



**BUSHFIRE RECOVERY  
VICTORIA**

**Program Guidelines**

# **LOCAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY**

Local Community Projects Grants (Round 3) 2022-23



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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Bushfire Recovery Victoria proudly acknowledges the First Peoples of Victoria and their ongoing strength in practising the world's oldest living culture. We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands and waters on which we live and work and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

Aboriginal self-determination and decision-making are crucial to the appropriate design and delivery of community recovery responses. BRV will continue to work closely with Aboriginal communities to ensure significant focus and support is given to community-led solutions that will achieve long-term recovery.

## Program Guidelines

# LOCAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY

## Local Community Projects Grants (Round 3) 2022-23

### Background

The 2019-2020 bushfire season was unprecedented in intensity and devastation. The fires burnt large areas of Victoria with significant consequences for communities, businesses, and the environment.

#### Local Economic Recovery Program

The Local Economic Recovery (LER) Program was announced by the Commonwealth Government in May 2020. The LER program supports communities to recover both economically and socially from the 2019-20 bushfires.

The LER program is making \$68.6 million available for projects in bushfire-affected communities and has provided grants to 71 projects since its inception. All projects supported by the LER program are jointly funded by the VIC and Commonwealth governments.

#### The LER program has been implemented in two parts:

##### 1. Regional Economic Projects and Programs

(\$42 million): focused upon economic stimulus, jobs training, and major regional projects.

##### 2. Local Community Projects Grants (\$26.6 million):

focused upon supporting bushfire-affected communities with projects and local initiatives that encourage economic, social, environmental, infrastructural, adaptation, and aboriginal cultural recovery (see Appendix B for further details).

These guidelines apply to the LER Local Community Projects Grants (Round 3) only.

### LER Local Community Projects Grants – Round 3

The \$26.6 million LER Local Community Projects Grants were established to support projects that are important to achieving the aspirations and priorities of local communities.

\$3.8 million has been allocated to deliver Round 3 of the LER Local Community Projects Grants.

Every community in an identified fire-affected region can apply for funding. Funding will focus upon the most impacted regions of East Gippsland, Towong, and Alpine (see Appendix A for eligible areas).

Applications for LER Local Community Projects Grants (Round 3) are open between 14 February 2022 – 11 April 2022 and will support projects taking place between 31 August 2022 – 31 December 2023.

## Program objectives

The key objectives under the LER Local Community Projects Grants (Round 3) program are to:

- increase economic and social benefits by investing in enabling infrastructure.
- increase employment opportunities and decrease skills shortages.
- increase business capacity and economic opportunity with a focus on tourism, primary industries, and small businesses.
- increase visitor confidence in the region.
- improve community wellbeing.
- restore or improve the natural environment.
- promote Aboriginal participation and ownership and protect and enhance Aboriginal culture.

## Funding amount

Total funding available under the LER Local Community Projects Grants (Round 3) program is \$3.8 million.

The grant amount available to an applicant is dependent on project type.

- Infrastructure projects must seek a minimum of \$100,000 with a maximum available grant of \$2 million.
- Programs and projects with a focus on the natural environment, social development, industry and business, aboriginal culture and healing, or adaptation must seek a minimum of \$50,000 with a maximum available grant of \$500,000.

## Key Dates

Applicants *must* Contact BRV to discuss your project idea with a BRV representative.

Phase		Date
Application period	Open	14 February 2022
	Close	11 April 2022 at 11:59pm (Melbourne time)
Announcement <sup>1</sup>	Announcement of application outcomes	June-July 2022
Project delivery <sup>2</sup>	Start date	31 August 2022
	Finish date	31 December 2023

<sup>1</sup>Please note, dates provided are approximate and subject to change.

<sup>2</sup>Project activities must commence and be completed (and fully expended) within these dates to be eligible.

# Eligibility

## Who can apply?

To be eligible to apply, an organisation must be a legal entity which is either:

- incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)*, the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2001 (Vic)*, the *Corporation (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 (Cth)*, or a similar type of incorporation.

### Examples include:

- » Committees of Management, incorporated under the *Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 (Vic)*
- » an Alpine Resort Management Board or a Local Government Authority, including Local Government Area managed and regulated trusts
- » not-for-profit organisation, including community groups that are an incorporated body, cooperative, association or social enterprise
- » business and industry groups, including chambers of commerce, business associations, and industry peak bodies
- » a research organisation or academic institution
- a social enterprise with a clearly stated purpose or mission specifically related to disaster event recovery or provision of services to the affected community being supported under this funding.

### And applicants must also:

- have a current Australian Business Number (ABN).
- have no outstanding reports required by any other government grant program.
- deliver the proposed project in an eligible Local Government Area (see Appendix A).

### Please Note

- applicants that are not incorporated or do not have an ABN may still be eligible to apply if supported by an eligible auspice organisation (provided they meet all other criteria).
- all registration details provided must match the name of the applicant or auspice organisation.
- applicants must Contact BRV to discuss their project idea. Applicants may also seek input from their local Community Recovery Committee at least 7 days before applications close.
- applicants to previous LER Local Community Projects Grants (Rounds 1 and 2) are eligible to apply.

## Who cannot apply?

### The following are ineligible:

- political parties and organisations.
- an individual, group of individuals or sole traders.
- registered primary or secondary schools, and preschools.
- an unincorporated association (unless an auspice arrangement is in place).
- discretionary investment trusts and fixed trusts that are not a registered not-for-profit organisation.

If you are unsure about your eligibility, please contact BRV to discuss.

# Funded Activities

## What types of projects will be supported?

You are encouraged to use local materials, suppliers, and workers where possible.

### Supported projects will:

- be able to commence within six months of the funding deed being executed by BRV and be completed by 31 December 2023.
- align with one or more of the following project categories (for further details see Appendix B):
  - » enabling infrastructure
  - » industry and business development
  - » social development
  - » natural environment and resource development
  - » built environment and adaptation
  - » Aboriginal culture and healing

You can only spend grant funds on eligible expenditure. To be eligible, expenditure must be a direct cost of the project or program.

### Examples of eligible expenditure include:

- salaries and on-costs for personnel directly employed in delivering the project activities such as project managers (this should be calculated on a pro-rata basis relative to their time commitment).
- costs you incur to obtain planning, environmental or other regulatory approvals during the project period. However, associated fees paid to the Commonwealth, State, and local government are not eligible.
- staff training that directly supports the achievement of project outcomes.
- contract expenditure, including the cost of any agreed project activities that you contract to others directly relating to the program objectives.
- external labour and external consulting expenditure to cover the cost of contracting others to undertake core elements of the project related to construction and may include architect services, design services, project management, quantity surveying and building services.

- purchase (or hire / lease) of equipment and materials to support eligible project activities such as building materials, ICT cabling, fit out of the infrastructure, fixed furniture, landscaping.
- workshops and conferences, including venue hire, catering, and networking costs.
- community events, including exhibitions and cultural heritage events.
- building modifications where you own the modified asset and the modification is required to undertake the project.
- contingency costs up to a maximum of 10 per cent of the eligible project costs.
- domestic travel to and from the on-ground location limited to the reasonable cost of accommodation and transportation required to conduct the agreed project activities.
- administrative support and overheads additional to the normal day-to-day running costs of the organisation, including project management or project co-ordination.
- financial auditing of project expenditure.

Alternative project types and activities not listed above may still be eligible, provided they are strongly aligned with the program objectives and address a priority recovery initiative.

If you are unsure about the eligibility of your project activities or have an alternative project type, make sure to contact BRV for advice and guidance before you apply.

# Funded Activities

## What types of projects will be not be supported?

### Examples of activities and costs not eligible include:

- costs relating to depreciation of plant and equipment beyond the life of the project.
- operational expenditure, including but not limited to regular repairs and maintenance.
- purchase of land or existing infrastructure, including the costs associated with the sub-division of land.
- business case development and feasibility studies.
- projects that may have a negative impact on the environment, heritage, existing businesses, services and/or communities.
- passing on funding to a third party in the form of a sponsorship, grant, or donation.
- repair works or activities that are otherwise covered by insurance.
- political and/or fundraising activities.
- purchase of alcohol, gifts, prizes, or incentives (e.g. thank you gifts, gift cards or similar rewards).
- asset purchases benefiting individuals (as opposed to those owned by an organisation for community benefit).
- project management or administration costs that are more than 15 per cent of total funding requested.
- activities outside of the funded period, including retrospective funding for projects that have commenced or are completed before funding is approved.
- projects that require ongoing or recurrent funding to succeed or deliver benefit.
- projects that are within the responsibility of another State, Federal or Local Government program and/ or are more suitably funded (or have already been funded) under another program.
- activities that will break any Federal, State, or local laws, including any coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions or health directions.

# How to apply

Before you apply, read these program guidelines carefully to make sure your organisation and project activities are eligible.

## Discuss and seek input on your project

Applicants must Contact BRV to discuss their project idea with a BRV representative. You may also seek input from your local Community Recovery Committee at least 7 days prior to the close of applications.

### Contact BRV to discuss your project idea

Applicants must contact BRV before 28 March 2022 to discuss their proposal before applying.

To receive a call back from a BRV representative, provide your details online in the 'Contact BRV to discuss your project idea' form.

Applicants who intend to submit a proposal that has previously been unsuccessful under other programs can apply under this program (if eligible). BRV staff can provide support and guidance to ensure the proposal is well aligned with this program.

### Contact your local Community Recovery Committee

Community Recovery Committees were established in the wake of the 2019-20 black summer bushfires to act as a voice for the community.

Engagement with bushfire impacted communities is central to the LER Local Community Projects Grants (Round 3). Strong applications demonstrate community support. Applicants may seek input and support from their local Community Recovery Committee as part of their application. Applicants can seek input from their local Community Recovery Committee between 14 February 2022 and 4 April 2022.

## Apply online

To submit a new application, visit the Local Economic Recovery (LER) Local Community Projects Grants website at: [vic.gov.au/brv-LER-grants](https://vic.gov.au/brv-LER-grants)

and select 'Apply now' to be directed to the BRV Grants Portal.

**Applications open:** Monday, 14 February 2022

**Applications close:** Monday, 11 April 2022 at 11:59pm (Melbourne time)

### Please note:

- applications must be submitted online via the BRV Grants Portal.
- to resume a draft application, you can visit the BRV Grants Portal directly at <https://brv.force.com>
- applications received after the closing date will not be considered.
- only one application can be submitted per organisation.



# How to apply

## Important information for applicants

### Auspice arrangements

If your organisation is not incorporated or does not have an ABN, you may still apply if you are supported by an eligible auspice organisation that has agreed to manage the grant for you.

An auspice arrangement is when a larger organisation assists a smaller organisation to apply for and deliver a funded grant project. The larger organisation is known as the 'auspice' organisation and the smaller group or organisation is known as the 'auspicee' or the main applicant and grant recipient.

If your grant application is successful, your auspice will be responsible for signing the funding agreement, managing grant funds on your behalf, and is ultimately responsible for and accountable to BRV for the proper use and acquittal of funding.

### Overdue reports

Applicants with previously awarded BRV funding must be up to date with all current reports and milestones under existing funding agreements to apply. This also applies to your Auspice organisation if you have one. To be successful in receiving additional BRV grant funds, current grant recipients must demonstrate that previous funds are being spent as agreed. An application can be submitted, but if any overdue reports have not been returned before applications close you may not be considered eligible to apply or receive further grant funds.

To check if you are up to date with current reporting, contact the BRV Central Grants Team at [grants@brv.vic.gov.au](mailto:grants@brv.vic.gov.au) or on **1800 560 760**.

### Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Applicants should be aware that grants received can be considered by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) as taxable income with a potential for Goods and Services Tax (GST) implications.

If you are successful in your application and accepting a grant will push organisational income above the GST threshold (\$75,000 for businesses and \$150,000 for not-for-profits), you may wish to consider registering for GST or seeking support from an auspice.

Applicants are advised to seek appropriate financial advice regarding GST tax implications and the organisations unique financial circumstances.

For more information about GST, visit the ATO website at:

[ato.gov.au/Business/GST](https://ato.gov.au/Business/GST)

### Application budget and GST inclusion

Applicants must provide figures in their application budget as either GST inclusive or exclusive (based on current GST registration) which will impact the total grant amount to be requested in the application.

All applicants should confirm their GST registration status prior to submitting an application to ensure the application budget and total requested grant amount is correct.

- \* **Registered for GST:** You must not include GST in budget figures – outline all amounts as GST exclusive (including the total grant amount requested). If you are successful, GST will be paid on top of the amount awarded.
- \* **Not registered for GST:** You must include GST in budget figures – outline all amounts as GST inclusive (including the total grant amount requested). If you are successful, you will receive the amount of grant awarded but GST will not be added on top.
- \* **Government Related Entity (GRE) and GST registered:** You must not include GST in budget figures – outline all amounts as GST exclusive (including the total grant amount requested). If you are successful, you will receive the amount of grant awarded but GST will not be added on top.

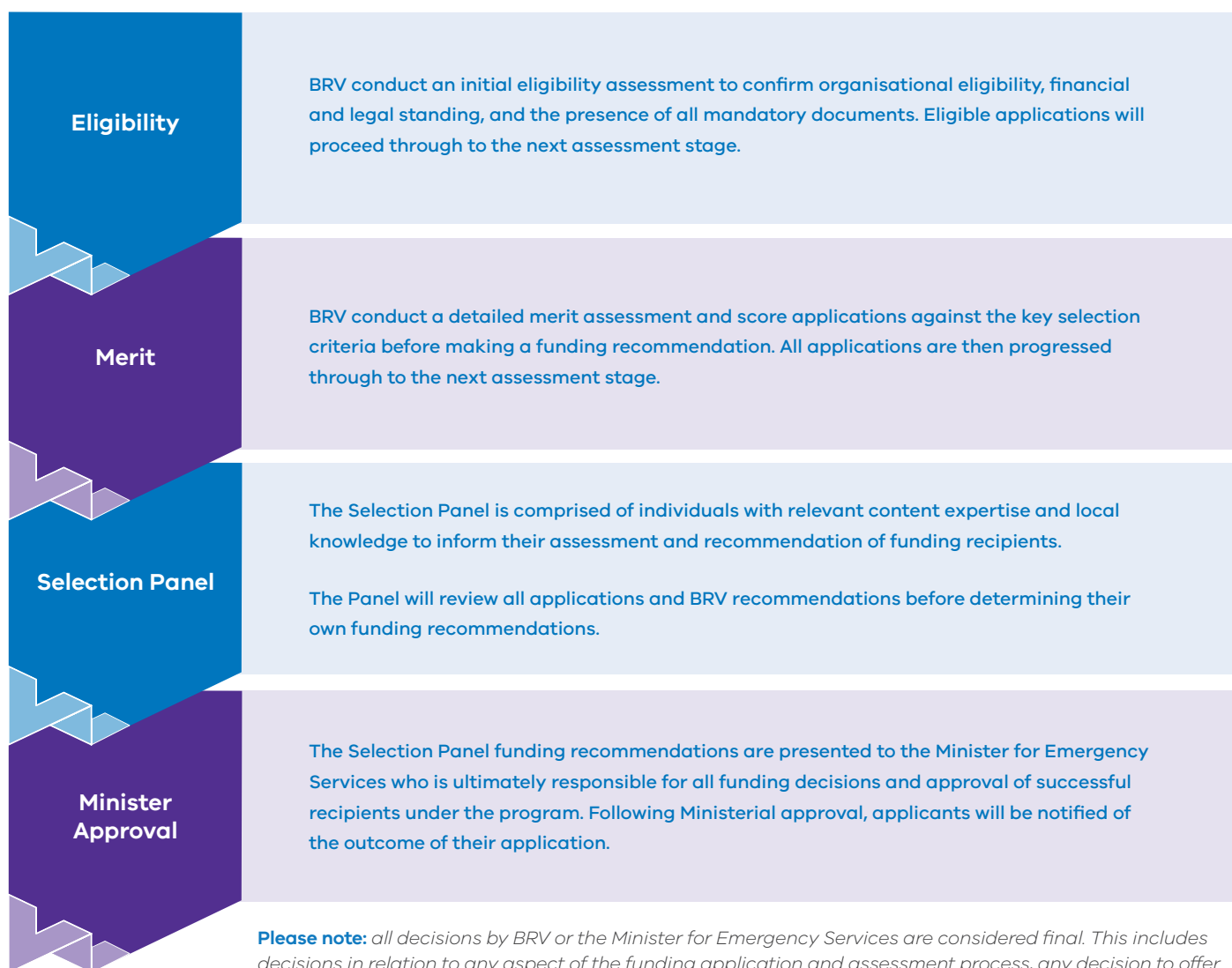
To confirm your current GST registration status, visit the Australian Business Registry at: [abr.business.gov.au](https://abr.business.gov.au)

# Assessment and selection process

All applications received under BRV grant programs are carefully reviewed during a multi-stage assessment and selection process.

## All applications submitted are assessed against the following:

- eligibility of the applicant organisation.
- the strength of application responses to the key selection criteria.
- if all funding specific requirements have been addressed, and
- whether all mandatory documents and attachments have been provided.



# Key selection criteria

All applications will be reviewed and assessed against the key selection criteria. Applications will receive a weighted score based on how well the responses and detail provided in the attached documents demonstrate the criteria outlined below.

Selection Criteria	Weighting (%)	
<p><b>Local community benefit</b> Criteria #1</p>	<p>Applicants must demonstrate that the proposed project and its outcomes will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• address a need of one or more communities that has arisen due to the impacts of the 2019-20 bushfires.</li> <li>• support one or more of the program objectives.</li> </ul>	<p><b>40%</b></p>
<p><b>Local participation and support</b> Criteria #2</p>	<p>Applicants must provide evidence the community supports the project. Evidence could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Recovery Committee engagement and support.</li> <li>• minutes or reports from community meetings.</li> <li>• letters of support from local community groups and organisations.</li> <li>• demonstrate how they have been responding to the impacts of the bushfire. (e.g, working or providing services within affected areas, supporting communities that were significantly affected etc.).</li> </ul>	<p><b>20%</b></p>
<p><b>Feasibility and delivery</b> Criteria #3</p>	<p>Applicants must provide evidence the project has been adequately planned and costed. Applicants must provide project planning and delivery details across the key areas outlined below.</p> <p><b>Project planning</b></p> <p>The applicant has provided a detailed Project Plan (using the BRV template), which outlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>timeframes</b> – clear and realistic delivery timeframes which have accounted for any required assessment or approval processes and confirm the project can be completed by 31 December 2023 (at the latest).</li> <li>• <b>project risks</b> – potential risks identified, and suitable mitigations and response measures outlined.</li> <li>• <b>relevant expertise</b> - the applicant has detailed all responsible parties, their roles and confirmed they have the necessary skills, specialist expertise and/or qualifications to deliver the project (or will engage qualified personnel and/or contractors who have current and adequate insurance, licenses, permits and approvals for all works).</li> </ul> <p>...(continued next page)</p>	<p><b>n/a</b> (feasibility of delivery is mandatory for success)</p>

Selection Criteria	Weighting (%)
<p><b>Feasibility and delivery</b> Criteria #3 ...(continued)</p> <p><b>Approvals, permits and compliance</b></p> <p>The applicant has identified, planned for, and budgeted appropriately to meet any applicable project approvals, permits and/or compliance requirements, or has confirmed that there are no regulatory impediments that exist during delivery of the project, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>permits and/or approvals</b> – the applicant has obtained and has evidence of all permits and/or approvals to deliver the project (e.g., planning, construction, zoning, safety, permit, heritage, cultural, vegetation, or environmental), or is currently seeking them, with an understanding of the associated timeframes and costs.</li> <li>• <b>insurance cover</b> – evidence project activities will be covered by a suitable level of insurance as required by BRV for the duration of funding, including Public Liability insurance (and if required, other insurance such as volunteers or workers insurance).</li> <li>• <b>endorsement(s)</b> – written evidence of endorsement by the building owner, landowner, or manager (e.g., for projects on public land – approval obtained from the local council or the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning).</li> <li>• <b>legal compliance</b> – the applicant has identified any applicable Federal, State, or local laws, legislation, and/or requirements during delivery of the project, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» <b>infrastructure</b> – local planning laws, building codes, zoning, standards, and accreditations under the <i>Building Act 1993</i> (Vic) or <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987</i> (Vic)</li> <li>» <b>heritage and/or infrastructure</b> – conservation of protected cultural heritage and significant archaeological sites under the <i>Heritage Act 2017</i> (Vic) and <i>Aboriginal Heritage Act 2008</i> (Vic)</li> <li>» <b>environmental</b> – habitat protection, impact assessments, zoning, overlays, contamination/pollution risks, vegetation offsets under the (<i>Environment Protection Act 2017</i> (Vic), <i>Environmental Effects Act 1978</i> (Vic)</li> <li>» <b>cultural</b> (for all projects) – obligations and considerations to ensure the rights and interests of local Aboriginal communities under the <i>Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010</i> (Vic) and <i>Native Title Act 1993</i> (Cth)</li> <li>» any current coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions or health directions.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Budget and financial planning</b></p> <p>The applicant has provided a clear and detailed budget for the project, which demonstrates how project costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are accurate, reasonable and represent value for money.</li> <li>• include suitable project management costed into the project budget.</li> <li>• include an appropriate budget allocation for any potential permits, planning approvals and/or other similar costs.</li> <li>• have potential to benefit recovery of the local economy and create local employment opportunities.</li> <li>• are supported by any contributions from other funding sources or in-kind support (if relevant).</li> <li>• projects over \$500,000 must also provide additional mandatory financial documents (see 'Mandatory documents and attachments').</li> </ul>	<p><b>n/a</b> (feasibility of delivery is mandatory for success)</p>

Selection Criteria	Weighting (%)
<p><b>Alignment with Recovery Plans and other programs</b> Criteria #4</p>	<p>Applicants must demonstrate how the project aligns with recovery needs or priorities identified in one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Recovery Plan.</li> <li>• Municipal Recovery Plan.</li> <li>• State Recovery Plan.</li> <li>• National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework.</li> <li>• National Strategy for Disaster Resilience.</li> <li>• any other relevant local government strategies.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>20%</b></p>
<p><b>Long term outcomes</b> Criteria #5</p>	<p>Applicants must show how the project will deliver an ongoing sustainable benefit for the community through at least one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• providing ongoing facilities for community use.</li> <li>• providing community services.</li> <li>• promoting Aboriginal participation and ownership.</li> <li>• providing economic benefit for the area.</li> <li>• increasing the capacity of the business community.</li> <li>• producing sustained employment opportunities and decreased skill shortages in key sectors.</li> <li>• increasing and restoring visitor confidence in the region.</li> <li>• improving community wellbeing.</li> <li>• restoring or improving the natural environment.</li> <li>• improving community resilience to future natural disasters.</li> <li>• reducing future disaster risks.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>20%</b></p>

# Mandatory documents and attachments

Category	Description
<b>Project Plan</b> (mandatory)	A detailed breakdown of tasks and activities that will be undertaken during the life of the project, including the anticipated start and finish dates, who is responsible and major budget allocations. The Project Plan must be completed using the BRV template, available online at: <a href="https://vic.gov.au/local-economic-recovery-program-bushfire-affected-communities">vic.gov.au/local-economic-recovery-program-bushfire-affected-communities</a>
<b>Project Budget</b> (mandatory)	A clear and detailed budget for the project which demonstrates how project costs are accurate, reasonable and represent value for money. The budget should include suitable project management costings, allocations for preparations to acquire required permits and planning approvals and other similar costs, contingency costs (up to 10 per cent of project cost), and any in-kind contributions from other funding sources. The Project Budget must be completed using the BRV template, available online at: <a href="https://vic.gov.au/local-economic-recovery-program-bushfire-affected-communities">vic.gov.au/local-economic-recovery-program-bushfire-affected-communities</a>
<b>Financial Statement</b> (mandatory)	<p><b>All applicants must provide a Financial Statement which is either:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a profit/loss statement for the most recent financial year (FY).</li> <li>• an organisational bank statement including all incomings and outgoings for at least the last 12 months.</li> </ul> <p>Please note, if the application has an Auspice organisation, a financial statement is required from <i>both</i> the Auspice and the main applicant (unless they do not have an organisation specific bank account).</p> <p><b>Applicants submitting for grants above \$500,000 must also:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide copies of annual reports.</li> <li>• provide audited financial statements covering up to three previous years.</li> <li>• undergo a financial probity assessment by BRV.</li> </ul>
<b>Public Liability Insurance (PLI)</b> (mandatory)	Provide a current copy of the Certificate of Currency in the name of your organisation (or your Auspice) or evidence of a PLI application underway. It is a BRV requirement that all prospective funding recipients must hold PLI for the duration of funded activities. PLI covers members of the public and protect the organisation from liability risks such as injury and property damage.
<b>Letter of support</b> (if relevant)	If you are applying with an Auspice organisation, you must provide a letter of support from the Auspice to show they have agreed to support your application. If you have partnered with another organisation to deliver the project, you should also attach a letter of support (or Memorandum of Understanding) to show support and understanding regarding the roles and responsibilities outlined in the Project Plan.
<b>Other documents</b> (optional)	Any other additional supporting documentation and/or attachments provided that may support the application, can also be attached. For example: quotes or costings (if available); schematics or design plans; pictures and newspaper articles etc.

# Successful grant recipients

BRV will contact successful grant recipients with a letter of offer, a funding agreement, and other necessary documentation.

## Victorian Common Funding Agreement

Grant recipients are required to enter into a Victorian Common Funding Agreement (VCFA) with BRV to receive funding. The VCFA will outline the terms and conditions of the grant, including the approved use of grant funds, the VCFA term (funding period), and the due dates of all key deliverables, grant payments and reporting requirements.

Organisations that are successful in receiving funding will have 30 days to enter into the VCFA and return all documents. If a grant offer is not accepted during this period, the grant may be withdrawn.

## Project Plan

The Project Plan will form part of your VCFA. Some grant recipients may receive part-funding or be approved subject to additional conditions and requirements. Successful grant recipients will be given an opportunity to update the Project Plan to include any additional details required by BRV or to update activity dates if these have since changed. Once updated, the VCFA will be finalised and grant funds progressed.

## Regular reporting and acquittal

Successful grant recipients are required to report on the funded activity and provide regular progress and expenditure updates during the funding period and a final report and financial acquittal at the end.

All reporting requirements will be outlined in the VCFA, and BRV will provide all report templates.

Reporting requirements may differ depending on the project, but successful grant recipients should anticipate the following reporting requirements for the duration of the project:

- **Financial Reports**—Each quarter.
- **Progress Reports**—Every six-months.
- **Final Report and Financial Acquittal**—One month after completion of project activities.

## BRV Acknowledgement Guidelines

Recipients of BRV grant funding must agree to follow BRV Acknowledgement Guidelines, which outlines how to acknowledge the government's funding in speeches, written materials, and other forms of presentations (e.g., using the Victorian Government logo).

The guidelines also outline the requirement that successful grant recipients keep their successful funding confidential until a public announcement has been made by the relevant Minister or their representative.

A breach of these guidelines will be considered a breach of the funding agreement with BRV. The BRV Acknowledgement Guidelines can be found at:

[vic.gov.au/bushfire-recovery-victoria](https://vic.gov.au/bushfire-recovery-victoria)

# Appendix A - Eligible project areas

Proposed projects must be in one of the eligible project location areas in East Gippsland or North East.

## East Gippsland

- **East Gippsland Shire**
- **Wellington Shire**

## North East

- **Towong Shire**
- **Alpine Shire**
- **Indigo Shire**
- **Mansfield Shire**
- **Rural City of Wangaratta**
- **Wodonga City**
- **Falls Creek Alpine Resort**
- **Mount Hotham Alpine Resort**
- **Mount Buller & Mount Stirling Alpine Resort**

It is anticipated that most funding will go to the Local Government Areas most directly impacted by the 2019-20 bushfires: East Gippsland Shire, Towong Shire and Alpine Shire (in that order).



## Appendix B - Project types

Category	Description	Examples
<b>Enabling Infrastructure</b>	New infrastructure and functionality enhancements or upgrades to existing infrastructure including betterment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>shared pathway, bike paths and pedestrian access.</li> <li>development of roads to support increased industrial development.</li> <li>art galleries and other facilities to support social, community development, and economic recovery.</li> </ul>
<b>Industry and business development</b>	Initiatives supporting entrepreneurship and innovation, business retention, development of regional specialisations, economic diversification, expansion and attraction, capacity building, workforce participation, skills development, small business development, and local and regional industry networks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>tourism campaigns. (including digital product development)</li> <li>regional events.</li> <li>workforce adaptation and work ready training programs.</li> <li>remote working facilities and campaigns to boost regional economies.</li> </ul>
<b>Social development</b>	Community development and wellbeing, social support, or social development initiatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>resilience programs.</li> <li>pools and other amenities.</li> <li>community groups.</li> <li>community hall upgrades and other critical social infrastructure.</li> <li>community mental health programs.</li> </ul>
<b>Natural environment and resource development</b>	Natural environment restoration, environmental improvement initiatives and research into improved fire management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>regeneration activities.</li> <li>walking and mountain bike trail development.</li> <li>restoration and improvement of parkland and other natural resources.</li> </ul>
<b>Built environment and adaptation</b>	Disaster risk reduction through adapting the built environment to future climate change and natural hazard conditions, including through the development of emerging technologies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>fire resistant infrastructure.</li> <li>energy security infrastructure, such as solar power for community buildings.</li> <li>fire-resistant streetscaping.</li> <li>upgrades to mobile communication security</li> </ul>
<b>Aboriginal culture and healing</b>	Initiatives that value and respect aboriginal culture and promote Aboriginal participation and ownership.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>recognition of culture.</li> <li>training and capacity building.</li> </ul>

# Bushfire Recovery Victoria

To support recovery efforts, Bushfire Recovery Victoria (BRV) was established as a dedicated Victorian Government agency working directly with local communities to listen, help and provide what they need to recover. BRV delivers a range of grant programs and initiatives to support individuals, families, communities, business and regions to rebuild from the impact of bushfires, floods and storms.

For more information about support available, visit the Bushfire Recovery Victoria website:

[vic.gov.au/bushfire-recovery-victoria](http://vic.gov.au/bushfire-recovery-victoria)

## CONTACT THE BRV CENTRAL GRANTS TEAM

If you have questions about the program, how to apply or need assistance with your online application, contact the BRV Central Grants Team for assistance.

### EMAIL

[grants@brv.vic.gov.au](mailto:grants@brv.vic.gov.au)

### PHONE

1800 560 760

### HEARING IMPAIRMENTS

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#### Teletypewriter (TTY)

Call **133 677** then ask for **1300 112 755**

#### Voice Relay

Speak and listen users call **1300 555 727** then ask for **1300 112 755**

#### Interpreters

If you need an interpreter, call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) on **131 450** then ask for **1800 560 760**.

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