

FAQs

Collaroy-Narrabeen Private Coastal Protection Works Financial Assistance Program

When is the cut off for applying to the program?

To ensure Council can meet the requirements of its agreement with DPE (formerly OEH), claims for payment under the program must be submitted no later than 5pm on 31 December 2024. If you intend to apply for funding, it is recommended that you contact the Manager, Environment Resilience & Climate Change, via council@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au or call 1300 434 434.

Payments can only be made once your project is complete and occupation certificate can be provided to Council.

Which activities are eligible for funding under the program?

The program guidelines include a 'Schedule of Activities Eligible for Funding,' see below:

1.	Site establishment (including fencing, signage, stockpiling)
2.	Construction (including site preparation, earthworks & excavation, materials, plant hire, labour)
3.	Supervision (including project management, site works supervision)
4.	Certification (costs associated with engineering review and approval of the installed works)
5.	Final survey demonstrating the location of works as executed.

Which activities are **NOT** eligible for funding?

- Damage to public or third-party assets,
- Ancillary works such as private access ways, stairs, fences, and landscaping,
- Legal fees, planning, and design (including tendering preparation costs, concept costs, design preparation), development and modification application costs, fees, and charges payable to Council or any government agency, and
- Ongoing maintenance of the completed seawall structure or surrounding and additional infrastructure.

What is the process for submitting a grant application?

Applications must be submitted online via SmartyGrants. This program is only available to eligible property owners, or their representatives. If you intend to apply for funding, it is recommended that you contact the Manager, Environment Resilience & Climate Change, via council@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au or call 1300 434 434.

You are encouraged to contact Council for application support to ensure your application avoids delays in processing.

What is the process for claiming funds?

The process for claiming funds is to submit a payment claim via SmartyGrants. The payment claim form will be available in SmartyGrants once the initial application for funding has been approved via a Deed of Agreement (Funding Agreement) and the application has been progressed to the 'approved' stage.

To enable the payment of grant funds, all property owners will be required to enter into a Deed of Agreement (funding agreement) with Council. Grant money will not be released until a Deed of Agreement has been executed between Council and the property owner(s).

Partial or progress payments are not permitted for applications submitted after 1 January 2024 due to the limited time remaining for the program.

When will I be paid financial assistance for my project?

Payment of financial assistance will only be made once all works are completed and an occupation certificate for the works can be provided to Council.

The deadline for submitting final payment claims, including all required documentation, is 31 December 2024.

NB: Please note, regardless of the stage of your project, or the status of any Deed of Agreement (Funding Agreement), payments are unable to be made after 1 April 2025, as per Council's agreement with the State Government.