

EXTRAORDINARY grant

GUIDELINES

Port Macquarie-Hastings Council is offering grant funding, up to a maximum of \$10,000 per project, for community groups and organisations, for small-scale community initiatives that meet one or more of the Disaster Recovery Outcomes to support communities in building resilience within the local government area of Port Macquarie-Hastings region and across our rural townships.

Community Resilience & Recovery

The “**Community Resilience & Recovery Program**” is a \$120,000 project with funds allocated from the NSW Government through a Bushfire Community Resilience and Recovery Fund.

Projects will need to contribute to fulfil one or more of the following Disaster Recovery Outcomes:

- The needs of vulnerable groups are addressed in disaster recovery
- The community is aware of the disaster recovery processes
- The community can express its changing disaster recovery needs
- Community members are aware of the risks of future disasters
- The community has improved capacity and capability to respond to future disasters
- Community Groups and not-for-profits have in place adequate mitigation practices for risks and threats
- Government, private sector, civil society and organisations are engaged in plans for preparedness and management of the recovery



Example Projects

Projects eligible for funding could include but are not limited to:

- Community education programs to improve regional knowledge and resilience in response and preparedness to future disasters and how to be better prepared for hazards into the future; and
- Neighbourhood and community strengthening activities that focus specifically on capacity building, and knowledge building and sharing.
- Environmental initiatives - Clean ups of ongoing bushfire scarred lands

To be eligible for funding the organisation MUST meet the following criteria:

- Projects must be located within the Port Macquarie-Hastings LGA to serve its residents.
- Only incorporated Not-for-Profit Community Organisations (NFP) located within the LGA that are directly responsible for the intended project are eligible for funding.
- Individuals or local community groups can apply for funding in partnership with an auspicng organisation.
- As part of their application Organisations MUST provide: – An Australian Business Number (ABN); – A copy of the Certificate of Currency for Public Liability (minimum of \$20 million); – If the applying organisation is more than one-year-old, financial statements for the previous two financial years. This includes Auspicng Agencies where applicable.
- Organisations must have fulfilled their financial or reporting accountability requirements (acquittals and evaluations) associated with any previous Council funding otherwise will not be considered. This includes Auspicng Agencies where applicable.
- Applications received after the closing date will not be eligible.
- Grant recipients are required to provide an acquittal report within 30 days of project completion. The acquittal report includes demonstrating the delivery of Disaster Recovery Outcomes.
- Grant recipients to provide - photos (and all permissions to use for media), a quote about how the grant has supported their project, 250 words outlining key outcomes of the project. Confirmation that funding had been expended as per the grant guidelines and terms.

Note: all activities are to be delivered in accordance with current NSW Government guidelines in relation to *COVID-19*.