



Small Business Bushfire Recovery Grants

Recovery grants of up to \$50,000 are available to eligible small businesses and non-profit organisations* that have suffered direct damage to their premises or equipment from the bushfires and intend to re-establish in the community.

The grants are available for clean-up and reinstatement of assets including:

- equipment and materials to undertake clean-up;
- additional labour costs (above and beyond normal wage expenditure);
- replacing spoiled stock/goods caused by power outages;
- carting away damaged goods and material, including cost of disposal;
- payment for trades-people to conduct safety inspections;
- essential repairs to premises and internal fittings (e.g. floor covering, electrical rewiring, shelving);
- purchase or hire/lease costs for equipment essential to the immediate resumption of operations;
- leasing of temporary premises; and
- replacement of stock which is essential to the immediate resumption of operations.

For more information visit www.business.gov.au/news/bushfire-support

Eligibility criteria:

The grants are available to eligible small businesses and non-profit organisations if they:

- have suffered direct damage to their premises and/or tools of trade (e.g. equipment, plant) and are responsible for the cost of repair or replacement, and
- are intending to re-establish in the community, region or sector requested, and
- were conducting business in the community, region or sector requested prior to the bushfires.

The grants are not available for expenses that are covered by insurance, and are not available to recompense lost business income.

**Small business is defined as a business, other than a farm enterprise, which employs fewer than 20 full-time equivalent staff, and includes sole traders where more than 50 per cent of the sole trader's income comes from that business. Businesses with a turnover of less than \$50 million with 20 or more employees will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Non-profits are defined as an incorporated charity or non-profit entity which is registered with the Australian Charities and Non-Profits Commission or an equivalent state regulatory body.*