

North and Far North Queensland Stronger Homes Grant



About the Grant

The Stronger Homes Grant is available for homeowners that were impacted by the 2025 North and Far North Queensland flood event.

Homeowners may be eligible for a grant to improve their home's resilience against future flooding, with funding available for eligible works up to \$10,000.

The grant is available to insured and uninsured homeowners and will be paid to the licensed contractor, or insurance company, once works are completed.

Grants are restricted to one per household. Funding is limited and grants will be awarded until the funding capacity is met.

The Stronger Homes Grant is funded by the Queensland Government and is delivered through efficiencies realised under the Commonwealth-state Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

Who can apply

This grant helps to bridge the gap between 'like for like' repair work and building back more resiliently. With this grant homeowners can start to introduce flood resilient strategies into their home.

To be eligible for the grant, applicants must demonstrate certain information about their home:

- The building footprint* of the home was inundated by the 2025 North and Far North Queensland floods. **The applicant will need to submit photographs of the flood damage.**
- The home is a residence. This means the home is a house, unit, granny flat, or manufactured home

that is not used primarily for business purposes.

- The applicant is the homeowner or property owner. They may need to provide a rates notice or register of title.
- The home is in an eligible local government area. A full list is available www.qld.gov.au/strongerhomesgrant

*The building footprint for a home means the outermost extent of the home, including external areas, external essential services, as well as the area under a home.

What the grant can be used for

Eligible homeowners can apply for grants of up to \$10,000 for resilient strategies such as:

- raising washing machines and/or dryer by mounting on a wall or flood-resilient stand
- raising the electrical switchboard(s) and meter box
- raising data and electrical points
- raising hot water system
- raising air conditioner condenser units
- raising pumps directly connected to a home
- separating electrical circuits between levels
- replacing floor coverings with flood resilient materials
- removing plasterboard wall lining and replace with fibre cement sheet wall lining, with the ability to clean the wall cavity in future
- paint stud work to prevent future mould.

All works must be completed by a suitably licensed Queensland contractor (builder or tradesperson).



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Insurance work may have already started before a grant application has been made. However, the Stronger Homes Grant funding must be approved in writing by the Department of Housing and Public Works before starting any resilience work.

Contracts

Standard QBCC approved contracts are required for all works, for example:

- QBCC Level 1 - Renovation, Extension and Repair Contract for renovations, extension, and repair on existing homes for contracts \$3,301 to \$19,999.

Prior to works commencing, the contractor must provide the homeowner with evidence of their QBCC Home Warranty Insurance policy covering the full value of the quote or more (where applicable).

Completion of the works

On completion of the works, and prior to payments being made, the following documentation must be provided by the licensed contractor/insurer to the homeowner:

- Before and after photos of each resilience strategy covered under the approved grant funding.
- Form 30 for self-certification of aspect works.
- Form 4 for sanitary plumbing works.
- Electrical Safety Certificate for any electrical works.
- Form 21 for certification of structural works.
- Copy of the contractor's invoice:

- Addressed to the homeowner (full name).
- Referencing the Stronger Homes Grant application number
- Itemising and quantifying the works completed.
- QBCC Home Warranty Insurance details taken out by the contractor prior to work starting and covering the full value of the quote or more (where applicable).

The homeowner will need to submit before and after photos of all works seeking funding. An inspection of the works may be undertaken at the end, or at any time during the process by the Stronger Homes Grant team.

Once these items have been provided, the Stronger Homes Grant team will assess the documentation and arrange for the grant funding to be paid directly to the contractor or insurer following confirmation the works have been completed in line with the approved grant.

How the grant will be paid

Grants will be paid the following ways:

- If the homeowner is uninsured, we will pay the grant directly to the licensed contractor (builder or tradesperson).
- If the homeowner is insured, and work is being undertaken as part of a claim, we will pay the grant directly to the insurance company.
- If the homeowner is insured and has taken an insurance payout or finalised a claim, or has decided to self-manage the works, we will pay the grant directly to the licensed contractor (builder or tradesperson).

More information

For support or more information about the Stronger Homes Grant:

Website: www.qld.gov.au/strongerhomesgrant

Email: strongerhomesgrant@housing.qld.gov.au

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Technical guidance: www.qra.qld.gov.au/resilient-homes

