

BUSHFIRE RELIEF FUND GRANT PROGRAM 2020 GENERAL INFORMATION FOR GRANT APPLICANTS – ROUND 2

Border Trust invites submissions from not-for-profit, community organisations for projects seeking to support the communities within the Albury Wodonga Region affected by the 2019/2020 Bushfires.

We welcome partnerships and encourage applicants to seek funds from a range of sources.

Should you require any further information or would like to discuss your project or eligibility prior to applying, please contact Glenys, Border Trust on 0447 684 506 or mail@bordertrust.org.au

Focus Areas and Guidelines

Mission

The mission of the Community Foundation for the Albury Wodonga Region (Border Trust) is to promote and build a resourceful and sharing community by encouraging and enabling local philanthropy.

Specific Bushfire Relief Fund Granting Aims

Round 2 of the program aims to support the recovery of communities within the Albury Wodonga region affected by the 2019/2020 bushfires through the following focus areas:

- Health & wellbeing initiatives for the long-term recovery of people affected by fire
- Programs, events and initiatives that support the development of emerging leaders in the bushfire affected areas
- Events and initiatives that promote social cohesion, reduce social isolation and connect bushfire affected communities

Grant Amount

The grant program is primarily targeting applications up to \$10,000. In some circumstances, grants larger than \$10,000 may be considered. *Please contact the Grant Coordinator on 0447 684 506 to discuss your application beforehand, if this is the case.* <http://bordertrust.org.au/grants/general-information/>

Specific Eligibility

- Applicants with and without DGR Item 1 are encouraged to apply.
- Partnerships and a contribution to the project from the applicant organisation are strongly encouraged
- The Bushfire Relief Fund supports the recovery of communities located within the LGA's of Alpine, Greater Hume, Snowy Valleys and Towong.

Key Dates

- Round 2 is an open round which commences on the 1st November 2020 and closes on 30th April 2021
- Applications can be received at any time during this period and will be considered as received
- Applications will be considered in December 2020, February 2021, April 2021 and June 2021 with funds available throughout this period
- Projects are funded for a one-year time frame.

Applications

- Standard application form is available at <http://bordertrust.org.au/grants/general-information/>
- Application form and all supporting information should be forwarded to mail@bordertrust.org.au
- All questions listed on the Application Form must be completed

- The declaration must be signed by the head of the Organisation, being Chief Executive Officer, or equivalent representative
- **Please note:** The encouragement or advancement of sport, recreation and social activities is not considered a charitable activity by the Australian Taxation Office.
 - Therefore, applications from sporting organisations need to clearly demonstrate a benefit to the wider community and should indicate which other local organisations are involved

What We Are Most Likely to Fund

- Activity which has ongoing benefit to the communities affected by the 2019/2020 bushfires as per the Specific Granting Aims as outlined above
- Initiatives that have demonstrated community support
- Projects which encourage partnerships
- Innovative & inclusive undertakings
- Projects which are in keeping with the mission and aims of Border Trust and those of our granting partners.

What we are less likely to fund

- Capital works
- Ongoing salaries
- Projects in successive years where progress and/or stages of development are not fully explained

What We Do Not Fund

- Recreational or commercial sporting activities
- Projects for private benefit or individuals
- Activities or events that have commenced or already taken place

If Successful, your Organisation will be required to

- Meet the terms and conditions under the Grant Agreement
- Acknowledge the support from Border Trust and grant partner/s in all printed material and publicity regarding the funded project, and
- Provide progress reports and a satisfactory acquittal as outlined in Grant Agreement.

To be eligible, your organisation must

- Operate for the benefit of communities within the Albury Wodonga Region
- Be not-for-profit community-based organisation which functions for charitable purposes.
- Registration with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission (ACNC) is strongly preferred
- Have a registered ABN or Incorporated Association Number
- Organisations with, and without, Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR Item 1) status are invited to apply
- An auspicing body may be considered in exceptional circumstances (discuss with Border Trust prior to submitting your Application)

How your application will be considered

- Receipt of your application will be acknowledged via email within 7 days.
- The Grant Committee will be made up of members of Border Trust, representatives from each Grant Partner and community representatives. They will meet to consider all applications and will provide advice to Border Trust's Board. Border Trust will make all decisions concerning grants.
- In order to give organisations as much opportunity as possible to be successful, you may be contacted for further information prior to Committee meeting.
- *Please note* that it is not considered appropriate to lobby members of Border Trust or the Grant Committees or Partners personally in relation to your application.

Border Trust will unfortunately not be in a position to fund every application it receives. It is important to state that an unsuccessful application does not reflect the value of the project, and that many very worthwhile projects may not receive funding. Border Trust will be pleased to discuss other options that may be available to you in this regard.

How we will let you know the outcome

All applicants will be notified via email of the outcome of their application.

If your application is successful

- You will be required to enter into a Grant Agreement with Border Trust outlining the terms and conditions for use of the Grant
- The Grant must be used within twelve months of the date of acceptance. An extension may be granted in exceptional circumstances
- Agreement Commencement Date: Date of Signing
- You will be requested to provide a short mid-term report on the progress of your project and accommodate a visit from a Border Trust representative during the course of the Grant Agreement
- You will be required to acquit your project in accordance with the Grant Agreement within two months of project completion
- You will be requested to acknowledge the support of Border Trust and Grant Partners in all printed material and publicity
- You will be requested to be available for Border Trust media purposes
- You will be requested to promote and support Border Trust where possible & stay connected with our activities
- You will be listed and showcased on the Border Trust website
- You will be requested to attend "The Big GIVE", Border Trust's Annual Showcase & Grant Presentation event, held annually in May