# Bushfire Recovery

Summary of financial assistance in New South Wales and ACT

*Information correct at 3 February 2020*

## Bereavement

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<td>Bereavement payment</td>
<td>Identified Senior next of kin of people who have died in the fires</td>
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We are working with state coroner’s offices to identify Senior next of kin. For more information, call 1800 733 276.

## Emergency Grant (Primary Residence destroyed)

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<td>People whose primary place of residence has been destroyed or rendered permanently uninhabitable (i.e. has been or must be demolished) by bushfires since July 2019.</td>
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Visit our Red Cross teams at recovery centres or outreach points. Apply at [redcross.org.au/grants](http://redcross.org.au/grants) (you will need proof of ID, address and bank details). If your documents have been damaged or lost in the fires and cannot be replaced, please phone 1800 RED CROSS (1800 733 276).

## Primary Residence Repair Grant

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<td>Primary Residence Repair grant</td>
<td>Home owners whose primary place of residence has not been destroyed but needs structural repairs (i.e. walls, ceilings, windows) to make it safe to return home. This grant is only available to those who are experiencing financial hardship</td>
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**Injury Grant**

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| Injury grant       | People who were hospitalised for 2 or more days as the direct result of physical injuries or mental health issues caused by the fires and are experiencing financial hardship as a result. Hospital admission needs to have occurred within two weeks of the bushfire starting. | Australian Red Cross  
Visit our Red Cross teams at recovery centres or outreach points.  
Apply at redcross.org.au/grants  
(you will need proof of ID, bank details, evidence of hospital admission and discharge)  
If your documents have been damaged or lost in the fires and cannot be replaced, please phone 1800 RED CROSS (1800 733 276). |

**Emergency Hardship**

| Type of assistance | Who is eligible?                                                                                                                                                                                                 | How to access it  
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $1,000-$3,000      | Individuals and families impacted in the bushfires suffering financial hardship requiring assistance with immediate needs e.g. food, clothing, water tanks, school uniforms etc. | Salvation Army  
Visit Salvos teams at recovery centres or outreach points.  
Email or call: sal.disasters@salvationarmy.org.au 1300 662 217. |
| $1,000-$3,000      | People who live or work in a bushfire affected area and experience financial hardship due to bushfire can receive $1000 per household that Vinnies is distributing from the government. If you experience significant house damage or property loss you can receive an additional payment of $3000 per household from the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal funds. In addition to financial assistance Vinnies can provide:  
- Food and grocery vouchers  
- Clothing and bedding  
- Toiletries and essentials  
- Fuel vouchers  
- Emotional support  
- Referrals to other services | St Vincent de Paul Society NSW and Canberra/Goulburn  
Visit Vinnies teams at Recovery centres or outreach points.  
Call 13 18 12. |

*These funds are in addition to any other potential government or insurance payments.*