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New grants for flood-ravaged community groups

RACQ Foundation is helping grassroots community organisations get back on their feet after the recent floods, with new grants worth up to \$100,000 now on offer.

The special funding round, announced as part of the Foundation's Community Grants Program, will focus on supporting local groups such as sporting clubs, historical and show societies, men's sheds and charities that have been impacted by recent flooding in south east Queensland.

RACQ Chief Executive Officer David Carter said applications for the new grants would open tomorrow, 7 March 2022.

"RACQ Foundation's purpose is to support Queenslanders who are impacted by natural disasters and these grants, worth up to \$100,000 each, will help organisations get up and running again, so they can help their communities," Mr Carter said.

"We're proud to give back to these important organisations during their time of need and we encourage all those impacted by the floods to apply."

While flood damage and impacts can vary among organisations and regions, some examples of projects that may benefit from the grants include:

- Equipment – funding for personal protective equipment (PPE), and/or replacement of sporting equipment
- Capital works – to repair or improve infrastructure including fences, posts, building works
- Technology services – to restore or improve digital services, digital products (such as headphones, software) and connectivity
- Health/Domestic violence – projects related to mental health and wellbeing.

Mr Carter said the special grants were in addition to a \$50,000 donation to Lifeline Queensland last week to help flood-affected communities, and were another example of how RACQ supports its members by supporting the communities they live in.

"This extraordinary weather event has so far led to more than 10,000 insurance claims being lodged, our Roadside Assistance crews performing more than 4,000 tows, while our Bank team is working hard to help members who are experiencing financial difficulties," he said.

To apply visit <https://www.racq.com.au/foundation>.

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