

Bushfire Grants Guide

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Grant	Purpose	Amount	Contact
Is urgent financial assistance required?			
Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment	Assist people who have been adversely affected as a direct result of the bushfires.	\$1,000 per adult and \$400 per child	Centrelink 180 22 11 centrelink.gov.au
Winter Needs Payment	Support people with winter needs.	\$2,000	Vic Bushfire Appeal Fund 1800 180 213 dhs.vic.gov.au
Is the person bereaved?			
Compassion and Bereavement Payment	Assist with costs associated with the death of a person in the bushfires.	\$10,000 for each deceased person	Vic Bushfire Appeal Fund 1800 180 213 dhs.vic.gov.au
Funeral Expenses Grant	Assist with funeral/memorial costs.	Up to \$10,000 for each deceased person	TAC 1300 654 329 tac.vic.gov.au
Special Payment to Assist with Funeral/Memorial Related Costs	Assist with funeral/memorial and any related costs.	\$5,000	Centrelink 180 22 11 centrelink.gov.au
Has a house been damaged or destroyed?			
Home Dislocation Payment	Assist people who were unable to remain in their principal place of residence as it unfit to live in or inaccessible for more than a week.	First adult: \$5,000, Each additional adult: \$2,000, Each child under 18: \$1,500	Vic Bushfire Appeal Fund 1800 180 213 dhs.vic.gov.au
Temporary Living Expenses Grant	Assist with cost of temporary accommodation and living expenses.	Up to a maximum of \$865 per week, up to a total of \$8,650	DHS grants officers dhs.vic.gov.au
Re-establishment Grant	Assist with the reestablishment of a household's principal place of residence.	Up to \$8,650 for repairs and: \$8,650 for contents. Maximum of \$17,300 per household.	DHS grants officers dhs.vic.gov.au
Household Repairs Payment	Assist owner occupiers repair damage to their residence.	\$3,000 per property	Vic Bushfire Appeal Fund 1800 180 213 dhs.vic.gov.au
Destroyed Homes Payment	Assist those who have lost their homes to be rehoused and to assist in replacing household contents.	Stage 1: \$35,000 to assist with rehousing; and \$15,000 to assist with contents replacement. Stage 2: A needs-based payment of up to \$40,000 to assist with rehousing.	Vic Bushfire Appeal Fund 1800 180 213 dhs.vic.gov.au
Damaged Homes Payment	Assist with the repair of bushfire damage to homes, outbuildings or other structures to your principal place of residence.	For properties with an Emergency Order: An immediate payment of \$15,000. A Stage 2 payment of up to \$16,000 based on need. For properties without an Emergency Order: Up to \$15,000 for damage to homes, outbuildings or structures.	Vic Bushfire Appeal Fund 1800 180 213 dhs.vic.gov.au
Tenant Contents Payment	Assist tenants to replace their contents where their property was destroyed.	\$15,000 for loss of contents as a direct result of the bushfires.	Vic Bushfire Appeal Fund 1800 180 213 dhs.vic.gov.au

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Has there been a severe injury?			
Severe Injury Payment	Assist people injured during the bushfires.	\$7,500	Vic Bushfire Appeal Fund 1800 180 213 dhs.vic.gov.au
Severe Injury Transition to Home Payment	Assist those seriously injured during the bushfires.	Initial lump sum of \$50,000. A further payment of up to \$50,000 to those who require specialist support.	Vic Bushfire Appeal Fund 1800 180 213 dhs.vic.gov.au
Has the person had a loss of income?			
Income Recovery Subsidy	Assist employees, small business owners and farmers who have experienced as loss of income as a direct result of the bushfires.	Up to - \$405 for adults who are a member of a couple - \$449 per fortnight for single adults - \$486 for single adult with a dependent child.	Centrelink 180 22 11 centrelink.gov.au
Have tools necessary for employment been lost?			
Tools of Trade Payment	Assist to replace tools of trade lost in the bushfires and not covered by other forms of assistance.	Up to \$5,000	Vic Bushfire Appeal Fund 1800 180 213 dhs.vic.gov.au
Is the person a primary producer?			
Bushfire Initial Clean-up and Restoration Grant – Primary Producers	Assist primary producers whose properties have suffered direct physical damage a result of the Victorian bushfires.	Up to \$5,000	Rural Finance 1800 255 925 ruralfinance.com.au
Bushfire Supplementary Grant – Primary Producers	Assist primary producers whose properties have suffered direct physical damage a result of the Victorian bushfires.	Up to \$20,000	Rural Finance 1800 255 925 ruralfinance.com.au
Special Circumstances Bushfire Relief Grant	Assist primary producers and small business owners who have otherwise missed out on a business recovery grant.	\$5,000	Rural Finance 1800 255 925 ruralfinance.com.au
Is the person a small business owner?			
Bushfire Initial Clean-up and Restoration Grant – Small Businesses	Assist small business owners whose business assets have suffered direct physical damage a result of the Victorian bushfires.	Up to \$5,000	Rural Finance 1800 255 925 ruralfinance.com.au
Bushfire Supplementary Grant – Small Businesses	Assist small business owners whose business assets have suffered direct physical damage a result of the Victorian bushfires.	Up to \$20,000	Rural Finance 1800 255 925 ruralfinance.com.au
Special Circumstances Bushfire Relief Grant	* Please see primary producers section above for details.		
Has the person provided support or service to bushfire affected communities?			
Exceptional Hardship Payment	Assist those who have helped a bushfire-affected community, and as a result have suffered hardship.	Up to \$8,000	Vic Bushfire Appeal Fund 1800 180 213 dhs.vic.gov.au
Is the person a rural land owner?			
Rural Properties Recovery Assistance Payment	Assist individual landowners with significant rural and farming activities who have suffered direct damage to their property.	One-off payment of \$5,000	Vic Bushfire Appeal Fund 1800 180 213 dhs.vic.gov.au