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DRFAWA activation process

What is required to activate the DRFAWA?

For a disaster event to be eligible under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements Western Australia (DRFAWA), the following three prescribed criteria must be met:

1. The event was one or a combination of the ten specified natural disaster hazards, or a terrorist act.
2. A coordinated multi-agency response is required.
3. The estimated cost of emergency assistance to individuals and communities, and/or damage to essential public assets will exceed \$240,000 across all local government areas impacted by the disaster event.

Who activates DRFAWA?

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) is responsible for the activation of DRFAWA Events.

The DFES Disaster Recovery Funding team receives advice from and liaises with local government and/or state government agencies impacted by an event, gathers and collates information related to the event to ensure the prescribed criteria have been met.

1. A request is forwarded to the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner for approval.
2. The State Minister for Emergency Services and the Commonwealth Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management are notified of the activation. Note, this must occur before stakeholders and the public can be advised.

What should local government or state government agencies (asset owners/operators) do if impacted by a disaster event?

1. Contact the DFES Disaster Recovery Funding team as soon as practicable following the event.
2. Establish a specific area within their financial system to isolate all eligible costs related to the disaster event.
3. Ensure documentation relevant to the disaster event is referenced with the name and date of the event, as well as the Australian Government Reference Number (AGRN) once it is available. Note, this number is provided once an event has been declared.
4. Gather and capture evidence that details:
 - the extent and nature of the damage that has occurred (date stamped photographs are ideal),

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- the pre-disaster condition of the assets that have been damaged (asset register and/or maintenance records may provide this information),
- the works undertaken to reinstate/repair the damaged assets, and
- evidence of the works completed (again, date stamped photographs are ideal).

More information and advice

The full suite of DRFAWA fact sheets and other related documents are available on the DFES website (www.dfes.wa.gov.au).

If you have any questions or need additional support, contact the Disaster Recovery Funding team at drfawa@dfes.wa.gov.au.