

Frequently asked questions

SES Support Grant program

The SES Support Grant is a Queensland Government grant program administered by the Queensland State Emergency Service (SES). The program offers financial support for local governments to dedicate resources to their SES groups or units. This helps SES to effectively respond to emergencies in their communities.

Local governments can apply for grants of up to \$150,000 for facilities and up to \$75,000 for vehicles for SES groups or units in their area.

For more information

Read the SES Support Grant 2026-27 Funding Guidelines (funding guidelines) at ses.qld.gov.au/support-grant to learn more and see if your project is eligible and find out how to apply.

Answers to common questions

The table below provides answers to frequently asked questions about the SES Support Grant, along with references to where you can find more details in the funding guidelines.

Question	Answer	Page number
How much funding can we apply for?	Local governments can apply for grants for SES groups or units in their area for up to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$150,000 for facility projects• \$75,000 for vehicle projects.	4
Can we apply if we already have a project still open from a previous round?	Yes. You can submit applications for SES groups or units that have an existing grant project open. They will be considered on a case-by-case basis.	9
We're unable to co-contribute to the grant project. Can we still apply?	Yes, you can still apply. There is no co-contribution requirement for the 2026-27 round of the SES Support Grant.	4
What can we use the facility grant for?	Funds can be used for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• purchasing facilities or land• construction, modification, renovation or extension of an existing facility. Refer to the funding guidelines for a more extensive list of potential projects and additional information.	6
We need funding for a project that isn't a facility or vehicle. Can we apply for this grant?	Yes. In unique circumstances, funding might be available for projects outside these categories. Email grants@ses.qld.gov.au to discuss your project.	9

Can we apply for this grant to go towards a vehicle we've already purchased or a project that has started?	No. Grants will not be awarded retrospectively, unless written approval has been provided by SES. If the project is already complete or underway, the SES Support Grant Assessment Panel may consider this an indication that funding assistance isn't needed.	6
When can we start our project and when does it need to be completed?	If you are awarded a grant, you can start your project from 1 July 2026. Your project should be completed by 30 June 2027. To seek approval to extend this timeframe, you'll need to apply for a variation by the variation due date.	5
What if we have delays and won't meet the completion deadline?	Submit a variation request form to seek an extension to the completion date. It must be submitted at least 2 months before the original completion date.	14
When will we find out if our grant application is successful?	Grant outcomes will be announced from April 2026. We'll notify all applicants in writing whether their application was successful or not.	14
Can staff wages, including project management, be included in the project budget?	Local government staff wages, including those for project management, can be included in the project budget if they are explicitly listed as a labour line item in the quotes accepted with the submitted application. However, wages cannot be included for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • completion of the Support Grant application • preliminary assessments and project scoping • any other activities undertaken before the project's approval and the official start date of 1 July. All other local government staff wages are considered ineligible.	8
If my grant application is successful, when will I receive the grant funds?	Grant funds are released to a local government once: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the grant project is complete • we've received and approved the acquittal form and all supporting documents • the acquittal has been finalised. 	14
Does the grant exclude GST?	Yes, grant funds exclude GST. Grant funds paid to local government are not subject to GST.	16

Where can I find the forms I need?	Download the application form, acquittal forms and variation request forms from the SES website at ses.qld.gov.au/support-grant or email grants@ses.qld.gov.au	16
I need more information. Where can I find it?	You can find more information, including the funding guidelines, on the SES website at ses.qld.gov.au/support-grant or email grants@ses.qld.gov.au	16

