

## 2026 Landcare Australia Bushfire Recovery Grants

The 2026 *Landcare Australia Bushfire Recovery Grants* program will support landcare and community environmental groups and networks located in bushfire affected areas. The aim of the program is to support the urgent needs of the landcare community in bushfire recovery efforts.

### Project Funding Available

Grants of up to **\$20,000 (excluding GST)** are available. The amount of community funding available will depend on the success of ongoing fundraising activities being undertaken by Landcare Australia.

### Enquiries

If you have any questions after reading these guidelines, please call Alandi 0484 009 859, or email: [grants@landcareaustralia.com.au](mailto:grants@landcareaustralia.com.au).

### Key Dates

Applications open	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Applications close	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Note:** Landcare Australia will be assessing applications as they are submitted.

Landcare Australia will continue to raise funds for bushfire affected communities and welcome Expressions of Interest after the closing date.

### Eligibility

Landcare Australia will consider your application if:

- Your Landcare group, environmental group or landcare network is undertaking works in an area affected by bushfire in the summer of 2025/2026.
- Your project is directly related to the implementation of community landcare bushfire recovery activities, such as:
  - survey and impact assessment
  - habitat restoration (incl. Nest Boxes, hollows etc.)
  - revegetation, shelterbelts and fences for ecological protection
  - protecting waterways and managing erosion
  - managing weeds and feral animals
  - working with Traditional Owner groups
  - running local community workshops and events
  - other recovery activities

### Other conditions:

- Projects to be undertaken in the next 18 months.
- Due to limited funding available, not all grant applications will be successful.
- Projects can be conducted on public or private land.

## Ineligible organisations

The following organisations are ineligible to apply:

- Commonwealth statutory authorities;
- State, Territory or Local Governments;
- NRM organisations;
- Schools, pre-schools and education providers;
- Not for profits operating at a nationwide level; and/or
- Universities and research institutions.

Above organisations are strongly encouraged to work as supporting co-contributors for applications with a local group. [CLICK HERE to find your nearest group.](#)

## Eligible Activities

Activities that will be considered for funding:

- Cleaning up rubble from burnt sheds and other infrastructure including.
- Installing temporary fencing to manage immediate stock and pest control needs.
- Knowledge sharing workshops to provide information on best practice fire recovery for pastures, weed management, erosion control, fencing, nest box installation and revegetation to restore biodiversity and productivity to the landscape.
- Purchasing equipment to support immediate on-ground recovery activities and provide long-term support in landscape recovery.
- Removing burnt and fallen trees from fence lines, roads and access tracks.
- Replacing permanent fencing that supports ecological/waterway recovery over a longer period of time.
- Restoring habitat for wildlife including construction and installation of nest boxes and re-planting Indigenous vegetation (grasses, shrubs and trees).
- Restoring riparian vegetation and erosion management.
- Revegetating bush areas, paddock trees and shelter belts. Supporting farmers and landholders with activities (e.g. impact assessment/whole farm planning) and/or project development/delivery that improves soil health, conservation activities, and adaptation to climate change techniques critical to managing land and water assets.
- Supporting mental health outcomes for farmers and others in the community through community workshops and events including working bees.
- Supporting the mobilisation of volunteers to help farmers and landholders with recovery activities.
- Working with Traditional Owner groups to protect and enhance cultural heritage and environmental outcomes on Country.

The above lists are not exhaustive. If unsure, contact the Landcare Australia Grants Team [grants@landcareaustralia.com.au](mailto:grants@landcareaustralia.com.au) or call Alandi 0484 009 859.



## Reporting Requirements

As a condition of receiving the grant, you will be required to submit photos of your activities and complete a short survey.

## Terms and Conditions

The funding for this grant will be administered by Landcare Australia. Before receiving funding, you will be required to agree to the [standard terms and conditions](#).

## Funding to groups

Landcare Australia is actively seeking funding support from a wide range of sources, to help fund and coordinate these vital on-ground activities to help the land and communities recover from natural disasters.

Due to funding limitations, applicants may be offered full or partial funding for their projects.

## How to Apply

Groups can apply for the 2026 Landcare Australia Bushfire Recovery Grants on the [Landcare Australia SmartyGrants Portal](#) until midnight (AEDT) 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### Your application

1. Follow the link <https://landcareaustralia.smartygrants.com.au/bfr26>. You can view and download the application form before you start your application.
2. You must log in or register with SmartyGrants to be able to complete the application.
3. If you wish to save a partially completed application, press '**Save and Close**' and log out. You can log back in and continue to edit your application until you are ready to submit.
4. To submit your application, click the '**Review and Submit**' button at the bottom of the Navigation Panel. You need to review your application before you can submit it. Once you have submitted your application the application's status will change to 'Form completed', and no further editing of the application or uploading of support materials will be possible.
5. When your application has been successfully submitted, you will receive a confirmation email from SmartyGrants to your login email address. Please ensure you check your spam/junk mail folder if you do not receive the confirmation email.

If you have any problems or questions about online submissions, please refer to the FAQs below, or contact Landcare Australia's Grants Team on [grants@landcareaustralia.com.au](mailto:grants@landcareaustralia.com.au).

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Does my group need an ABN to receive a grant?

Yes, however if your group does not have an ABN you can arrange for an affiliated group with an ABN (e.g. local council) to receive the grant funds on your behalf.

### Does the grant include GST?

Yes, however not all groups are eligible to receive GST. Check whether your group is eligible to receive GST [here](#). Independent advice should be sought if you are unsure. Please ensure your budget does not exceed the total grant funding stipulated in the guidelines. Funds will be transferred to the applicant's nominated bank account if deemed successful.

### What do I need to include in my budget?

For each item, include a short description and provide details of calculations used to arrive at the amount budgeted. Inflated budgets will damage the credibility of the proposal.

#### Filling in your budget table:

In the '**Activity/Item Description**' column, list the resources, funds and activities required to carry out the project.

'**Funding Requested**', enter the price of the items to be funded. Please note – total funding requested must not exceed the total amount of the grant (ex GST).

### Where is the funding coming from?

Landcare Australia is working with individuals, corporate partners and other philanthropic partners to provide funding for landcare projects in fire affected areas.