon as possible, but no later than two 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, 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 the Australian Capital Territory, 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, the Australian Capital Territory 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 Table 2: Performance requirements and payment summary</p> <p>(5) The content requirements of reporting under this Schedule are set out in the Audit and Reporting Framework, to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the terms of this Schedule.</p>

- (6) The Commonwealth may use the Program Reporting Material provided by the Australian Capital Territory as defined in and required under the Program Guidelines for any purpose, including to inform the monitoring and evaluation of the Disaster Ready Fund.

Third party project proponents

- (7) In line with the Program Guidelines, the Australian Capital Territory may enter into agreements with 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, the Australian Capital Territory is solely responsible for ensuring third party compliance with the *Disaster Ready Fund Act 2019*, obligations set out in the Program Guidelines, and the terms and conditions of this Schedule.
- (9) Subject to clause 2.c, the Australian Capital Territory can enter into negotiation of funding agreements with third party project proponents prior to the endorsement by the Commonwealth of the relevant Implementation Plans, and must have binding agreements in place with project proponents prior to paying them Commonwealth funds.

Funding Arrangements

- (10) The Commonwealth agrees to provide each state with upfront payment to meet the full approved cost of each project in that state, as set out in **Attachment A**.

Reallocation of project funding within the same jurisdiction approved by Commonwealth

- (11) Where:
- a. the final cost of a completed project is less than the approved funding amount shown at **Attachment A** for that project, or
 - b. a project under this Schedule is unable to be delivered as intended (and cannot be appropriately scaled or varied to enable its delivery) in accordance with the approved project application or, once endorsed, the Implementation Plan, any associated Commonwealth funds paid to but not yet spent by the Australian Capital Territory or project proponents for the purposes of that project (referred to as a 'Project Underspend' for the purposes of this Schedule) may be reallocated to:
 - c. other existing projects set out in **Attachment A** to this Schedule, where those projects can be appropriately scaled or varied, or
 - d. new projects which have been assessed as suitable and representing value for money by the Commonwealth in line with the Program Guidelines and relevant legislative requirements and added to **Attachment A** through variations to this Schedule;
- provided that all of the following conditions are met:
- e. there has been no breach of the terms and conditions of this Schedule;
 - f. the project for which the reallocated funds will be used is directed towards achieving one or more of the purposes

- specified in section 20(1A) of the *Disaster Ready Fund Act 2019*;
- g. the project for which the reallocated funds will be used complies with the rules for eligible expenditure under the Program Guidelines (e.g. Commonwealth funds cannot be used to cover project cost overruns); and
 - h. the Commonwealth has provided prior written approval of the reallocation, which will not be unreasonably withheld.

Repayment of amounts to the Commonwealth

(12) In accordance with subsection 21(4) of the *Disaster Ready Fund Act 2019*, the Commonwealth reserves the right to recover an amount provided to the Australian Capital Territory under this Schedule, where:

- a. a Project Underspend has occurred and the Commonwealth has decided not to approve the reallocation of the relevant funds under 11(h) or the conditions for reallocation in clause 11 are otherwise not met;

or

- b. the Commonwealth considers, in its absolute discretion, that there has been a breach by the Australian Capital Territory of a condition of this Schedule, including those listed in clause 11.

(13) The Commonwealth will determine on a reasonable basis whether an amount should be repaid in relation to clause 12, and if so, how much should be repaid and reasonable timeframe for repayment, with regard to the circumstances of each matter.

(14) The Commonwealth will not recover an amount provided under this Schedule where the funds have been expended by the Australian Capital Territory or a project proponent in compliance with the terms and conditions of this Schedule and with the relevant Implementation Plan before being notified of the Commonwealth's intention to recover the relevant amount.

Intellectual Property rights

(15) The Intellectual Property arrangements set out in section 12.8 of the Program Guidelines will apply to all funded projects unless an exception has been agreed by the Commonwealth and recorded in the relevant Implementation Plan in accordance with those arrangements.

(16) The Australian Capital Territory must ensure that binding agreements that give effect to the aforementioned arrangements are in place with project proponents prior to paying Commonwealth funds.

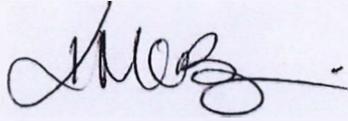
Table 2: Performance requirements and payment summary			
Output/s	Performance milestones	Due Date	Payment
As detailed in each project application and Implementation Plans.	The Australian Capital Territory enters into a funding agreement with the Commonwealth.	Upon signing of this Schedule by both Parties.	\$3,883,026.40
	Commonwealth endorsement of Implementation Plans, submitted by the Australian Capital Territory, for all projects under the Schedule.	Implementation Plans submitted to the Commonwealth for endorsement within two 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 the Australian Capital Territory, for 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, for 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 any required financial reporting, submitted by the Australian Capital Territory, in line with the Audit and Reporting Framework for all Projects under the Schedule and any administration funding provided.	Project financial acquittals and Audit Reports (where required) submitted to the Commonwealth no later than six months from the end of the quarterly Performance Report period the related projects completed in. A round-specific financial acquittal must be submitted by the jurisdiction	N/A

		no later than six months from the end of the financial year in which the final project under the Schedule is completed.	
	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:

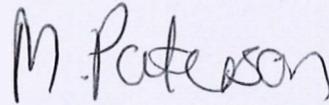
Signed for and on behalf of the
Commonwealth of Australia by



The Hon Kristy McBain MP
Minister for Emergency Management
[Day] [Month] [Year]

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Signed for and on behalf of the Australian
Capital Territory



Dr Marisa Paterson MLA
Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services
[Day] [Month] [Year]

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Attachment A

Details of the Australian Capital Territory 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 Australian Capital Territory government sources	Co Contributions from All Other Sources		
DRFR300376	Australian Capital Territory Flash Flood Warning System	ACT Emergency Services Agency	Unincorporated ACT	The Australian Capital Territory experiences high-risk flash flooding in the many creeks that run through the urban area. The project will take existing flood data and leverage state-of-the-art modelling to provide timely, location specific, and relevant warnings to the community. This will build community resilience and reduce the risk of flash flooding impact and ensure emergency response is best postured to assist	\$421,240.00	\$422,317.00	\$0.00	\$843,557.00	

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						From Australian Capital Territory government sources	Co Contributions from All Other Sources		
				those members impacted by the hazard.					
DRFR300378	Ginninderra, Jerrabomberra and Woolshed Creek catchments flood studies	Environment Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD)	Unincorporated ACT	This Project is to undertake technical assessments of flooding in the Ginninderra, Jerrabomberra and Woolshed Creek catchments. The project will identify flood prone areas for current and future catchment conditions for a range of design rainfall events. This will include climate change projections as well. The project will also identify effective flood mitigation options and provide insight to appropriate land-use,	\$652,605.00	\$668,443.00	\$0.00	\$1,321,048.00	

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						From Australian Capital Territory government sources	Co Contributions from All Other Sources		
				development, infrastructure, and other information for Emergency Services Agency.					
DRFR300382	Scenario planning for resilient Government and community	Justice and Community Safety Directorate, Security and Emergency Management Division	Unincorporated ACT	Workshops will be conducted with community, industry and government to better understand risk associated with complex, concurrent and compounding natural disasters in geographic regions. Geographic overviews of natural disaster risk will be produced. Narrative driven scenario planning sessions will determine capability gaps in current arrangements, with	\$644,909.00	\$697,872.00	\$0.00	\$1,342,781.00	

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						From Australian Capital Territory government sources	Co Contributions from All Other Sources		
				subsequent work to update them, increasing community resilience in the ACT for future disasters. Community consultation will occur prior to publishing geographic preparedness documentation.					
DRFR300384	Building Pharmacy Preparedness for Natural Disasters in the ACT	The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia	Unincorporated ACT	This project will equip pharmacists in the Australian Capital Territory with the knowledge, skills, and resources to respond effectively during natural disasters. It includes an accredited training module, a live webinar, and a localised disaster	\$176,950.00	\$0.00	\$44,495.00	\$221,445.00	

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						From Australian Capital Territory government sources	Co Contributions from All Other Sources		
				preparedness factsheet. The initiative will strengthen the health system's resilience by improving pharmacists' knowledge and capacity to ensure timely access to medicines and essential health services in emergencies.					
DRFR300388	Volunteer Wellbeing for Resilience Project – building capacity and capability of the emergency volunteering workforce.	Volunteering and Contact ACT Limited (Trading as Volunteering ACT)	Unincorporated ACT	The Volunteer Wellbeing for Resilience Project will provide the critical development and delivery of capacity building training for volunteers and volunteer managers in organisations that contribute to disaster	\$139,649.00	\$0.00	\$34,921.00	\$174,570.00	

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				recovery efforts. This will enhance resilience in the sector by empowering these organisations to provide services using trauma-informed, person-centered approaches that focus on volunteer wellbeing and build a sustainable volunteer workforce.					
DRFR300390	Outdoors Under Pressure	Outward Bound Australia	Western Australia - All; New South Wales - All; Northern Territory - All; Victoria - All; South Australia - All; Tasmania - All;	This project will deliver national disaster resilience support for the outdoor sector through digital tools, professional training, risk data collection, and collaboration with emergency	\$1,789,428.00	\$0.00	\$541,070.00	\$2,330,498.00	

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						From Australian Capital Territory government sources	Co Contributions from All Other Sources		
			Queensland - All; Unincorporated ACT	services and weather experts. Activities include workshops, resource development, and creation of a risk intelligence platform. The expected outcome is a safer, better-connected outdoor sector with improved ability to anticipate, prepare for, and respond to natural disasters and extreme weather events.					

Attachment B

Details of the Australian Capital Territory Program administration funding

Description how the Australian Capital Territory intends to use administration funding awarded	Cth funding (1.52 per cent of the total Commonwealth funding awarded to the Australian Capital Territory for projects under Round Three)	Co-contribution (from jurisdiction)	Funding conditions
	\$58,245.40	\$58,245.40	<p>Administrative funding can be used by the Australian Capital Territory for costs that directly relate 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 the Australian Capital Territory 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). The Australian Capital Territory is required to report on the use of administration funding in line with the Audit and Reporting Framework. Refer to section 3.1.4 of the Program Guidelines for further detail on these and other conditions.</p>

In accordance with section 3.1.4 of the Program Guidelines, the Australian Capital Territory is required to match the administrative funding provided by the Commonwealth (either cash or in-kind).

