

# **FIRE RELIEF FUND FOR FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITIES**



The Fire Relief Fund for First Nations Communities provides funds for culturally sensitive direct support to first nations communities affected by the fires in New South Wales and Victoria.

This document sets out the guidelines for individuals and organisations applying for funding from the Fire Relief Fund for First Nations Communities.

## **GUIDELINES FOR INDIVIDUALS**

Grants are available to individuals that meet the following criteria:

- are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- live in New South Wales or Victoria
- are over 18 years of age; and
- have been adversely impacted by the fires.

Funds can be used for the following:

1. Temporary relocation costs such as emergency accommodation and travel expenses
2. Replacement of vital items such as clothing, food, toiletries, medical supplies or equipment
3. Refurbishment of uninsured, fire-damaged property; or
4. Resettling expenses.

Any needs outside of the above are not eligible for funding. Individuals can apply for additional funding only after they have acquitted any existing funds.

## **GUIDELINES FOR ORGANISATIONS**

Grants are available to organisations that meet the following criteria:

- are Indigenous-led
- are based in NSW or Victoria
- have connections to local Indigenous communities that have been adversely affected by the fires; and
- have capacity to administer a regranting process (organisations can reserve up to 10% of the funds to cover administration costs).

Funds can be used for regranting via the distribution of grants to local individuals or families for the following:

1. Temporary relocation costs such as emergency accommodation and travel expenses
2. Replacement of vital items such as clothing, food, toiletries, medical supplies or equipment
3. Refurbishment of uninsured, fire-damaged property; or
4. Resettling expenses.

Any needs outside of the above are not eligible for funding. Organisations can apply for additional funding only after they have acquitted any existing funds.