



Disaster Ready Fund

Round Two 2024-25 – Indian Ocean Territories

Project proposals that will be delivered in the external territories of [Christmas Island](#) and the [Cocos \(Keeling\) Islands](#), collectively known as the Indian Ocean Territories, are eligible for Round Two, following the process below and section 3.2.2 of the Round Two Guidelines.

Applicants wishing to deliver projects in the Indian Ocean Territories must submit project proposals to the Lead Agency for Western Australia ([WA Department of Fire and Emergency Services](#)) (DFES).

The [Australian Government Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts](#) (Department of Infrastructure) will seek endorsement of the project proposals from the Australian Government Minister responsible for Territories.

1) Applicants develop project proposals for delivery in the Indian Ocean Territories and secure co-contributions or develop waiver requests.

2) The Applicant submits the project proposal to WA's Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES)

3) DFES provides the proposals to the Australian Government Department of Infrastructure.

The Department of Infrastructure categorises project proposals from the Indian Ocean Territories as 'Highly Suitable', 'Suitable', or 'Not Suitable' and seeks endorsement of the proposals from the Australian Government Minister responsible for Territories.

4) DFES submits the endorsed proposals to NEMA.

5) Funding will be provided to DFES if projects are successful. Applicants will be required to enter into a Funding Agreement with DFES. DFES will coordinate ongoing reporting requirements with input from the Department of Infrastructure.

Please note: Applicants must provide a co-contribution of at least 50 per cent of eligible project costs. If it is not possible for an Applicant to provide a financial co-contribution, it can instead provide an in-kind contribution of equal (50 per cent) or greater value or request a waiver (see section 5.3 of the Round Two Guidelines).

With the exception of financial assistance provided to local government under the Australian Government's [Financial Assistance Grants program](#), Australian Government funding from any source (including historical) cannot be used by an Applicant to cover a co-contribution (either fully or in-part, including in-kind co-contributions). The Western Australian Government is not required to provide the co-contributions for Indian Ocean Territory projects.