



Disaster Ready Fund

Round Four 2026-27 – Indian Ocean Territories Factsheet

Project proposals that will be delivered in the external territories of [Christmas Island](#) and the [Cocos \(Keeling\) Islands](#), collectively known as the Indian Ocean Territories (IOT), are eligible for Round Four, following the process below and section 7.2.2 of the Round Four Guidelines.

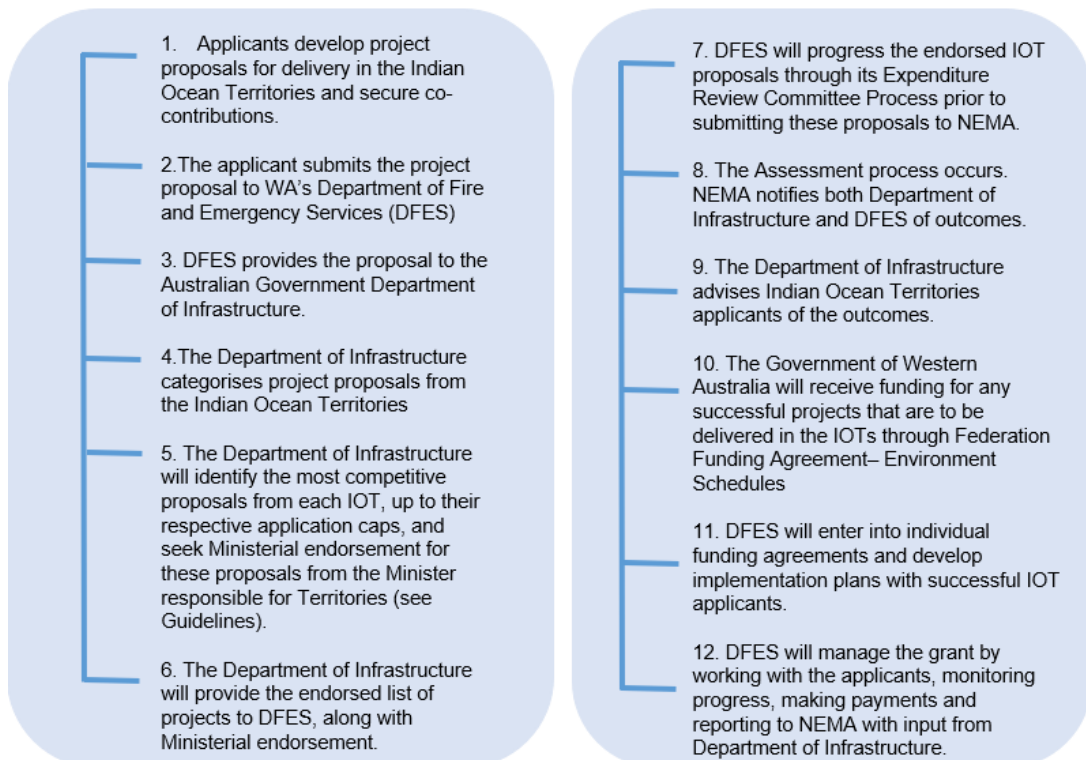
Applicants wishing to deliver projects in the IOT must submit project proposals to the Lead Agency for Western Australia (WA) ([WA Department of Fire and Emergency Services \(DFES\)](#)).

Applicants wishing to deliver national and multi-jurisdictional projects in the IOT with WA as a lead of projects must consult with DFES prior to submitting their project proposals to WA.

Applicants wishing to deliver national and multi-jurisdictional projects in the IOT with other jurisdictions as a lead of projects and IOT as a partner must consult with DFES prior to submitting their project proposals through Lead Agency of other jurisdictions.

The [Australian Government Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts](#) (Department of Infrastructure) will:

- communicate the DRF Round Four opportunity in the IOT
- seek endorsement of the project proposals from the Australian Government Minister responsible for Territories in line with WA Expenditure Review Committee (ERC) timeframes
- provide outcomes to IOT project proponents.



For any questions, contact disasterresiliencegrants@dfes.wa.gov.au in the first instance. Alternatively, you may email: disaster.ready@nema.gov.au.