

Cessnock Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Grant Guidelines and Application Form

Overview

Phase Two of the Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Fund (BCRRF) will support community recovery by funding \$25 million worth of projects and initiatives that will promote community well-being, social and broader recovery and future disaster resilience following the bushfires. Cessnock City Council has allocated \$100,000 of Stream 1 funds to local smaller-scale, short term community projects.

The funding for the BCRRF is provided through the joint Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. The BCRRF guidelines have been developed in consultation with Emergency Management Australia and are supported by the National Bushfire Recovery Agency. Resilience NSW are the lead disaster management agency for NSW, responsible for all aspects of disaster recovery and building community resilience to future disasters.

Objective

The objective of Phase Two Stream 1 of the BCRRF is to deliver flexible, small-scale grants to local councils for smaller-scale, locally led community recovery activities. The purpose is to support communities overcome the social impacts of the bushfires.

Eligibility

The Cessnock City Council BCRRF Grant Program applications must meet the following criteria:

- The project must be delivered within the Cessnock local government area.
- The project must align with a Disaster Recovery Outcome.
- Maximum funding per project is \$10,000.
- Be an incorporated non-government organisations including not-for-profit organisations, local community groups, business chambers and industry groups/peak bodies.
- Unincorporated community groups.
- Applicants must have the capacity and capabilities to establish, manage and be held accountable for the delivery of the project and intended outcomes.
- Applicants must have the ability to report on the progress and agreed outcomes of the project.
- A maximum of \$100,000 is available under this program.

As per the BCRRF Phase Two, Stream 1 Guidelines, the following projects will not be eligible for funding:

- Applications that request ongoing program funding.
- Applications for projects and/or activities that are not related to the community recovery/resilience attributed to the bushfire event.
- Applications that request covering existing debts or budget deficits.

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Disaster Recovery Outcome

Applications must contribute to fulfil one or more of the following Disaster Recovery Outcomes:

1. The needs of vulnerable groups are addressed in disaster recovery
2. The community can express its changing disaster recovery needs
3. Community members are aware of the risks of future disasters
4. The community has improved capacity and capability to respond to future disasters
5. Business and not-for-profits have in place adequate mitigation practices for risks and threats
6. Government, private sector, civil society and organisations are engaged in plans for preparedness and management of the recovery

Grant Fund Timing

This Grants Program is intended to be delivered in accordance with the following schedule:

- Grant funding applications open on Monday 19th April 2021.
- Applications close 5pm, Friday 14th May 2021.
- Applications determined and successful projects announced Monday 31st May 2021.
- Projects delivered prior to 30 June 2022.

Selection Criteria

Grant applications will be assessed on the following criteria:

- Total project cost,
- Community benefit,
- Capability to deliver and manage the project, and
- Alignment with disaster recovery outcomes.

Please ensure that you have read and understood the **Guidelines** as outlined in this document, before completing this application. It will help you determine if you are eligible for funding.

If you are eligible and can commit to the Guideline Conditions, complete this form and submit it by 5pm, Friday 14 May 2021.

Email your completed application form & any supporting documentation directly to the Community Recovery Officer, Melissa Boucher on melissa.boucher@cessnock.nsw.gov.au

For further information or clarification, please contact Melissa Boucher on 0439 454 819 or email her at melissa.boucher@cessnock.nsw.gov.au

Cessnock City Council is committed to protecting your privacy. Council will only use the provided information for the purposes of coordinating and managing this grants program.

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Section 1 - Applicant Details

Applicant Name:	<input type="text"/>		
Organisation Name:	<input type="text"/>		
Organisation ABN:	<input type="text"/>		(if applicable)
GST registered?	Yes / No		
Address line 1:	<input type="text"/>		
Address line 2:	<input type="text"/>		
Town:	<input type="text"/>	Postcode:	<input type="text"/>
Phone:	<input type="text"/>	Fax:	<input type="text"/>
Email:	<input type="text"/>		
Does the applicant want to be quoted in the program media releases?	<input type="text"/>		
Preferred contact method:	<input type="text"/>		

Section 2 – Project Details

Project Name:	<input type="text"/>		
Project Description:	<input type="text"/>		
Planned start date:	<input type="text"/>		
Planned finish date:	<input type="text"/>		
Project address:	<input type="text"/>		
Town:	<input type="text"/>	Postcode:	<input type="text"/>
Funding amount requested:	<input type="text"/>		

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Detail project expenditure (attach quotes or evidence of planned expenditure):

Explain who will benefit from this project (provide numbers and demographics if possible):

Explain your organisations ability to successfully deliver this project:

Explain how your project aligns with 1 or more of the Disaster Recovery Outcomes listed in the Grants Guidelines:

Are you partnering or have the support of another organisation? (explain or attached letters of support)

Applicant Signature:

Date:

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Cessnock City Council is collecting personal information you supply on this form in accordance with *NSW Local Government Act 2009*. The personal information collected on this form will be used for the administration and acquittal of Cessnock Bushfire Community Recovery & Resilience Grant Program. Your personal information will be accessed by persons who have been authorised to do so. Your information will not be given to any other person or agency unless required by law. Your personal information is handled in accordance with *NSW Information Privacy Act 2012*.

Any applications are reviewed and determined on an individual basis.

Please email completed Grant Application & supporting documentation to:

Melissa Boucher: melissa.boucher@cessnock.nsw.gov.au, by 5pm Friday 14th May 2021.