

Replacement of Household Items Grant Severe Weather Event August/September 2024

PURPOSE OF THIS GRANT

This grant is to assist with the replacement of essential household items damaged or destroyed where these costs cannot be met from the applicant's own resources.

Grants are made available on the basis of need and are not a replacement for insurance or compensation for losses.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Those individuals or households whose principal place of residence is uninhabitable or severely damaged as a result of the August/September floods and storms and have suffered loss or damage to household items are eligible to apply.

HOW DO I LODGE MY CLAIM?

For information or to lodge a claim, go to: www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/cpp/community-grants.

HOW MUCH CAN BE PAID?

\$7,490 (plus \$1,250 per household member up to a maximum of \$11,450) can be paid for the replacement of household items.

HOW WILL PAYMENTS BE MADE?

Payments will be made where possible via electronic funds transfer.

IS THERE AN INCOME OR ASSETS TEST?

There is an income test only. All applications will be assessed according to an income test. If you do not satisfy the income test, you will not be eligible for the grant.

INCOME TEST

STATUS	WEEKLY INCOME
Single/sole resident	\$1,153
Two principal residents (either couple or shared housing)	\$1,808
Single with one Dependent Child	\$1,808
Couple combined, 1 child	\$1,854
Each additional Child Add	\$46.75

AM I STILL ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE IF I HAVE INSURANCE?

Yes. However, grants will only be considered in cases where insurance does not adequately cover costs (or where there is no insurance).

If you have insurance for your home or household contents, you must lodge a claim against your policy with respect to any loss or damage you have suffered. When submitting your application for this grant, you must provide full insurance details, including policy numbers.

You must also certify if you are ineligible to claim insurance, that the insurance has

been refused or that the insurance will not cover all the costs.

Note: Claims can be lodged before you know the outcome of insurance claims. You must, however, advise the Department of Premier and Cabinet as soon as the outcome of your insurance claim has been decided.

WHAT DOCUMENTS DO I NEED TO PROVIDE?

In order to submit your claim form, you will need to provide evidence of your identity, income, and insurance arrangements.

Note: The Department of Premier and Cabinet will verify the information you provide with third parties such as your employer, the appropriate Government departments or other relevant authorities.

WHAT IF I AM UNABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION RELATING TO MY INCOME?

Grants can only be paid where an applicant's income can be verified. However, in circumstances where an applicant is unable to verify their income, some assistance may still be provided (such as in circumstances where the applicant is suffering unnecessary hardship). All relevant documentation must be provided within one week of the grant being paid. If you are subsequently found to be ineligible, you will be required to repay the grant.

DO I NEED QUOTES OR RECEIPTS?

Yes. You are required to keep evidence of what the grant is spent on and you should also be aware that you may be audited after the grant has been paid.

WHAT IF I HAVE ALREADY SPENT THE MONEY AND NEED A REIMBURSEMENT?

If you are applying for reimbursement, you will need to provide the receipts/tax invoices with your application. Receipts should include the providers name, address, ABN and should be itemised.

Note: Only reasonable costs will be paid or reimbursed. The Department of Premier and Cabinet has discretion to limit the amount paid if claims do not reflect current market prices.

ON WHAT CONDITIONS IS THE GRANT PROVIDED?

The payment of the grant is made on the basis of a number of conditions. You may be required to repay the grant if you receive assistance, insurance payment or compensation related to expenses for which a grant was paid.

WILL THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED BE TREATED CONFIDENTIALLY?

Your personal information is protected by law. The Department of Premier and Cabinet will collect and use the information you provide on this form to assess your entitlement. Certain information may be used to verify your information and to detect or prevent fraud.

The Department of Premier and Cabinet will give your information to relevant Tasmanian and Australian Government agencies for the purpose of the joint administration of this program.

Government agencies may, where necessary, give this information (including information that you have received assistance) to State and Commonwealth Agencies, humanitarian, welfare and charitable organisations for the purposes of providing assistance to persons affected.