Kangaroo Island Fire Recovery Grants

Financial assistance from the SA Bushfire Appeal

State Emergency Relief Fund

If you have been directly affected by the fires, you may be able to receive financial assistance from the State Emergency Relief Fund.

For questions about applications: 8226 8966 (Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 5.00 pm)
Email: StateEmergencyReliefFund.Applications@sa.gov.au
For more information: https://dhs.sa.gov.au/services/disaster-recovery/accordion-11#affa

Personal Hardship Emergency Grants

South Australians directly affected by the Kangaroo Island fires can apply for a one-off emergency grant to assist with immediate, temporary relief. The Personal Hardship Emergency Grant of up to $700 per family, or $280 per adult, can be used for whatever you need, but is intended to pay for essential items like food, toiletries, clothing and medication.

To apply, visit the Parndana Recovery Centre, or phone 1800 302 787.

Disaster Recovery Allowance

DHS - Centrelink

The Disaster Recovery Allowance is a short-term payment to help you if a declared disaster directly affects your income. It is payable for a maximum of 13 weeks from the date you lose your income.


Disaster Recovery Payment

DHS - Centrelink

The Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment is a one-off payment to help you if a declared disaster significantly affects you. If eligible, you will receive $1,000 per adult and $400 for each child under 16 years of age.

Phone 180 22 66
Red Cross Emergency Grants

Immediate assistance is available for bushfire-affected people in financial hardship.

The cash grants available are:
- A $20,000 Emergency grant for people who have lost their homes.
- A $7,500 Injury grant for people who were hospitalised due to the fires
- A $5,000 Primary residence repair grant for home owners whose homes have been structurally damaged and require repair to make them safe to live in.

Grant applications will be open until 30 April 2020.

Call: 1800 733 276
Email: contactus@redcross.org.au

Re-establishment Grants up to $10,000 for Bushfire Residents

Department of Human Services

Eligible South Australians who:
- are uninsured, and
- have had their principal residence (their home) damaged by bushfire can apply for grants of up to $10,000 to help them re-establish their homes.

The payments can be used to help repair bushfire-damaged homes or replace essential household items. Payments are available only to those persons who meet the following criteria:
- Their primary residence has been damaged
- They meet an income test
- Their losses are not being met by insurance, compensation or other assistance measures
- They are owner-occupiers (for the structure/dwelling component of the grant)
- They are owner-occupiers or tenants (for the essential household and personal item component of the grant).

For more information, call the SA Recovery Hotline: 1800 302 787 (8.00 am to 8.00 pm).

Recovery grants for small business

Business SA

A grant of up to $50,000 is available for eligible small businesses directly affected by bushfires for costs associated with clean-up, restoration and rebuilding. The grant is designed to assist with the immediate costs of beginning to rebuild and recover.

Eligible applicants can receive:
- An initial amount of up to $25,000 to support an initial claim, with evidence of the direct damage such as photographs, quotations, tax invoices or official receipts required.
- A subsequent amount of up to $25,000 to support subsequent claims, with full evidence of payment required. (This evidence must also include any amounts claimed under the initial claim if not already provided).
Recovery grants for primary producers

PIRSA

A grant of $75,000 is available for eligible primary producers affected by the bushfires. The grant is designed to assist with the immediate costs of beginning to rebuild and recover. The recovery grant can be used to help with the cost of:

- clean up activities
- reinstatement activities
- emergency measures to assist with immediate recovery of primary production enterprises.

For eligibility criteria and to apply, visit: https://pir.sa.gov.au/grants_and_assistance/recovery_grants_for_bushfire_affected_communities_in_south_australia

Phone the PIRSA Recovery Hotline: 1800 931 314
Email: PIRSA.Recovery@sa.gov.au

The Salvation Army

Bushfire Recovery Grants

Phase one of Salvation Army Bushfire Recovery Grants are available for bushfire-affected people in financial hardship. The grants include:

- Hardship Recovery Grant
- Significant-Loss Grant
- Total Loss of Residence Grant.

The assessment is based on your needs, and includes financial, practical, emotional and spiritual support.

Phone: 1300 662 217
Email: sal.disaster@salvationarmy.org.au
Salvation Army website

Drought Relief Funding

Vinnies

If you are a farmer, farm worker or farm supplier/contractor who is doing it tough because of the drought you may be entitled to receive a one-off payment of $3,000 funded by the Australian Government’s Drought Community Support Initiative Round 2 (DCSI). You need to be over 18 years of age, be an Australian citizen or permanent resident, and live or work in an eligible Local Government Area (LGA).

For advice and more information on applications, call 1300 846 643.
Disaster Recovery Assistance

Vinnies

If you have been affected by the SA bushfires and suffered loss of property, damage to out buildings/sheds or lost vehicles, machinery or stock, please complete the online form (link below) to apply for assistance.


Kangaroo Island Mayoral Relief & Recovery Bushfire Fund

Category 1 – Deceased Persons

- The next of kin of the people who died in the Fire are eligible for a compassion and bereavement gift payment of $20,000.

Category 2 – Injury

- People who were seriously injured by the Fire and who had an extended stay in hospital are eligible for a gift of up to $5,000.

Category 3 – Destroyed Homes

- Property owners whose house was destroyed or rendered uninhabitable by the Fire are eligible to receive $5,000 per household.
- Property owners who are owner / occupiers of the house destroyed are also eligible to receive an additional $500 per child under 18 years of age, residing at the premises.
- Tenants whose principal place of residence, was destroyed or rendered uninhabitable by the Fire are eligible to receive $5,000 and an additional $500 per child under 18 years of age, residing at the premises.

Category 4 – House and/or Property Damage

- Property owners who experienced infrastructure damage to their house or contents as a result of the Fire and / or householders who principal place of residence suffered infrastructure damage to their house or property are eligible for a gift of $2,000. The property has to be within the Fire footprint.
- Property owners who experienced infrastructure damage to shedding are eligible for a gift of $4,000 per property assessment number. The property has to be within the Fire footprint.
- Property owners who experienced infrastructure damage to water tanks and pumps, fences and farm equipment are eligible for a gift of $2,000 per property assessment number. The property has to be within the Fire footprint.

Category 5 – Business

- Households who derive an income from the affected property, e.g. primary producers, small businesses, are eligible to receive $2,000 per property.
- Sharefarmers who derive an income from the affected property will be eligible per property $2,000.

Category 6 – Vehicles

- People who experienced damage to vehicles as a result of the fire are eligible to receive $500 per household.

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) Bushfire Crisis Support

To assist its business finance and home loan customers directly impacted by the current bushfires through the loss of property or compulsory evacuation, IBA has established a Bushfire Crisis Fund that will provide the following support:

- Temporary suspension of loan repayments;
- Access to a $2,000 bushfire crisis grant to cover immediate needs;
- Assistance with making insurance claims; and
- Further assistance for business customers to be assessed on an individual basis.

Customers who have either lost property or been evacuated from their homes are encouraged to contact IBA on 1800 064 800 to discuss how they can assist.
For more information, visit: https://www.iba.gov.au/bushfire-crisis-support/

Australian Banks

We are aware of the following Banks that are offering various grants to their customers, please get in contact or go online for further information.

- Bank SA
  Disaster Relief Package
- National Australia Bank
  Disaster Relief Fund
- Westpac
  Bushfire Fund, Bushfire Recovery Support Package
- Commonwealth Bank of Australia
  Bushfire Recovery Grants
- ANZ
  Bushfire Relief Package