

Cessnock Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Grant – Round 2

Guidelines and Application Form

Overview

Cessnock Council is now opening Round 2 of its ***Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Grant***, which is funded via the Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Fund (BCRRF), provided through the joint Commonwealth/State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

This fund is designed to support community recovery and resilience to future disasters by funding community-led projects and initiatives that will promote community well-being, social and broader recovery and/or future disaster resilience/preparedness following the bushfires. Round 2 has allocated up to \$50,000 to fund local smaller-scale, short term community projects within Cessnock LGA.

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 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 to overcome the social impacts of bushfires and support resilience building within the community.

Eligibility

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 be completed prior to 30 June 2022
- The project must align with a Disaster Recovery Outcome (see Outcomes on the next page)
- Maximum funding per project is \$10,000

- The applicant must be an incorporated non-government organisation, not-for-profit organisation, local community group, business chamber or industry group/peak body, unincorporated community group/cooperative
- 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

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 community recovery/resilience attributed to the bushfire event
- Applications that request covering existing debts or budget deficits

Disaster Recovery Outcome

Applications must describe how the Project contributes 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 29 November 2021
- Applications close 5pm, Friday 14 January 2022
- Applications determined and successful projects announced Monday 7 February 2021
- Projects must be 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
- 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 January 2022.

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

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

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

Section 1 - Applicant Details

Applicant Name:

Organisation Name:

Organisation ABN:

(if applicable)

GST registered?

Yes No

Address line 1:

Address line 2

Town:

Postcode:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

Does the applicant
want to be quoted in
the program media
releases?

Preferred contact
method:

Section 2 – Project Details

Project Name:

Project Description:

Planned start date:

Planned finish date:

Project address:

Town:

Postcode:

Funding amount
requested:

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:

Please email this completed application and supporting documentation to Melissa Boucher at melissa.boucher@cessnock.nsw.gov.au by 5pm Friday 14 January 2022.

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.