



**Foundation for
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Grant Guidelines

2022 FNPW BUSHFIRE RECOVERY RESTORATION GRANT ROUND

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1. FNPW Bushfire Recovery Program

Bushfire Recovery Restoration Grant Round 3

The Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife invites applications for the Bushfire Recovery Restoration Grant Round 3 to support the planting of one million trees in the 2019-2020 bushfire impacted Local Government Area's by December 2025.

The overall purpose of this grant program is to support ecosystem restoration activities for communities in the Local Government Areas (LGA) listed as impacted by the 2019-2020 bushfires.

<https://www.bushfirerecovery.gov.au/your-community/local-area-profiles#/map>

More specifically, the grant program aims to provide funding for field projects that will have a direct restoration outcome for the 2019-2020 bushfire LGA impacted areas:

- enable communities to rebuild their local environments devastated by the 2019-2020 bushfires and impacted by subsequent flooding.
- support the restoration of key habitats and ecosystems needed for healthy landscapes within the LGA's impacted by the 2019-2020 bushfires and subsequent flooding.

It also aims to support the FNPW priorities of:

- **Protecting our native flora and fauna**
Ecosystem regeneration, threatened species protection, and wildlife corridors
- **Emergency response**
Bushfire Recovery nurseries, tree planting and biodiversity restoration
- **Educating and inspiring**
Corporate days, volunteering programs, and training

BUSHFIRE RECOVERY GOAL: To plant one million trees in the 2019-2020 bushfire impacted LGA's by Dec 2025.

Goals of the grant round: To provide funds to support restoration activities in the LGA's listed as impacted by the 2019-2020 bushfires, including areas in those LGAs which have subsequently been impacted by flooding.

2. Who is Eligible to Apply?

1. Applicants may be **eligible** to apply for the grant if they are:

- Community-based groups or organisations, or not-for-profit organisations with an ABN working on public land and/or facilitating works by private landholders neighbouring protected areas and within habitat corridors which can encompass riparian zones and wetlands.
- Government agencies working on public land and/or supporting works by private landholders neighbouring protected areas and within habitat corridors which can include riparian zones and wetlands.

2. You must be implementing restoration works in one of the Local Government Areas (LGA's) listed by State or Commonwealth Government at <https://www.bushfirerecovery.gov.au/your-community/local-area-profiles#/map>

3. Applicants will need to supply the following information:

- ABN;
- Bank account details;
- Completed risk assessment including COVID-19 mitigation;
- Insurance Certificate of Currency
- Written permission from landowner, landholder, or land-carer where the activities will take place, if not the applicant's

4. Priority will be given to projects and organisations that:

- are planting 1,000 or more trees sourced from an FNPW bushfire recovery nursery
- show community or volunteer engagement within the project activities
- undertake work over an area of at least 5ha adjacent to or within existing habitat corridors or designated protected areas, on public and/or private land
- support collaboration with Traditional Owners and Indigenous organisations

If you have any questions in regards to these eligibility criteria, please contact the Bushfire Recovery Project Manager sandy@npw.org.au

2. What you can apply for.

In this program the maximum grant available is \$15,000.

All works must be completed by 30 May 2023.

Grants made available through this program are one off. In some instances, part-funding may be offered.

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Eligible Costs are preferred to be:

As a priority, funds can be used to:

- Buy plants, seed, services, products, tools, equipment and/or materials to support revegetation and habitat restoration in the bushfire impacted LGAs.

Activities may also include:

- Assisted bush regeneration activities including weed control and fencing for stock management, and fencing to exclude feral animals.
- Works to ameliorate the impacts of landslips and erosion, particularly to enable vehicular and foot access to planting sites. Works must be done with minimal ecological impact.

Ineligible costs include, but are not limited to:

- Capital improvements
- Works covered by insurance or other sources of funding including other grants or government funding
- Completed works
- Political lobbying and advocacy
- Legal expenses, rates and taxes
- Purchase of movement or still cameras and equipment
- Compensation to landholders for their own labour
- Solar energisers
- Boundary fencing
- Fuel or other vehicle costs
- Training
- Salary and general operational costs
- Accommodation or travel costs for staff and volunteers

If you are unsure, email the Bushfire Recovery Project Manager at sandy@fnpw.org.au for advice.

3. When Can You Apply?

Applications open: 10 May 2022

Applications close: 30 June 2022, or prior to this if all funds are allocated to successful applicants prior to this date.

NB: Assessments will be completed on a rolling basis, so early applications are most welcome.

Decision and contact to be made via email within 5 business days from approval date.

4. Support

To enable potential applicants to provide quality applications, the Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife will provide:

- An example Project Risk Assessment template which can be used as a guide and can be found online at <https://fnpw.org.au/grant/bushfire-restoration-grants/> and
- A contact staff member who can provide additional information (contact Bushfire Recovery Project Manager: sandy@fnpw.org.au);
- Technical help for the SmartyGrants system through support@smartgrants.com.au

5. Reporting

All reports will need to meet the criteria included in the grant contract terms and conditions. Reports will be returned and feedback provided if the criteria are not met.

Reporting is completed in three Milestone steps.

- Milestone 1: Signing agreement and supplying initial site map and photograph of site before work commences.
- Milestone 2: Publishing a media report and promoting your project and FNPW, then uploading into *Smartygrants*
- Milestone 3: Final report, including final site map and before and after photography

All Milestone reporting is to be submitted via the Smartygrants portal including photos, data sheets, documents, maps, and invoices.