

Towong Community Bushfire Disaster Relief Fund Grant Round Three - September 2022

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR GRANT APPLICANTS

Border Trust invites grant submissions from not-for-profit, community organisations for projects seeking to support the communities within the Towong Shire 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 Michael Salter, Grants Coordinator on 0400 550 791 or grants@bordertrust.org.au

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Towong Community Bushfire Disaster Relief Fund Grant Program is to provide funds for the relief of people in the community in distress as a result of the 2019-2020 Victorian Bushfires, including relief by way of assistance to re-establish a community.

SPECIFIC GRANTING AIMS

Round three of the program aims to support the recovery of communities within the Towong Shire 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, build community resilience, and connect bushfire affected communities
- Projects addressing the relief, recovery and re-establishing of a community.

FUNDING AVAILABLE

Round Three of the grant program is primarily targeting applications **up to \$50,000**. Applications for funding up to \$100,000 may, however, be considered after consultation with Border Trust. Please contact the Grant Coordinator on 0400 550 791 to discuss your application beforehand, if this is the case.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

This grant program supports the recovery of communities located within the Towong Shire.

To be eligible, your organisation must:

- Be a not-for-profit community-based organisation which functions for charitable purposes
- Operate for the benefit of communities within the Towong Shire
- Have a registered ABN or Incorporated Association Number
- Organisations with, and without, Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR Item 1) status are invited to apply
- Meet any other specific eligibility requirements as noted
- Registration with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission (ACNC) is strongly preferred
- A full budget and quote/s to support the amount requested are to be provided as part of the application.

KEY DATES – ROUND THREE

- Grant round opens September 1, 2022 and close 5pm October 31, 2022
- Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application in mid December 2022 for projects commencing from January 16, 2023 (Agreement commencement date)
- Projects are funded for a one-year time frame unless otherwise agreed with Border Trust.

APPLICATIONS

ALL applications are to be submitted electronically

- Online application form is available on the Border Trust website at <https://www.bordertrust.org.au/granting/towong-community-bushfire-relief-fund/>
- All questions listed on the Application must be completed
- We recommend preparing your questions in a word document ready to cut and paste into the online application platform
- The online application platform enables you to save your content as you move through the document. Note: notifications to your email address from the online platform may automatically go to your junk mail folder. If you have difficulty saving or submitting your online application, check your junk mail folder for instructions from the platform
- The declaration must be acknowledged by the head of the Organisation, being Chief Executive Officer, or equivalent representative.

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
- Please note: The encouragement or advancement of sport, recreation and social activities is not considered a charitable activity by the Australian Taxation Office. Applications from sporting organisations therefore need to clearly demonstrate a benefit to the wider community and should indicate which other local organisations are involved.

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.

If Successful, Your Organisation May Be Requested To

- Be available for media and website purposes as requested by Border Trust and grant partners
- Attend the Big Give – Border Trusts annual grant recipient event in May 2023
- Promote and support Border Trust where possible & stay connected with our activities.

How your application will be considered

- Receipt of your application will be acknowledged via email within 7 days of closing date
- The Grant Committee will be made up of members of Border Trust 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 may 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
- Agreement End Date: 12 months from that date
- 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 agreement end date by accessing the Border Trust website and completing an electronic acquittal report. Please retain photos and invoices, as you will be required to attach these
- 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 invited to attend "The Big GIVE", Border Trust's Annual Showcase & Grant Presentation event, held annually in May.