

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Drought Community Support Initiative Round 2 Still Available

The Salvation Army is delivering assistance through the Australian governments Drought Community Support Initiative (DCSI – Round 2). The second round of this assistance commenced on 19 November 2019.

If you are a farmer, farm worker, farm supplier or farm contractor who is doing it tough due to the drought you may be eligible for a one off payment of up to \$3,000.

To be eligible you need to be:

- Over the age of 18 years
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Live and / or work in the McKinlay Shire
- Have not already received this payment from The Salvation Army or St Vincent de Paul since 19 November 2019

The maximum amount a household can receive is \$3,000. If more than one eligible household member resides in the same residence, the total assistance provided to the household cannot exceed \$3,000.

You can apply for the drought assistance online at [www.salvationarmy.org.au/drought](http://www.salvationarmy.org.au/drought) (preferred method) or by calling the 24/7 Telephone Assistance Line on 1300 551 030. If your preferred method is to call the Telephone Assistance Line, please only use this line to make a new application and please leave a voice message with all the information requested.

The Salvation Army has distributed over \$46 million of this funding to over 16,000 drought-affected households since 19 November 2019, and are distributing over \$1.2million every three days. As you would appreciate, demand for this assistance has been high.

The Salvation Army will call you to complete your assessment as soon as they can. Please do not make a second application if you have already applied as they will get to you.

The payment is not considered taxable income. If you had assistance in DCSI (Round 1) which concluded on 30 June 2019 you are eligible to apply for assistance for DCSI (Round 2).

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