



# Victorian Bushfire Appeal Advisory Panel

## Victorian Bushfire Appeal Community Grants Program Frequently Asked Questions

### How do I apply for a grant?

The Victorian Bushfire Appeal Grants Program is being expanded to accept applications for funding from the broader community.

There will be no interruption to the existing Community Grants Program and Community Recovery Committees (CRC) are still able to apply for funding using the same format as has been previously advised.

All funding proposals need to be endorsed as a community recovery priority by your local CRC. You may choose to seek CRC endorsement for your project before lodging your application. Alternatively, the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Secretariat (the Secretariat) will assist you to seek endorsement from your local CRC after you have completed your application.

A list of CRCs can be found on the Bushfire Recovery Victoria website - <https://www.vic.gov.au/community-noticeboard-bushfire-recovery>.

Applications can be made online directly to the Bendigo Bank Community Enterprise Foundation (the Foundation).

Before applying, ensure that you have read *Victorian Bushfire Appeal Community Grants Program: How to apply*.

Please use this link when lodging your application:

<https://cia.communityenterprisefoundation.com.au/Program/Index/1?appealType=Bushfire>

e vicbushfireappeal@brv.vic.gov.au  
w vic.gov.au/bushfireappeal



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## How do I get in contact with my local Community Recovery Committee?

A list of CRCs is available at <https://www.vic.gov.au/community-noticeboard-bushfire-recovery>. Your local council will be able to provide you with contact details for your closest CRC.

Alpine Shire Council

Ph: 5755 0555

E: [bushfirerecovery@alpineshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:bushfirerecovery@alpineshire.vic.gov.au)

East Gippsland

Bushfire Recovery Centre

Ph: 5153 9500

E: [BushfireRecoveryContactCentre@egipps.vic.gov.au](mailto:BushfireRecoveryContactCentre@egipps.vic.gov.au)

Towong

Upper Murray Recovery Hub

Ph: 1800 518 222

E: [recovery@towong.vic.gov.au](mailto:recovery@towong.vic.gov.au)

## When can I apply?

Applications are open from Monday 16 November 2020 to Friday 11 December 2020.

## What organisations are eligible to apply for funding?

The Appeal can only fund Item 1 Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) organisations.

If your organisation wishes to apply for a grant but isn't an Item 1 DGR, it needs to establish a relationship with an organisation that fits this criteria and work with them to deliver the project. The project partner will receive the funds on behalf of the applicant to be spent on the project.

If you require assistance to identify a project partner, please contact the Foundation:

Ph: 1300 304 541

E: [foundation@bendigobank.com.au](mailto:foundation@bendigobank.com.au)

## What are the criteria for assessing applications?

The Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund (the Appeal Fund) can only fund certain types of projects that meet charitable law requirements and the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund Advisory Panel decision-making criteria. These are set out in the Appeal Fund fact sheet.

If you have any questions about eligibility to apply for funding, please contact the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Secretariat by email at [vicbushfireappeal@brv.vic.gov.au](mailto:vicbushfireappeal@brv.vic.gov.au)

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### **Can I submit an application without the endorsement of my local Community Recovery Committee?**

Yes. You may choose to seek CRC endorsement for your project before lodging your application. Alternatively, the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Secretariat (the Secretariat) will assist you to seek endorsement from your local CRC after you have completed your application.

### **What if my community is not represented by a Community Recovery Committee?**

If there is no CRC in your area, you can still submit an application for funding.

The Victorian Bushfire Appeal Secretariat will seek council views on applications that are outside of CRC boundaries to determine whether they represent a community recovery priority.

### **Who do I contact if I am having trouble using the online application form?**

If you are having difficulty using the online application portal or a technical issue, please contact the Foundation:

Ph: 1300 304 541

E: [foundation@bendigobank.com.au](mailto:foundation@bendigobank.com.au)

### **How long will it take for my application to be considered?**

Applications are open from Monday 16 November 2020 to Friday 11 December 2020. You may be contacted sooner by the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Secretariat or the Community Enterprise Foundation if they have any questions about your application.

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