

COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION of NSW
Disaster Relief Fund Application Information and Criteria
Drought Relief – July 2018

The Country Women's Association of NSW is providing an initial \$100,000 from its Disaster Relief Fund for drought relief in NSW. These monies are available for farming businesses that are drought affected and dependent on farming as their primary source of income. The monies are available for a wide range of expenses as outlined below.

Note: These funds are provided by the CWA of NSW and are in addition to any monies to be distributed via the recent \$1 million donated by Dick Smith Foods for national distribution.

Grant payments will be made up to a maximum of \$3,000 per individual applicant and/or household. An individual applicant and/or household may apply more than once until the maximum of \$3,000 is reached.

Eligible applicants are:

- farmers or farming dependent contractors, and/or
- a farming dependent family (including families servicing farming, such as farming contractors and local rural businesses).

In addition, applicants must also demonstrate the following:

- they must be located in an area that is identified as being in drought, according to the NSW DPI Combined Drought Indicator; and
- a reliance on farming or farming related activities for the majority of their income; and
- evidence that their primary source of income has suffered as a direct result of drought.

Grants are available to help meet household expenses. Examples of household expenses include:

- food,
- vehicle maintenance,
- school expenses,
- electricity, rates,
- telephone expenses, and
- dental and medical, such as gap payments or cost of travel to access treatment.

Grants will generally be in the form of a payment by the CWA of NSW directly to:

- the supplier of goods/service against invoices provided by the applicant; or
- the applicant for expenses that are current and/or outstanding.