Resilient Homes Fund | February 2025

Demolish, rebuild or relocate

The Resilient Homes Fund (RHF) provides funding for the raising or the demolition and rebuild of properties that did not originally meet the Home Raising program eligibility criteria.

As part of the expanded criteria, the RHF can provide funding for enclosed rooms/levels, that are not practical to raise, such as those built on concrete slabs. These can be demolished and rebuilt or relocated above the assessed flood level and the 2021-2022 flood event level, whichever is higher.

The program will undertake a separate assessment to confirm your eligibility for one of the funding programs. Contact resilienthomes@epw.qld.gov.au if you would like to be considered for this program.

Key dates:

☑ 30 July 2023

Registrations for the Resilient Homes Fund program closed.

☐ 1 December 2025

Grant applications for funding close unless funding has already been exhausted.

30 June 2026

Works to be completed and paid in full.

It's important to allow yourself plenty of time to find a builder, get quotes and apply for funding. Builders are in high demand, building works take time and unexpected delays can occur. Now is a great time to get started on your funding application!

Visit <u>Apply for funding | Homes and housing |</u>
<u>Queensland Government</u> for more information on the funding application.

Available funding

There are two funding options to demolish and rebuild or relocate your home or a part of it.

Expanded Criteria \$150,000 capped

Funding for this program is dependent on the following criteria:

- » The existing **habitable** area below the assessed flood level **or** 2021-2022 flood event level is demolished and reinstated
- » The new finished floor level is rebuilt above the assessed flood level and 2021-2022 flood event level, whichever is higher
- » In cases where homeowners have received eligibility for 'Demolition, rebuild or relocate' for their property, the same funding cap of \$150,000 applies
- » Existing areas being sought for funding must be demolished. Affected areas/spaces/buildings cannot be repurposed or re-classed
- » Co-contributions are not available. Homeowners, or their insurer, will need to pay any costs over \$150,000.

Expanded Criteria \$50,000 capped

Funding for this program is dependent on the following criteria:

- » The existing non-habitable enclosed area below the assessed flood Level or 2021-2022 flood event level is demolished
- » The new finished floor level is rebuilt above the assessed flood level and 2021-2022 flood event level, whichever is higher





- » Existing areas being sought for funding must be demolished. Demolished areas/spaces/buildings cannot be repurposed or re-classed
- » Co-contributions are not available. Homeowners, or their insurer, will need to pay any costs over \$50,000.

In cases where the assessed flood level has been changed by council, the program requires the current/latest assessed flood level to be used, unless works have begun or a Value for Money assessment has already been completed using a previous level.

Check your eligibility

You are eligible to receive funding if:

- » The building envelope was inundated by water as a result of an eligible flooding event.
- » The floor level is below the <u>assessed flood level</u> specified by your local council (where information was available at the time of preparing the Home Assessment Report) and/or the 2021-2022 flood event level.
- » The program may require evidence to confirm enclosed areas are habitable spaces. Rooms with a ceiling height of less than 2.4m may still be eligible for the \$50,000 program, provided they are properly enclosed.

NOTE: If a home has not been raised to/above the assessed flood level or 2021-2022 flood level event —whichever is higher—the Resilient Homes Fund will not provide funding for the works.

More information

More information about the Home Raising program and eligibility can be found on the Resilient Homes Fund website at qtd.gov.au/resilienthomes

Contact us

Contact the Resilient Homes Fund team on (07) 3007 4485 (select option 2), or at resilienthomes@epw.qld.gov.au if you have any questions about the Home Raising program.





Links directory

- » BeyondBlue beyondblue.org.au
- » Design Guidance for Flood Resilient Homes qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/oo21/273036/Design-Guidance-for-Flood-Resilient-Homes.pdf
- » Housing Service Centres qld.gov.au/housing/public-community-housing/housing-service-centre
- » Industry Guidance for Flood Resilient Homes qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/oo26/33578o/rhf-industry-guidance-flood-resilient-home-a3.pdf
- » **Lifeline** lifeline.org.au
- » National Construction Code abcb.gov.au
- » QBCC local contractor search my.qbcc.qld.gov.au/myQBCC/s/findlocalcontractor
- » Queensland Home Warranty Scheme qbcc.qld.gov.au/your-property/queensland-home-warranty-scheme
- » Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA) portal applyonline.qrida.qld.gov.au/auth/login
- » Raise your home webpage www.qld.gov.au/housing/buying-owning-home/financial-help-concessions/ resilient-homes-fund/overview/home-raising
- » Regional Community Support Services Brochures qld.gov.au/community/disasters-emergencies/disasters/resources-translations/ regional-support-brochures
- » Information about preparing your household for future floods and other disasters getready.qld.gov.au

Support

Support in your community

Download the Queensland Government's Regional Community Support Services Brochures for information and contact details of key community services available in your area, including financial and emotional support.

Visit: qld.gov.au/community/disasters-emergencies/ disasters/resources-translations/regional-supportbrochures

For further support for communities affected by natural disasters please contact our Community Recovery Hotline on 1800 173 349.

Accommodation assistance

Housing Service Centres across Queensland provide a range of support including bond loans, rental grants and a RentConnect service.

Anyone needing housing assistance can contact their local Housing Service Centre.

Visit: qld.gov.au/housing/public-community-housing/ housing-service-centre

You can also phone the 24/7 Homeless Hotline on 1800 474 753.

Legal aid

Legal Aid Queensland provides free legal advice on a variety of areas including, but not limited to, contracts and family matters.

Visit: legalaid.qld.gov.au

Finances

The Financial Information Service, provided by Services Australia, is a free service that provides informative guidance about financial matters.

Visit: servicesaustralia.gov.au/financial-information-<u>service</u>

Emotional support

We know this can be a very stressful time. Talking about what you are going through with your family and friends can be helpful. There are also very helpful support services available to you including Lifeline and BeyondBlue.

Visit: lifeline.org.au Visit: beyondblue.org.au

Need help with any of these steps?

If you have questions and want to talk to someone about your property and your individual circumstances, call **07 3007 4485** and select **option 2** to arrange a one-on-one appointment.

For more information visit (qld.gov.au/resilienthomes)

If you require the assistance of an interpreter, phone **1800 512 541**.

Our compliments and complaints management policy and procedure can be found at housing.qld.gov.au/contact/complaints-compliments



