



Disaster Ready Fund

Round Four 2026-27 - Multi-jurisdictional & national projects factsheet

Multi-jurisdictional and national projects involve collaboration and delivery across multiple (or all) states and/or territories. The process for submitting these projects is outlined in section 7.2.3 of the Round Four Guidelines and summarised below.

1) Develop your project proposal in consultation with affected communities, delivery partners and relevant jurisdictions. At a minimum, this involves:

- for place-based projects or where the particular interests of First Nations people will be affected by the project, meaningfully consulting affected communities and providing evidence of this (or reasons for not consulting) as an attachment to your proposal;
- obtaining letters of support from delivery partners who are contributing financially or in-kind to the project; and
- obtaining written confirmation from all relevant Lead Agencies that they have no objections to the project proceeding in their jurisdictions.

Templates for partner letters of support and Lead Agency confirmations are available from Lead Agencies.

All project proposals require a co-contribution in line with Guideline requirements.

2) Submit the completed proposal and all associated evidence, including the partner and Lead Agency letters noted above, to one Lead Agency (known as the coordinating Lead Agency) based on where most activity will occur or, if benefits are equally spread across jurisdictions, the Applicant's location. Additional guidance on how to identify the most appropriate Lead Agency is provided in section 7.2.3 of the Guidelines.

Before submitting the proposal, Applicants should check the Guidelines and coordinating Lead Agency website for any additional general and jurisdiction-specific application requirements that apply (e.g. application forms and process for lodging with coordinating Lead Agency).

3) The Lead Agency reviews and rates the proposal as 'Highly Suitable', 'Suitable', or 'Not Suitable', noting that multijurisdictional and national projects do not count towards Application caps and will therefore be automatically submitted to NEMA provided minimum suitability and endorsement requirements are met.

4) The Lead Agency seeks endorsement of the project proposal from their state or territory minister. Formal endorsement from ministers in the other relevant jurisdictions is not required.

5) The Lead Agency submits the proposal to the Australian Government. If the project is awarded Australian Government funding, the Lead Agency will receive and coordinate the delivery of the funds as well as manage ongoing reporting requirements.