Commonwealth

The Commonwealth’s assistance supports states’ and territories’ relief and recovery measures. It complements other state-based strategies, such as insurance and natural disaster mitigation planning and implementation.

States

- States will identify the type and level of assistance they need following a natural disaster or a terrorist act.
- States should make any assistance they deem necessary available to the community, regardless of whether it is eligible for reimbursement.
- States have a responsibility to put in place insurance arrangements that are cost-effective for both the state and Commonwealth.
- When undertaking (or contributing to the cost of) eligible recovery measures, the state must act consistently with the following principles:
  - recovery is a shared responsibility for individuals, households, businesses, communities and governments, where access to funding or appropriate strategies of natural disaster mitigation are considered
  - state assistance needs to encourage businesses and communities to self-help, either by providing access to funding or appropriate natural disaster mitigation strategies
  - government assistance needs to be designed to achieve an efficient allocation of resources
  - the same assistance should be given to anyone affected by the same eligible disaster in the same way, within the limitations of these arrangements.

For more information

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Local Government Disaster Recovery Assistance Guidelines