

Bushfire Recovery

Summary of financial assistance in New South Wales and ACT

Information correct at 3 February 2020

Bereavement

Type of assistance	Who is eligible?	How to access it
Bereavement payment \$20,000	Identified Senior next of kin of people who have died in the fires	Australian Red Cross We are working with state coroner's offices to identify Senior next of kin. For more information, call 1800 733 276.

Emergency Grant (Primary Residence destroyed)

Type of assistance	Who is eligible?	How to access it
Emergency grant starts at \$10,000 per household Up to \$20,000 is available per household for those who are still experiencing financial hardship	People whose primary place of residence has been destroyed or rendered permanently uninhabitable (i.e. has been or must be demolished) by bushfires since July 2019.	Australian Red Cross Visit our Red Cross teams at recovery centres or outreach points. Apply at redcross.org.au/grants (you will need proof of ID, address and bank details) If your documents have been damaged or lost in the fires and cannot be replaced, please phone 1800 RED CROSS (1800 733 276).

Primary Residence Repair Grant

Type of assistance	Who is eligible?	How to access it
Primary Residence Repair grant \$5,000 per household	Home owners whose primary place of residence has not been destroyed but needs structural repairs (i.e. walls, ceilings, windows) to make it safe to return home. This grant is only available to those who are experiencing financial hardship	Australian Red Cross Visit our Red Cross teams at recovery centres or outreach points. Apply at redcross.org.au/grants (you will need proof of ID, address and bank details) If your documents have been damaged or lost in the fires and cannot be replaced, please phone 1800 RED CROSS (1800 733 276).



Injury Grant

Type of assistance	Who is eligible?	How to access it
Injury grant \$7,500 per person	People who were hospitalised for 2 or more days as the direct result of physical injuries or mental health issues caused by the fires and are experiencing financial hardship as a result. Hospital admission needs to have occurred within two weeks of the bushfire starting.	Australian Red Cross Visit our Red Cross teams at recovery centres or outreach points. Apply at redcross.org.au/grants (you will need proof of ID, bank details, evidence of hospital admission and discharge) If your documents have been damaged or lost in the fires and cannot be replaced, please phone 1800 RED CROSS (1800 733 276).

Emergency hardship

Type of assistance	Who is eligible?	How to access it
\$1,000-\$3,000	Individuals and families impacted in the bushfires suffering financial hardship requiring assistance with immediate needs e.g. food, clothing, water tanks, school uniforms etc.	Salvation Army Visit Salvos teams at recovery centres or outreach points. Email or call: sal.disasters@salvationarmy.org.au 1300 662 217.
\$1,000-\$3,000	People who live or work in a bushfire affected area and experience financial hardship due to bushfire can receive \$1000 per household that Vinnies is distributing from the government. If you experience significant house damage or property loss you can receive an additional payment of \$3000 per household from the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal funds. In addition to financial assistance Vinnies can provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food and grocery vouchers • Clothing and bedding • Toiletries and essentials • Fuel vouchers • Emotional support • Referrals to other services 	St Vincent de Paul Society NSW and Canberra/Goulburn Visit Vinnies teams at Recovery centres or outreach points. Call 13 18 12.

These funds are in addition to any other potential government or insurance payments.

