



Moderator's Disaster Relief Fund

Community Recovery Project Grant Application Form 2026

To respond to recent natural disasters, Congregations and Presbyteries can apply for up to \$5,000 in financial assistance towards programs and support to help their local communities which have been impacted. (Amounts more than \$5,000 may be considered on request though granted in exceptional circumstances only.)

The funds for this initiative have been generously contributed through direct offerings made to the Queensland Synod for the purposes of helping people significantly impacted by a disaster event. Grant funds may be allocated, in limited circumstances, for preventative measures that can help people prepare for potential disaster events in their community provided there is a clear connection to disaster relief.

Congregations and Presbyteries with ideas for specific projects to provide pastoral support, rehabilitation and recovery programs for individuals, families and communities affected by the recent disasters can apply via disaster.management@ucaqld.com.au to the Queensland Synod Disaster Recovery Team for financial assistance.

Project funding must be for the purpose of assisting with any additional/extraordinary expenses Congregations and/or Presbyteries incur in responding to their community's needs following the recent disasters such as:

1. Specialised ministry to enable community recovery
2. Practical support for individuals, households, or communities. Examples include:
 - community response and recovery projects
 - disaster recovery peer support for Ministry Agents
 - disaster recovery chaplain (for special ministry supply with a specific focus of enabling a Ministry Agent to take leave)
 - targeted proactive and pre-emptive training directly linked to supporting the Congregation and local community, provided there is a clear connection to disaster relief.

It is not intended that applications for funding of normal Presbytery and/or Congregation expenses will be considered by the Queensland Synod Disaster Recovery Team (e.g. paying stipend for a ministerial supply in a Congregation, unless the supply is related to the Minister in placement being called to community focused outreach and assistance).

For more information, see the [Moderator's Disaster Relief Appeal - Donations and Grant Policy](#) and the [Disaster Resilience and Recovery Framework - Supporting Presbyteries & Congregation](#), email disaster.management@ucaqld.com.au, phone the Synod Office on **1300 UCA QLD (1300 822 753)** or go to [The Hub - UCA Disaster Management](#).

This application should be completed by a person authorised by the Congregation to act on its behalf (e.g. Church Council Chairperson, Treasurer etc.) and the Presbytery Minister.

*After distributing the funds, please send through a report to disaster.management@ucaqld.com.au including stories and/or examples of people who have been assisted, photographs and invoicing costs etc. The UCAQ Synod office will publish in the *Uniting News* a communication to interested parties including donors outlining how the donations have been distributed.*

Once signed and dated, please scan or email to the
Disaster Recovery Team:

Email: disaster.management@ucaqld.com.au

Or post to:

Disaster Recovery Team
The Uniting Church Queensland Synod
GPO Box 674,
Brisbane QLD 4001



Please include separate page(s) if there is insufficient space on this form.

1. Name of Congregation applying for funding:

2. To which disaster are you responding?
(Include specific suburbs/regions/areas where you are planning to respond)

3. For how much funding are you applying?

4. Outline your project and its objectives (include budget requirements)

5. Explain how your project will be controlled and administered to ensure that the services and/or assistance it provides will go only to those affected by the disaster identified in question two. Please include identified risks, and plans to mitigate those risks.

6. Please provide details of any other funding you have applied for or received relating to this disaster (include source, projected and amount)

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Declaration

Before you sign this form, please check that you have provided accurate and complete information.

Name of signatory

Position

I am authorised by the Congregation to act on its behalf (e.g. Church Council Chairperson, Treasurer etc.) to make this declaration on behalf of the Congregation/Presbytery. The information contained within this application is accurate and complete.

Signature

Date

Bank Account Details for deposit of funds

BSB / Account No.	<input type="text"/>
Account Name:	<input type="text"/>

Endorsed by Presbytery Minister

Name of signatory

Position

I am authorised to endorse this application on behalf of the Presbytery. The information contained within this application is accurate and complete.

Signature

Date

Reviewed by Associate General Secretary / Disaster Recovery Specialist

This application has been reviewed by the Associate General Secretary / Disaster Recovery Specialist

Comments

Name of signatory

Position

Signature

Date

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General Secretary or delegate Approval

This application is approved by the General Secretary or delegate:

Yes

No

Name of signatory

Position

General Secretary Feedback

Signature

Date

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