

Bushfire financial assistance grants

Grants for people in financial hardship as a result of bushfires in Australia during the bushfires FY19/20

The following grants closed on 31 December 2020.

- **Emergency grant** for people who have lost their homes
- **Injury grant** for people hospitalised due to the fires
- **Primary residence repair grant** for home owner-occupiers whose homes were structurally damaged
- **Re-establishment grant** for people who lost their primary place of residence.

If you have any questions about these grants please [contact our bushfire grants team](#).

Additional support grant – Applications are now open

The second and final round of our additional support grant is now open.

The additional support grant is for people who:

- have already received a previous Red Cross bushfire grant
- can provide evidence of low income (e.g. health care card, disability card, pensioner card, or any other evidence that they are receiving government benefits that demonstrate low income), and
- are still in financial hardship as a result of the fires.

Applications are open from 1–19 February 2021.

APPLY FOR THIS GRANT

Important information

Amount provided

The amount we can pay each eligible applicant will vary depending on people's individual needs, the number of people who apply, and the funds we have left. Payments to eligible applicants will be made in the first week of March.

How the grant can help

This grant can help with a range of costs related to the bushfires. These could be:

- additional rebuilding or re-establishment costs
- basic necessities like groceries, utility bills or school fees
- further repairs to make homes safe to live in
- clearing unsafe and bushfire-damaged trees on your property
- ongoing out-of-pocket medical costs
- other costs related to individual circumstances due to the bushfires.

We cannot provide this grant to assist with business expenses such as loss of income or farm equipment. This includes farm fences or outbuildings, farming equipment or stock losses, replacing tools of trade, or for investment properties and holiday homes.

Applicants from the November round

The grant is not open to applicants who have already received a payment in the November round, or if their applications were deemed not eligible for an additional support grant. However, people who could not provide required documentation of government benefits in time for the November round are encouraged to re-apply for this round.

We're here to help. If you need support with your application, please call our grants team on 1800 733 276 or [email us](#).