



## Grant funding assistance available for Bushfire affected people

Community Impact	Funding Type	Support Details	Agency Contact
<p>Individuals Families</p>	<p>Disaster Welfare Assistance Payments</p>	<p><b><u>DCP Category 1 – Emergency Assistance</u></b></p> <p>To help people affected meet their immediate and basic needs following (and where applicable during) an event.</p> <p>Includes emergency accommodation, food, essential clothing, other personal items including medical and pharmaceutical items, access to communications, essential transport, safety audits (to ensure homes are safe for return) and document replacement costs (eg Birth Certificate).</p> <p>No income/assets testing.</p> <p><b><u>DCP Category 2 –Temporary Living Expenses</u></b></p> <p>Temporary accommodation (up to 3 weeks) of an essential/reasonable standard while the recipients' own accommodation is uninhabitable. This assistance picks up after the immediate emergency assistance ends.</p> <p>No income/assets testing</p> <p><b><u>DCP Category 3 – Essential Household Contents</u></b></p> <p>Provide assistance to those people unable to return to a functioning capacity within their own resources by providing assistance to repair or replace essential household items which sustain people in need either in their own or alternative accommodation.</p>	<p>Contact:</p> <p>Department for Child Protection</p> <p>P: 1800 032 965</p> <p><a href="http://www.dcp.wa.gov.au/crisisandemergency">www.dcp.wa.gov.au/crisisandemergency</a></p>

		<p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income and/or assets tested</li> <li>• Uninsured (under insured may be considered)</li> <li>• Available for principal place of residence only</li> </ul> <p>Limits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to a maximum of \$10,500 per household residence</li> <li>• Up to a maximum of \$5,000 per caravan residence</li> </ul> <p><b><u>DCP Category 4 – Housing Repairs</u></b></p> <p>To assist people without capacity to repair owner occupied/principal residences to enable them to return housing to a habitable, safe and secure condition.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income and/or assets tested</li> <li>• Uninsured</li> <li>• Those who are underinsured may also be considered if they are left in a position where they are not able to return the housing to a habitable, safe and secure condition</li> <li>• Not available for living structures that are not recognised as a dwelling as defined by Local Government</li> <li>• Available for principal place of residence only</li> </ul> <p>Limits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to a maximum of \$10,000 per household residence</li> <li>• Up to a maximum of \$5,000 per caravan residence</li> </ul>	
<p>Individuals Families</p>	<p>Bushfire Payments Relief</p>	<p><b><u>Shire of Augusta-Margaret River Bushfire Relief Payments</u></b></p> <p>To provide additional assistance (over and above the assistance available under Department of Child Protection emergency relief arrangements) for residents of the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River whose homes were destroyed or damaged in the fire which broke out on 23 November 2011. The payments are being provided in recognition that due to the nature of the emergency,</p>	<p>Contact:</p> <p>Shire of Augusta-Margaret River Wallcliffe Road Margaret River 6285</p> <p>P: 9780 5255</p>

		<p>additional assistance is required by the affected residents.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents of the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River whose homes were destroyed (permanently uninhabitable). Eligible for a payment of \$3,000 per home</li> <li>Residents of the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River whose homes were damaged but remain habitable. Eligible for a payment of \$1,000 per home</li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://www.amrshire.wa.gov.au">www.amrshire.wa.gov.au</a></p>
<p>Individuals and Families</p>	<p>Lord Mayors Distress Relief Fund</p>	<p><b><u>Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund – Margaret River Fire 2011 Appeal</u></b></p> <p>Assistance is available to residents of the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River who suffered personal hardship due to the loss or damage to their residence, property, furniture or personal effects as a result of the bushfire occurring on 23 November 2011.</p> <p>The Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund (LMDRF) aims to assist individuals to effect repairs to their residences and to restore normal living conditions as quickly as possible. Assistance is made in the form of financial grants.</p> <p>Categories of Assistance which may be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grants may only be provided to cover repairs to a residence to make it safe and habitable, and to compensate for the loss or damage to furniture and personal effects</li> <li>In general, relief is directed to those who have suffered loss/damage to their primary residence however in some circumstances, relief may be considered for loss/damage to non-primary residences</li> <li>Assistance will not be paid in respect of damage to cars, boats and caravans</li> <li>Please note that the LMRDF is not established to assist business operations that have been impacted by the bushfire.</li> </ul> <p>The development of eligibility criteria and procedures by which</p>	<p>Contact:</p> <p>Shire of Augusta-Margaret River 41 Wallcliffe Road Margaret River 6285</p> <p>P: 9780 5255</p> <p>W: <a href="http://www.amrshire.wa.gov.au">www.amrshire.wa.gov.au</a></p>

		<p>payment from the fund will be made to affected individuals is currently underway. An application form will be available in the near future for those affected residents.</p>	
Small Business	Interest Subsidies	<p><b>Rate</b></p> <p><b><u>Interest Rate Subsidy Scheme</u></b></p> <p>An Interest Rate Subsidy Scheme may be available to small businesses for loans provided by Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions (ADI's) where the assets have been damaged as a direct result of an eligible natural disaster.</p> <p>The WANDRRA provides an interest rate subsidy of 4%, with the subsidy payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capped at a maximum of \$6,000 (being 4% of a loan maximum of \$150,000); and</li> <li>• For a maximum period of 10 years, <i>of which the first two years only may be free of capital repayments</i> at the discretion of the ADI.</li> </ul> <p>In cases where no capital repayments or minimal capital repayments are made from Year 3 onwards, and to be consistent with those who have made capital repayments, a 'notional' deduction of 1/10<sup>th</sup> of the original loan principal is taken for each year.</p> <p>FESA will pay the interest rate subsidy annually, in advance, based on the satisfactory submission of a claim form after the anniversary date of the loan drawdown/disbursement, supported by documentary evidence of the loan balance at this time (eg. Provision of a copy of the relevant loan account statement showing the loan balance).</p>	<p>Contact:</p> <p>Fire and Emergency Services Authority of Western Australia (FESA)</p> <p>P: (08) 9323 9552</p> <p>W: <a href="http://www.fesa.wa.gov.au">www.fesa.wa.gov.au</a></p>
Small Business Primary Producers	Recovery Grant	<p>The \$15,000 recovery grant for small business and primary producers (WANDRRA) which has been advertised in the media has not yet been formally approved. Therefore contacts have been provided who can provide up to date information regarding</p>	<p>Contact:</p> <p>Fire and Emergency Services Authority of Western Australia (FESA)</p>

		access to this potential grant funding.	<p>P: (08) 9323 9552 (Wayne Syme) P: (08) 9323 9463 (Graham Capper)</p> <p>W: <a href="http://www.fesa.wa.gov.au">www.fesa.wa.gov.au</a></p>
Rural Industry	Primary Producer Package	<p><b><u>Professional Advice Grant</u></b> Reimbursement of fees to a limit of \$1,500 to obtain professional advice directly related to addressing issues arising from the natural disaster event. Advice may be obtained from a farm business consultant such as a member of the Australian Association of Agricultural Consultants (WA Inc), or a member of a professional accounting body, or an appropriate professional. Advice may relate to business or financial matters, hydrological or soil conservation issues, feed analysis or other stock health issues. This grant is not available to meet part of the costs of employing professional advice for other purposes.</p> <p><b><u>Freight Costs</u></b> Reimbursement of 50% of the costs to the farm/pastoral business of transporting any of the following, incurred as a direct result of the natural disaster event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Livestock</li> <li>• Fodder or water for livestock</li> <li>• Building or fencing equipment or machinery</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Boundary Fences</u></b> Consideration will be given to the provision of assistance for the restoration/replacement of fencing where the fencing has been:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deliberately dismantled or damaged in operational activities to combat the eligible natural disaster event; or</li> <li>• Damaged as a direct result of the eligible natural disaster event, and the fence is adjacent to public transport corridors (road/rail) where the roaming of livestock may present a danger to the travelling public (ie the aim to preserve public safety).</li> </ul> <p>In respect of the latter dot-point, for a claim to be considered</p>	<p>Contact:</p> <p>Department of Agriculture and Food (DAFWA) Farm Business Development</p> <p>P: Freecall 1800 198 231 E: <a href="mailto:agwestfbd@agric.wa.gov.au">agwestfbd@agric.wa.gov.au</a> W: <a href="http://www.agric.wa.gov.au/content/FM/WANDRRA.HTM">www.agric.wa.gov.au/content/FM/WANDRRA.HTM</a></p>

		<p>under the WANDRRA, it must be demonstrated that the land was, at the relevant time, used to hold or agist livestock. A property that is used solely for cropping purposes at the time of the incident resulting in the claim would not automatically be included for the purposes of the WANDRRA. It must however be noted that where the claimant has insurance, and that policy includes fencing, in these circumstances the claim must be lodged with the insurer, and not via the WANDRRA.</p> <p><b><u>Interest Rate Subsidy Scheme</u></b> Interest rate subsidies may also be available to Primary Producers on the same basis as for Small Businesses.</p> <p><b><u>Other Measures</u></b> Additional support measures may be available after assistance measures have been activated for an event specific to needs as determined by the DAFWA and the WANDRRA Administrator. Such measures may for example include fodder drops to stock isolated by flood or veterinary costs for assessing stock affected by exposure to fire.</p>	
<p>* This information has been collated from government departments and website information and is the information that was at hand as at 1.12.2011. For confirmation of funding available please make direct contact with the departments listed as contacts.</p>			