

Queensland Bushfires

Category C

Flexible Funding Grants Program

Round One – Fact Sheet (May 2020)

The Queensland Bushfires – Category C Flexible Funding Grants Program has been jointly-funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments to provide Queensland-based non-government organisations, research bodies, industry groups and peak bodies, community groups, and Local Governments in the 23 disaster-affected local government areas of Brisbane (City), Bundaberg, Gold Coast (City), Cook, Fraser Coast, Gladstone, Gympie, Ipswich, Livingstone, Lockyer Valley, Mareeba, Noosa, North Burnett, Redland, Rockhampton, Scenic Rim, Somerset, South Burnett, Southern Downs, Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba, Townsville, and Whitsunday

Grants will support community-led engagement activities and the development of local recovery initiatives, as well as partnerships and collaboration.

Grants are intended to reduce future risks and minimise community dependence on government assistance.

Projects must be aligned with national disaster resilience and recovery outcomes (not limited to human and social recovery), [National Strategy for Disaster Resilience](#), and the [National Disaster Recovery Principles](#) as outlined in the [Community Recovery Handbook](#) and [Queensland State Recovery Plan](#) to:

- understand the *context*
- recognise *complexity*

- use local, *community-led* approaches
- ensure *coordination* of all activities
- employ effective *communication*
- acknowledge and build local *capacity*
- identify *lessons* and build *resilience*.

How much can projects receive?

Non-recurrent (one-off) grant funding between:

- \$2,500 - \$50,000 (small grant)
- \$50,001 - \$100,000 (large grant)

is available (excluding GST).

Funding for eligible projects is determined by an assessment panel and will vary according to each project budget.

What can be funded in this grant round?

Successful applicants will implement projects aimed at driving recovery, and building awareness and resilience. Projects should preferably involve partnerships with local government, and other organisations and/or groups.

Funded projects will need to contribute to one or more of the following Disaster Recovery Outcomes:

- the needs of vulnerable groups are addressed in disaster recovery.
- the community is aware of the disaster recovery processes.
- the community can express its changing disaster recovery needs.



- community members are aware of the risks of future disasters.
- the community has improved capacity and capability to respond to future disasters.
- business and not-for-profit organisations have in place adequate mitigation practices for risks and threats.
- government, private sector, civil society and organisations are engaged in plans for mitigation and management of the recovery.

Who is eligible to apply?

Queensland-based non-government organisations, research bodies, industry groups and peak bodies, community groups, and Local Governments in the disaster affected areas local government areas of:

- Brisbane (City)
- Bundaberg
- Gold Coast (City)
- Cook
- Fraser Coast
- Gladstone
- Gympie
- Ipswich
- Livingstone
- Lockyer Valley
- Mareeba
- Noosa
- North Burnett
- Redland
- Rockhampton
- Scenic Rim
- Somerset
- South Burnett
- Southern Downs
- Sunshine Coast
- Toowoomba
- Townsville
- Whitsunday.

How do I apply?

Funding submissions under this grant round must be made on an online SmartyGrants application form available from:

Small grant application form

<https://communities.smartygrants.com.au/QueenslandBushfiresSmall>

Large grant application form

<https://communities.smartygrants.com.au/QueenslandBushfiresLarge>

If you are new to SmartyGrants, you will need to register before you can apply. Refer to the [SmartyGrants—Help Guide for Applicants](#) for information on registering and completing your application form.

When do applications close?

Applications must be received by **2pm, AEST** on **Wednesday 3 June 2020**.

Late applications *may* be considered at the discretion of the grant evaluation panel.

Where can I find more information?

Please refer to our website for more grant information, including access to the funding information paper:

<https://www.communities.qld.gov.au/industry-partners/funding-grants/funding-available>

Information and resources about community recovery are available at:

<https://www.communities.qld.gov.au/community/community-recovery>

If you have specific queries regarding the grant, please direct them by email to: grantqueries@communities.qld.gov.au

Important dates:

- **6 May 2020** – Round One grant applications open
- **3 June 2020 (2pm)** – Round One grant applications close
- **Mid-June 2020** – Successful Round One applicants announced
- **1 July 2020** – Contracts commence