

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 provides financial support to local governments to invest in resources for SES groups or units in their area. This helps the SES respond effectively to emergencies in local communities.

Local governments can apply for grants of up to:

- \$150,000 for facility projects
- \$75,000 for vehicles for SES groups/units.

For more information

Read the SES Support Grant 2027-28 Funding Guidelines (funding guidelines) at ses.qld.gov.au/support-grant to learn more, check whether 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 relevant sections of the funding guidelines.

Question	Answer	Funding Guidelines 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: • \$150,000 for facility projects • \$75,000 for vehicle projects.	5
Can we apply if we already have a project still open from a previous round?	Yes. You can submit applications for an SES group or unit that has an existing grant project still open. Applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis.	10
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 2027-28 round of the SES Support Grant.	5
What can we use the facility grant for?	Funds can be used for: • purchasing facilities or land • constructing, modifying, renovating or extending an existing facility. Refer to the funding guidelines for a more detailed list of eligible projects and further information.	7
We need funding for a project that isn't a facility or vehicle. Can we apply for this grant?	Yes. In exceptional circumstances, funding may be available for projects outside these categories. Email grants@ses.qld.gov.au to discuss your project.	9

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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 the SES has provided written approval. If the project is already underway or complete, the SES Support Grant Assessment Panel may consider this an indication that funding assistance is not required.	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 2027. Your project should be completed by 30 June 2028. If you need more time, you must apply for a variation by the variation due date to seek approval for an extension.	6
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. The form must be submitted at least 2 months before the original completion date.	15
When will we find out if our grant application is successful?	Grant outcomes will be announced <u>from</u> April 2027. All applicants will be notified in writing whether their application was successful.	14
Can staff wages, including project management, be included in the project budget?	Local government staff wages, including project management costs, may be included in the project budget if they are explicitly listed as a labour line item in the quotes submitted with the application. However, wages cannot be claimed for: • completing the SES Support Grant application • preliminary assessments and project scoping • any other activities undertaken before project approval and the official start date of 1 July 2027. All other local government staff wages are ineligible.	9
If my grant application is successful, when will I receive the grant funds?	Grant funds are released to the local government once: • the grant project is complete • the acquittal form and all supporting documents have been received and approved • the acquittal process has been finalised.	15
Does the grant exclude GST?	Yes, grant funds exclude GST. Grant funds paid to local government are not subject to GST.	17
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	17

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