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Grants now open for Tasmanians impacted by October floods

Applications are now open for grants to assist private landholders and not-for-profit sport and recreation organisations impacted by the severe weather and flooding event in October 2022.

Over \$800,000 in grants have already been approved under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements to support individuals, small businesses, primary producers and non-profit organisations with their recovery from this event.

These further grant programs form part of the \$15 million targeted flood recovery support package announced earlier this year, which is being jointly funded by the Commonwealth and Tasmanian governments.

``Areas like Deloraine and the Meander Valley were particularly hard hit by this flood event which scoured riverbeds and paddocks and impacted areas like the Deloraine showground and the football club," Minister Barnett said.

``It is important to support affected communities in their recovery phase and we have always said that we'll be there for our flood-affected communities when they need us.

"We've listened to our local communities and we have developed these additional grant programs as a direct result of the conversations we've had with them. "This further support, funded in partnership with our Federal colleagues, is targeted at private landowners, and not-for-profit organisations who may not have been eligible under prior programs," Minister Barnett said.

The **Private Landowner Clean-up and Restoration Grants** of up to \$10,000 will be available to assist private landowners or leaseholders with the costs of cleaning up debris and repairing damage on their property. In exceptional circumstances, up to \$25,000 may be made available.

The Private Landowner Clean-up and Restoration Grants will close on Friday 3 March.

Under the **Sport and Recreation Recovery Grant** program, grants of up to \$25,000 will be available to assist with the costs of clean-up and reinstatement of not-for-profit sport and recreation organisations.

These organisations play an integral part in local economies and communities, and this assistance is designed to help minimise disruption in the affected areas and support the broader community to recover.

The Sport and Recreation Recovery Grants will close on Monday 27 March.

For more information about the grants, visit <u>www.tasrecovery.com</u>

To speak to someone for information or help with an application, call 1800 204 224 (private landowner grants) or 1800 252 476 (sport and recreation grants).

Applicants without internet access or an appropriate device to complete the application form are encouraged to visit their local library or online access centre.

Libraries Tasmania staff and volunteers will be available to help people use a public access computer or connect to wi-fi to complete their application.

The Rockliff Liberal Government is continuing to monitor recovery needs and is working with councils and the Australian Government to ensure support is available where it is needed most.