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RSL Foundation Bushfire Relief Grants

As we are all aware the 2019/20 bushfire season has been devastating for many communities across Australia. On some fire grounds houses and other structures have been lost to the flames with the consequence that those affected are experiencing hardship and grief.

Recognising that serving and ex-service ADF personnel are amongst those affected, the RSL Foundation is offering cash grants of up to \$10,000 to help alleviate the suffering of eligible people who have suffered a loss due to the recent fires. Funding for the grants has been made possible by a generous donation from RSL Queensland and an allocation from the RSL Foundation's reserves.

Serving ADF personnel and veterans who have suffered loss or damage in the fires are encouraged to read the attached guidelines and, if appropriate, apply on-line at <http://rslnational.org>. Applications will close on 31st March 2020 and applicants notified of the result by 15th April 2020. The selection panel will comprise 2 senior RSL personnel and an independent person.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank RSL Queensland for their generosity in making a donation, without which this initiative would not be possible.

Greg Melick
National President
RSL of Australia Ltd



RSL FOUNDATION BUSHFIRE RELIEF GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

1. **Grant Amount**
A maximum of \$10,000 per person is available. The actual amount allocated to any applicant will be determined by the selection panel.
2. **Closing Date**
Applications will close on 31st March 2020
3. **Eligible persons**
Applications are open to any Veteran. Appropriate evidence of eligibility includes but is not limited to having a current serving Military ID or qualification as an ex-serving member of the ADF. Evidence that you have undertaken service includes e.g. certificate of enlistment /appointment and/or discharge. For those who do not have either of these documents, your service number, PMKEY's and/or DVA file number should be provided.
4. **Eligible circumstances**
 - a. Damage or loss as a result of the 2019/20 bushfire season;
 - b. Loss must be provable and quantifiable; and
 - c. Loss must relate to your principal place of residence.
5. **Determination of grants**
 - a. By selection panel, consisting of two RSL members and one independent panel member;
 - b. All Applicants will be advised if their application has been successful or not; and
 - c. The decisions of the selection panel are final, and no reasons will be provided to unsuccessful applicants
6. **Payment to Veterans**
Grants will be paid into your nominated bank account by 15 April 2020.
7. **Confidentiality**
Applicants are precluded from speaking publicly about their application or the outcome of their application without written permission from RSL Australia.
8. RSL Australia reserves the right to work with successful Applicants for the purposes of a publicising the awarding of a grant to one or more successful Applicants.
9. Submit your Application for a Grant to by completing the form on the rslnational.org website. By completing and submitting an application, applicants will be deemed to have accepted these Grant Guidelines.
10. Should RSL Australia find the information a successful Applicant provided in support of their Application to be false / incorrect, RSL Australia will require you to pay back the grant in full within seven days of being notified of the false or incorrect information.