

FACT SHEET

FINGAL BUSHFIRE: DECEMBER 2019

Recovery and Restoration Grants

Purpose of the Grants

If an individual has been impacted by the recent bushfires, they may be eligible for one or more of the Recovery and Restoration Grants.

Recovery and Restoration Grants provide assistance to meet needs in the medium to longer term for people who, because of an eligible natural disaster, are unable to reside in their principal place of residence and/or have incurred substantial property damage and/or substantial loss of personal household items essential for daily living.

Types of Recovery and Restoration Grants available

Renters and homeowners who live in impacted areas may be eligible to receive **one or both** of the following:

- Temporary Living Expenses
- Replacement of Household Items

Homeowners only who live in impacted areas may be eligible to receive:

- Repair and Restoration

Please note that the maximum amount of each grant is \$9,400. It is possible for an applicant to receive one, two or all three grants if eligible. Please refer to Page 2 for details of each grant.

General Eligibility

Eligibility for Recovery and Restoration Grants is assessed against the following criteria:

- Age (16 years and over)
- Income (see over)
- Assets (see over)
- Proof of Identity (must have)
- Residential Status (within a declared area)
- Insurance status (no or inadequate insurance)

The table below is a summary of the Recovery and Restoration Grants available to impacted and eligible households:

Grant name	Who is eligible	What is covered	Other criteria	Level of assistance
Temporary Living Expenses Grant	Low income households	Cost of temporary accommodation and other expenses	Principal place of residence is unfit to live in or is inaccessible	Up to \$9,400 calculated over a maximum period of six months
Replacement of Household Items Grant	Low income households	Replacement and/or repair of essential household items destroyed or damaged	Must have suffered a loss or destruction of essential household goods and items	Up to \$9,400 calculated on the value of items damaged or destroyed
Repair and Restoration Grant	Low income home owner and occupier of the principal place of residence	Assists with the re-establishment of a person's principal place of residence to a basic minimum standard	May be applied to repair, rebuild, clean up or re-establishment costs	Up to \$9,400 calculated on the cost of restoration activities.

Eligibility - Income

The Income Threshold is based on Centrelink Low Income Health Care Card threshold limits but also provides for an expanded safety net to include recipients of low income most likely to experience difficulty.

	Single, no children	Couple combined, no children	Single, 1 dependent child	For each extra dependent child, add
per week	\$846.00	\$1,461.00	\$1,461.00	\$51.00 (flat rate)
per fortnight	\$1,692.00	\$2,922.00	\$2,922.00	\$102.00 (flat rate)

Eligibility - Assets

Applicants will not be eligible for assistance if they hold assets over the value of \$35,000.

This limit *excludes* principal place of residence and superannuation.



How to apply

If affected individuals wish to apply for a Recovery and Restoration Grant, they can do so by phoning the Department of Communities Tasmania on 1300 665 663. These grants will be available for three months after impact.

