



Memorandum

To:	Clubs/Branches significantly impacted by the 2019-20 Black Summer bushfires
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Subject:	Memo: Aus Gov Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program (opens 22/7, closes 2/9)

The **Australian Government Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants** are opening on **22/7/21** and will close on **2/9**. This program seeks to fund strong projects that clearly and thoroughly demonstrate that they will support the social and economic recovery, and restoration of the built environment in bushfire affected communities.

PLEASE NOTE: This program will be HIGHLY competitive as it is open to Councils, businesses and not-for-profit organisations to apply; and due to the high number of communities impacted by these fires. Applicants MUST have significant community partnerships in place and be prepared to gather significant documentation to support their application.

Key points:

- Grants must be a minimum of \$20,000. Co-contributions welcome but not required.
- Funding is allocated by LGA – so applicants within the same LGA compete against each other, rather than against other applications across Australia.
- LGAs in ‘most impacted’ areas receive a slightly higher funding allocation than other LGAs. In NSW, some of these LGAs include but are not limited to Bega Valley, Clarence Valley, Eurobodalla, and Nambucca. **The full list of eligible LGAs and whether they are defined as ‘most impacted’ or ‘less impacted’ is available in Attachment A** of the guidelines at <https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/black-summer-bushfire-recovery-grant> .
- Projects to take place between January 2022 to March 2024 that will:
 - support recovery and resilience of communities impacted by the 2019-20 bushfires
 - build stronger communities by supporting social, economic and built environment recovery
 - empower local communities to address bushfire recovery priorities, including through creation of jobs, sustainable infrastructure and community investment
 - rebuild and grow the economy of the local communities impacted by the bushfires.
- Eligible funding items include equipment, staff training, workshops, community events, building modifications etc.
- The primary assessment criteria is clear demonstration that the project will assist in community recovery (this accounts for 50% of assessment criteria) – this can be social recovery and resilience, economic recovery or recovery of building needs. **Project MUST completely existing or planned recovery efforts and have broad benefits for community AND region.**
- Attachments include but are not limited to:
 - a project plan, including detailed risk assessment
 - project budget, including any third party contributions, quotes
 - STRONG evidence of community support (such as letters of support or testimonials); if there are project partners, you must have a letter of support from each.
 - evidence of land ownership, OR where the proposed project site/s are not owned or managed by you, written consent from the property owner and/or property manager

The closing date for applications is **2 September 2021**. Further details can be accessed from <https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/black-summer-bushfire-recovery-grant>.

If you would like assistance in completing an application from the SLSA Grant Seeking Unit (GSU), please contact one of the below GSU team members. As the GSU has a high volume of grants closing at this time, we ask that you contact the GSU as soon as possible to ensure we are able to assist.

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Kind regards
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