



Rural Update #11 – 2 November 2021

Applications to close for Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund Cyclone Appeal

Please note, applications for assistance to the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund will close on **Monday November 8**. The Cyclone Seroja Lord's Mayor's Distress Relief Fund Appeal was activated on April 13 and has raised more than \$7.6 million. To date, more than 500 applications have been received and \$6.8 million has been distributed to eligible applicants.

Who is eligible to apply for assistance?

Round 1 assistance

Assistance from the LMDRF Tropical Cyclone Seroja Appeal is currently available to owner/occupiers and occupiers (tenants) where the property was:

- their primary place of residence; ▪ impacted by Tropical Cyclone Seroja;
- located within the declared disaster area; and
- either totally destroyed or suffered major damage to property making in uninhabitable.

Only one application per dwelling will be accepted.

Round 2 assistance

Assistance from the LMDRF Tropical Cyclone Seroja Appeal is currently available to owners where the property was:

- their second place of residence or investment;
- impacted by Tropical Cyclone Seroja;
- located within the declared disaster area; and
- either totally destroyed or suffered major damage to property making in uninhabitable.

Only one application per dwelling will be accepted.

To find out more about the eligibility criteria, and to download an application form head to:

<https://appealswa.org.au/apply-for-assistance/>

Other Grant Opportunities

Heritage Grant

Applications are now open in Durack to help with the clean-up and restoration of heritage assets that were significantly damaged by Tropical Cyclone Seroja. The \$2 million Cultural and Heritage Asset Clean-Up and Restoration Grant Program is part of a \$104.5 million jointly Commonwealth-state funded package under Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) to assist with clean-up, repairs and resilience works at heritage buildings and Aboriginal cultural heritage sites.

Eligibility and application details are available at www.emergency.wa.gov.au/recovery. Works must be completed by June 2023 and claims can be lodged until July 2023.

Recovery and Resilience Grants for Insured Residents

The Recovery and Resilience Grants Program offers two types of grants, up to a total of \$20,000, to help insured homeowners impacted by Cyclone Seroja. The Recovery Grant can help with clean-up and repair works, and the Resilience Grant can help you build back better against future cyclones.

Further information:

Web: dfes.wa.gov.au/recoveryandresiliencegrants

Email: serojainfo@dfes.wa.gov.au

Phone: 1800 490 678

For more information on available grants, head to

<https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/emergencywa/recovery.html>

Mullewa Hub

Rural residents are advised that a multi-agency Seroja Recovery Hub will be available in Mullewa on a fortnightly basis. Various agencies including DFES, Red Cross and other relevant government agencies will be in attendance at City's Mullewa office, Cnr of Thomas & Padbury Street, Mullewa, 9am – 3pm, on:

- Tuesday 9 November
- Tuesday 23 November
- Tuesday 7 December
- *No hub late Dec or January*
- Tuesday 1 February
- Tuesday 15 February

Clean-up assistance for uninsured residents

Assistance is available for eligible uninsured residents for the removal of disaster related debris from their homes to make them safe and habitable. Debris must be directly impacting the home. This assistance is not intended to cover non-essential debris beyond the immediate vicinity of the residential property. In some cases assistance may be available for the demolition of uninsured homes that have been destroyed or significantly damaged.

If your uninsured home was impacted by Tropical Cyclone Seroja, is in an [activated Local Government Area](#), and you would like clean-up assistance please register your interest via the [Department of Fire and Emergency Services website](#).

Important Contact Details

Western Power: 13 13 51
Telstra: 1800 888 888
Insurance Council: 1800 734 621
Water Corporation: 13 13 75

Department of Communities'
Disaster Response Hotline: 1800 032 965
SES: 13 25 00
DFES: 13 33 37
Emergency: 000
City of Greater Geraldton: 9956 6600

IF YOU OR A LOVED ONE ARE EXPERIENCING MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES PLEASE CONTACT

LIFELINE: 13 11 14 RURALINK: 1800 552 002 SAMARITANS: 135 247 OR 1800 198 313

