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Clubs hit by cyclones urged to apply for funding

With regional Queensland battered by recent wild weather, RACQ Foundation has encouraged community organisations to apply for funding which would fast-track recovery in affected areas.

Flooding, heavy rain and strong winds, due to ex-Tropical Cyclone Iris and ex-Tropical Cyclone Nora, had devastated areas in northern and central Queensland.

RACQ Foundation spokesperson Renee Smith said community groups were encouraged to apply for funding of up to \$50,000 and up to \$200,000 in exceptional circumstances, to repair and reconstruct damage sustained during the storm.

“We know many community organisations will be doing it tough following recent cyclones and we’re here to assist these groups in recovering as quickly as possible,” Ms Smith said.

“Community organisations are often the beating heart of neighbourhoods and it can be a massive morale boost for residents to see their local groups back on their feet following events like these.”

Ms Smith said RACQ Foundation was established to help communities come back from natural disasters.

“When wild weather hits, it can have heartbreaking consequences,” she said.

“Buildings have been flooded and infrastructure torn apart in recent weeks so we want to make sure Queensland community groups know we’re here to help.”

RACQ Foundation was set up in response to the 2011 floods to help impacted community organisations recover from the effects of natural disasters. Since its inception, more than \$7.2 million has been donated to more than 160 community organisations across Queensland.

Affected community organisations can download the application form at <http://www.racq.com/foundation>. The next round of funding will close 15 June 2018.

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