



# Community Bushfire Preparedness and Resilience Grants

**Nillumbik Shire Council has been funded through the Victorian Government 'Safer Together' initiative to strengthen connection, capacity and resilience in our bushfire prone communities.**

Council is offering funding opportunities to local organisations and community groups to deliver projects that will help communities to prepare for bushfires and bounce back after emergencies.

## **Funding details:**

- Applications can be made for any amount up to \$2,000
- Limit of one application per project
- Applications are open until 31 July 2022 or until funds are expended
- Successful projects must be delivered and acquitted by 31 December 2022

## **What can be funded?**

Funding is available for community-led projects that support bushfire planning and preparation in the following ways:

- Build community capacity
- Focus on bushfire prone areas of Nillumbik
- Collaborate with one or more partners
- Align with the strategic priorities of the Nillumbik Bushfire Mitigation Strategy

Projects must build community resilience in one or more of the following areas:

- Build community connection
- Address risk and vulnerability
- Support planning and preparedness
- Create or strengthen resources

## Eligibility criteria

Applicants must:

- Be a not-for-profit incorporated local organisation or community group; or
  - Be auspiced by an incorporated organisation if applicants are unincorporated or an individual. Organisations can auspice multiple applications. You must ensure the auspice is aware of all of their responsibilities as an auspice
- Commercial businesses can partner with a not-for-profit organisation or community group as long as the project demonstrates broad community benefit. The application must come from a not-for-profit or community group
- Be based in Nillumbik or support Nillumbik residents
- Partner with at least one other community organisation, group or agency (e.g. local fire brigade)
- Supply an active ABN or complete a Statement by Supplier form
- Hold a minimum of \$10 million public liability insurance
- Have satisfactorily acquitted all outstanding grants previously awarded by Nillumbik Shire Council or;
- Deliver and acquit the initiative before 31 December 2022

**Note** Grant applicants that partner with other community groups, organisations or agencies (including local fire brigades) are strongly encouraged to apply.

## Assessment process

Applications will be reviewed by Communities First Project Officers. Allow up to 10 working days to be notified of the outcome of your application.

## How to apply

- Read the guidelines thoroughly
- Discuss your project with a Communities First Project Officer before applying via [emergency.management@nillumbik.vic.gov.au](mailto:emergency.management@nillumbik.vic.gov.au) or 9433 3111
- Complete an application online at <https://nillumbik.smartygrants.com.au/CBPR2021-22>
- Respond to the criteria and supply the required documentation where applicable

## Ineligibility criteria

Applications will not be considered for:

- A project that is not being held in the Nillumbik municipal boundary or does not directly benefit residents from bushfire prone areas
- Ongoing payment of salaries, administrative, maintenance or organisational operating costs
- Duplication of existing projects currently funded by Council. Duplication of existing projects, programs, initiatives or products currently funded by Council. If you wish to leverage off an existing project, program, initiative or product you must identify the innovative element or point of difference/value added
- Curriculum based activities in schools
- Projects that are solely for fundraising purposes, without broader community benefit
- Competitions, prize money and awards
- Projects or events with a political or religious purpose
- Events that are fully ticketed with no free or heavily subsidised component
- Single membership-based initiatives that are not open to the public
- Alcohol or gambling related activities
- Projects that have received full funding from another source
- Retrospective funding or projects which are due to commence prior to the notification of the application outcome
- Applicants that are in debt to, or have any outstanding commitments with the Shire