

Singleton Bushfire Community Wellbeing and Connectedness Fund

Frequently Asked Questions



What type of programs and activities would be eligible for grant funds?

- ♦ **Virtual, face-to-face or hybrid wellbeing and emergency preparedness events?**

Answer: Yes, directly benefiting residents of Singleton LGA

- ♦ **Virtual, face-to-face or hybrid events and community connect initiatives that bring impacted communities together by way of support, engagement or education?**

Answer: Yes, directly benefiting residents of Singleton LGA

- ♦ **Collaboration for emergency preparedness – grouping within or across sectors to deliver collaborative emergency preparedness plans, i.e. like-minded groups and organisations sharing resources, identifying pressure points and finding collaborative preparedness solutions?**

Answer: Yes, directly benefiting residents and activities within Singleton LGA

- ♦ **Targeted training for emergency preparedness i.e., leaders, staff, volunteers, members, clients/customers, community members**

Answer: Yes, directly benefiting residents and activities within Singleton LGA

- ♦ **Emergency preparedness planning – service continuity plans / interruption to service plans?**

Answer: Yes, directly benefiting residents and activities within Singleton LGA

- ♦ **Community mapping workshops and forums: forming, resourcing and/or training for locally-led resilience teams and resilience networks**

Answer: Yes, directly benefiting residents and activities within Singleton LGA

- ♦ **Social impact evaluation of preparedness activities with one or more successful granted programs?**

Answer: Yes, directly evaluating preparedness and wellbeing initiative impacts to residents and activities within Singleton LGA

- ♦ **Reporting of preparedness initiatives i.e., creative communication through photography, artworks or video storytelling associated with one or more successful granted programs?**

Answer: Yes, the applicant must meet the eligibility criteria, output must include digitisation

- ♦ **Inclusion preparedness and wellbeing projects e.g. First Nations people and communities, people with lived experience of mental illness, CALD communities, people with disabilities, , GLBTQI+, children, youth, older people, isolated communities, Lower Socio-Economic and people experiencing or at risk of homelessness?**

Answer: Yes, directly benefiting residents of Singleton LGA. This could be a preparedness project with a peer-team and relevant emergency support services. It could also provide inclusion and access advocacy for successful granted programs e.g. collaborating on low-vision/deaf, physically or culturally accessible projects

- ♦ **Improved emergency signage and emergency communications?**

Answer: Yes, directly benefiting residents and activities within Singleton LGA and be at central meeting location.

- ♦ **Installation of preparedness equipment e.g., appropriate zip-line systems to facilitate re-supply, community communications improvements or community facilities preparedness?**

Answer: Any equipment / materials purchases must be in relation to demonstrated emergency preparedness need and be workshopped within the community



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- ◆ **Neighbourhoods supporting each other to prepare people and properties for emergency, storm and fire e.g., displaying property addresses, cultural burn workshops?**

Answer: Any materials / contractor fees must be in relation to demonstrated wellbeing or emergency preparedness need. The applicant must meet the eligibility criteria and comply with COVID-19 restrictions

- ◆ **An un-listed innovative solution which will make a positive impact to wellbeing and disaster preparedness in the Singleton LGA?**

Answer: Yes, bring your ideas!

- ◆ **Providing access to online learning modules such as a Mental Health course?**

Answer: The applicant must meet the eligibility criteria and be providing access to the courses to affected residents

- ◆ **Art therapy, story-telling, community murals for recovery, preparedness or wellbeing?**

Answer: Yes, subject to eligibility guidelines

- ◆ **We are a community group but not incorporated and we don't have an ABN. Can we apply?**

Answer: Yes, under the auspice of an ABN registered organisation with an auspice agreement in place.

*An **auspice agreement** is a legally binding contract. It sets out the legal obligations of both parties toward each other and in relation to any specific funding or other agreements*

- ◆ **We support people in Singleton, but we have our office in a different LGA. Can we apply?**

Answer: The activity must service Singleton LGA residents and activities.

- ◆ **We have DA approval for our project but require additional money?**

Answer: If the DA is already approved and the project meets the criteria you may be eligible see guidelines section

Activities which require a Development Application are ineligible

- ◆ **Can I run a competition e.g. Cake Decorating?**

Answer: Funding for incentives or prizes are excluded, activities should benefit all participants.

- ◆ **I represent a fundraising committee attached to a government department or organisation, am I eligible for funding for my project?**

Answer: Applicants are community groups who are directly responding to the 2019/2020 bushfires and drought. This includes: registered organisations with an ABN or ACN, not-for-profits, non-government organisations and charities or auspiced by.

- ◆ **My activity/event will include the supply of Alcohol?**

Answer: Projects which will use grant funding to supply alcohol or other drugs are ineligible.

- ◆ **My project involves different organisations, how do I show this in my application?**

Answer: Collaborative projects should have one lead organisation and letters of support from others

- ◆ **If my event or activity is not able to be run due to local, state or federal government restrictions, can the project be changed?**

Answer: Organisation and proposed activity must comply with all COVID-19 government and health requirements, advice and guidelines. Please refer to NSW Health and Federal Government Health COVID-19 web sites for current advice. Council is not liable for funding events that cannot be held within the grant fund timeframe. Change of project would need to be on review through the assessment panel.

- ◆ **Projects to plan continuity of home delivery services for vulnerable community members including delivery of groceries, meals, medication and preparedness toolkit?**

Answer: Yes, subject to eligibility guidelines

- ◆ **Development and implementation of local sports program?**

Answer: Yes, subject to eligibility guidelines and subject to the conditions of any other grant funds from council



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- ♦ **Marketing for our project for example promoting a local event the community?**

Answer: Yes, subject to eligibility guidelines

- ♦ **Can I apply for funding to advertise my event?**

Answer: If the event benefits those directly affected by 2019/2020 bushfires and drought the proposed activity may be eligible. Demonstrate how the funding will directly benefit bushfire affected residents.

- ♦ **Creating a safe space for vulnerable community members and groups to meet physically?**

Answer: The applicant must meet the eligibility criteria and complying with COVID-19 restrictions.

- ♦ **Purchase or hire of IT equipment to allow vulnerable community members to access wellbeing toolkits, free on-line courses?**

Answer: Any equipment purchases are to directly benefit the affected residents and must not be used for administration purposes.

- ♦ **I have a Sports Council grant submitted with Singleton Council. Can I apply?**

Answer: Applications may not be eligible if they are seeking or may be eligible funds from other Council grants or council funding sources for the same project. Your organisation must have satisfactorily complied with conditions of any previous grant or sponsorship received from Singleton Council

Applications seeking duplicate support (funding or in-kind) for any expense, service or item which has been previously funded and /or supplied by Singleton Council to the same organisation, for the same service, project or activity in the same location is excluded.

Who do we want to hear from?

Any community group, association or business wanting to improve collaboration to increase disaster preparedness and wellbeing in Singleton LGA:

- Neighbourhoods and villages
- Peer groups or advocacy groups such as elders, youth, people experiencing homelessness, people with disability, GLBTQI folks, culturally diverse people
- Emergency services
- Essential and community services such as health providers, pharmacies, schools, childcare, aged care providers, disability providers, housing services, community centres, supermarkets, logistics, water, waste, telecommunications and electricity
- Accommodation providers and groups such as Airbnb, caravan parks, tourist associations
- Industries and groups that wouldn't normally participate in collaborative emergency preparedness for example liquor, and those who encourage resilience such as Business Associations
- Farmers and livestock managers
- Aboriginal organisations or training groups
- Landscape managers such as mines, farmers, Aboriginal cultural burning groups and Landcare
- Researchers
- Media

