

## **Bushfire recovery support package**

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# \$4.4 billion in bushfire assistance

Overall, \$4.4 billion has been committed by the State and Commonwealth governments to the bushfire response, recovery and preparedness efforts in NSW. This includes:

- More than 20,000 small businesses supported through the \$10k and \$50k small business grants
- More than 1,900 farmers and producers supported by primary industry grants more than \$110 million paid
- 486 grants totalling \$65.8 million in rapid supply chain support grants for affected forestry, agriculture and horticulture sectors (Bushfire Industry Recovery Package – Stream 1)
- \$25 million tailored support for councils / community groups / not-for-profits through the Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Fund
- Over 6,000 kilometres of replacement fencing completed far further than Sydney to Perth
- Multi-million clean-up program that has cleared more than 3,600 properties.



#### Blue Mountains LGA bushfire funding – almost \$30 million

Program	Funding	Program	Funding
Small Business Grants – \$10K	\$12,560,000	Disaster Relief Grant – Contents	\$11,561
Small Business Grants – \$50K	\$710,116	C'wealth Disaster Recovery Payment	\$10,664,800
Primary Producer Grants – \$75K	\$93,021	C'wealth Disaster Recovery Allowance	\$774,138
Crown Land Fencing (kms)	\$53,050	C'wealth Additional Child Payments	\$1,656,000
BCRRF Phase 1 Grant to Council	\$250,000	TOTAL	\$28,388,396
BCRRF Phase 2 Grant to Council	\$250,000		
Community Recovery Officer	\$220,000	Properties cleaned up	38
C'wealth Grants to Council	\$1,300,000	Regional Support Services	64 families supported
Council Rates Rebates	\$65,710		

### **Bushfire Grant Programs**

Bushfire Community Recovery & Resilience Fund	Bushfire Industry Recovery Package	Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund (BLER)
<ul> <li>Phase 1</li> <li>February – March 2020</li> <li>Co-funded C'wth / NSW Governments</li> <li>Direct payments to impacted councils of up to \$250,000</li> <li>46 councils, \$7.5 million</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Stream 1 – Supply Chain Support Grants</li> <li>Applications open 19 May – 26 July 2020</li> <li>NSW Government funded; outside of BLER</li> <li>Open applications, eligibility based</li> <li>Targeted to support six driver industries: forestry, dairy, apiculture, horticulture, viticulture and aquaculture</li> <li>487 grants, \$65.8 million</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Stage 1 – Early Co-funded Projects <ul> <li>Bushfire Industry Recovery Program Stream 2 –</li> <li>Sector Development Grants</li> <li>Applications open 19 May – 26 July 2020</li> <li>Co-funded C'wth / NSW Governments</li> <li>Open applications; competitive / merit-based assessment</li> <li>Targeted to support six driver industries: forestry, dairy, apiculture, horticulture, viticulture and aquaculture</li> <li>50 projects, \$72.3 million</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Fast-tracked priority local infrastructure projects <ul> <li>Announced from October 2020</li> <li>Co-funded C'wth / NSW Governments</li> </ul> </li> <li>Projects identified through a rapid internal assessment process managed by Department of Regional NSW</li> <li>22 projects, \$107.8 million</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Phase 2 – Stream 1</li> <li>Open 29 September – 3 November 2020</li> <li>Co-funded C'wth / NSW Governments</li> <li>Direct payments to impacted councils of up to \$250,000</li> <li>32 councils, \$7.25 million</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Stream 2 – Sector Development Grants</li> <li>See BLER Stage 1 – Early Co-funded Projects</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Stage 2 – \$250m BLER Fund Open Round</li> <li>Applications open 27 October 2020 – 28 January 2021</li> <li>Co-funded C'wth / NSW Governments</li> <li>Open application: competitive / merit-based assessment per Functional Economic Region</li> <li>650+ applications being assessed (\$1.6 billion)</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Phase 2 – Stream 2</li> <li>Applications open 29 September – 11 December 2020</li> <li>Co-funded C'wth / NSW Governments</li> <li>Open applications: competitive / meritbased assessment</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Stage 3 – Final Projects / Initiatives</li> <li>A final package of projects, programs and initiatives to be agreed between the NSW and C'wth governments</li> <li>Focus on gaps at community, regional or state level</li> </ul>

### >\$500m NSW Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Package

STAGE 1 – EARLY CO-FUNDING (\$180 MILLION)		STAGE 2 – BLER FUND	<b>STAGE 3 – FINAL PROJECTS /</b>	
(a) Bushfire Industry Recovery Program (Stream 2) – Sector Development Grants	(b) Fast-tracked priority local infrastructure projects	\$250 MILLION OPEN ROUND	INITIATIVES	
Applications open 19 May – 26 July 2020	Announced from October 2020	<ul> <li>Applications open 27 October 2020 – 28 January 2021</li> </ul>	• TBC	
Co-funded C'wth / NSW Governments	Co-funded C'wth / NSW Governments	Co-funded C'wth / NSW Governments	Co-funded C'wth / NSW Governments	
<ul> <li>Open applications, competitive / merit-based assessment</li> <li>Public Guidelines for projects seeking a minimum of \$50,000 up to \$10 million</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Instigated by a request from the Commonwealth government for states to rapidly identify known priority projects for early co-funding</li> <li>Projects selected through an internal assessment process managed by Department of Regional NSW</li> <li>Minimum \$1 million threshold for shovel ready projects</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Open applications, competitive / merit- based assessment</li> <li>Guidelines specify that the majority of funding should be committed to the areas most impacted by the fires.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>NSW continues to work with the Commonwealth Government to consider final projects and other initiatives</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Targeted six key industries: forestry, dairy, apiculture, horticulture, viticulture and aquaculture</li> <li>Projects that will create jobs, build industry sustainability, increase value-add production, support supply-chain efficiencies, product diversification and market expansion.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Projects identified from a range of sources such as local and regional Recovery Action Plans, existing NSW Government programs and directly from councils.</li> <li>Projects required to align with national Local Economic Recovery criteria set by the Commonwealth</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Projects that retain and create new jobs in regional areas, build resilience and increase preparedness for future bushfire seasons</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>50 projects – \$72.3 million</li> </ul>	• 22 projects – \$107.8 million	<ul> <li>650+ applications (\$1.6 billion) currently under assessment</li> </ul>		