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**Queensland Minister for Communities**

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#### **GRANTS TO HELP COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY BUSHFIRES IN QUEENSLAND**

Community groups, local councils and non-government organisations in 23 communities from Cook to the Gold Coast will share in \$1.8 million in flexible funding grants to support their ongoing recovery following the devastating 2019 Queensland bushfires.

Minister for Emergency Management David Littleproud said applications were now open to support community-led recovery and resilience programs in fire-affected communities in Queensland.

“Queensland communities were heavily impacted by the bushfires last year leaving an emotional toll on individuals, families and the wider community,” Minister Littleproud said.

“It is vitally important recovery efforts from the bushfires are locally-led and supported by the Commonwealth and Queensland governments and we are pleased to be able provide funding to help.

“We’ll continue to work closely with all bushfire-impacted communities to ensure they have the resources and support they need to make a complete recovery,” he said.

Minister for Communities Coralee O’Rourke said during the spring and summer of 2019 Queensland experienced the most extreme bushfires on record, causing devastation to communities across the state

“We know that the recovery from these fires will be a long-term process and we are in it for the long haul to support these communities get back on their feet,” Mrs O’Rourke said.

“These flexible funding grants will assist programs and projects that provide vital assistance to local people who have faced significant hardship and disruptions following the devastating bushfires.

“This can include community events or arts, sporting and cultural projects; commemorative public memorials; workshops and information sessions for future bushfire preparedness.”

Small grants of between \$2500 and \$50,000 and larger grants of between \$50,001 and \$100,000 are available.

The first round of the flexible funding grants is open to community groups, local councils and non-government organisations in the local government areas of Brisbane (City), Bundaberg, Gold Coast (City), Cook, Fraser Coast, Gladstone, Gympie, Ipswich, Livingstone, Lockyer Valley, Mareeba, Noosa, North Burnett, Redland, Rockhampton, Scenic Rim, Somerset, South Burnett, Southern Downs, Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba, Townsville, and Whitsunday.

Flexible funding grants are being made available under the jointly funded Commonwealth-Queensland Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) through Category C Community Recovery Funds (CRF).

Grant applications close at 2pm on 3 June 2020.

Successful grant projects will be delivered in line with the latest health advice regarding COVID-19.

More information on the flexible funding grants, including how to submit an application, can be found at <https://www.communities.qld.gov.au/industry-partners/funding-grants/funding-available>.

For more information about community recovery visit  
<https://www.qld.gov.au/community/disasters-emergencies/recovery-after-disaster>

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