

Community Resilience Small Grants Program guidelines

Supporting Communities to connect and build resilience.

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Overview

The Community Resilience Small Grants program offers financial assistance to not-for-profit community organisations and associations based in the Wingecarribee Local Government Area to deliver a range of resilience focused projects.

The grant program will support collaborative efforts between community groups and organisations to deliver local and innovative projects that support the aim of the grant.

The Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Small Grants program will have a total value of \$73,000 and will provide one-off grants of \$500 - \$10,000.

Overall program objectives

The Community Resilience Small Grants Program aims to support bushfire impacted communities:

- With preparedness projects that are community led
- Provide opportunity for community connection
- Strengthen community resilience

Eligibility Criteria

Applications will be accepted from the following organisations:

- Not-for-profit community-based organisations
- Legally constituted organisations or organisations which are auspiced by an incorporated association
- Organisations or auspicings body with an Australian Business Number (ABN)

Selection Criteria

Applications by eligible organisations will be assessed for alignment with the Grant Program aims and the following selection criteria:

Projects must be:

- Locally driven and delivered
- Targeted to communities in bushfire impacted areas
- Respond to a demonstrated need, gap or opportunity relating to recovery resilience following the 2019/20 bushfires
- Targeted for preparedness activities in preparation for the upcoming bushfire season
- Offer benefits to multiple people and groups

Working with you

- Promote community healing, wellbeing and disaster resilience
- Demonstrate funding equity and cost effectiveness
- Be free for all participants and encourage diverse participation
- Not be a duplication of existing services or programs

Examples of projects may include:

- Events that bring community together in response to current needs. This may include educational events or those that support community connection
- Events to educate the community about disaster risk and resilience
- Initiatives that promote wellbeing recovery
- Activities that build personal and community resilience and responsive capability for future disasters
- Activities or initiatives that support disaster preparedness

Application information

- The Community Resilience Small Grants program will open via the Smartygrants portal from **Monday 21 August 2023** and close by **Friday 29 September 2023**
- Applications will be assessed on a rolling basis with applicants notified within ten business days of submission
- Projects must be delivered by **Friday 1 December 2023.**
- Submitting an application form does not guarantee funding
- If an application is successful, funding will be paid by direct bank deposit following return of the signed grant agreement documents and tax invoice
- Successful applicants will need to complete a financial acquittal and short summary report within 6 weeks of the completion of their grant activity that describes the outcomes achieved or by Friday 1 December, whichever is sooner.
- Applications are assessed on their merits based on the eligibility criteria and selection criteria
- Applications are assessed by Wingecarribee Shire Council
- The funding must be used for the project which it is provided
- The cost of Development Applications associated with events can be included in the application
- The funds do not commit Wingecarribee Shire Council to future support for the project or any other project run by the applicant
- **No extension will be approved for grant activity**
- Unspent funds must be returned to Wingecarribee Shire Council
- Any change to the proposed use of funds must be agreed in writing by Wingecarribee Shire Council

How to apply

Applications will be via the Smarty Grants portal.

Applicants should ensure each question in the application form is completed, including adequate details about their organisation and proposed projects to support assessment. This is to enable prompt assessment of the application and to avoid the need to return to applicants to request further information.

Further information

For further information about the Community Resilience Small Grants program please contact:

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