

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

>\$500m NSW Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Package

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