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| Rebuild and Reconnect Grants |
| Reconstruction and remediation grants for neighbourhood houses and men’s sheds damaged by Victorian floods. |
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# Overview

Some Victorian neighbourhood houses and men’s sheds have been inundated by floodwaters in October, November and December 2022. This funding provides grants to cover emergency repairs, replacement and reconstruction costs that are not covered by existing insurance policies.

# Funding

$500,000 in grants is available to existing neighbourhood houses and men’s sheds that have been damaged by floodwaters in October, November and December 2022. This funding is in addition to the $500,000 in flood assistance grants previously provided to Victorian neighbourhood houses in October 2022.

# Grant streams

There are two types of grants to apply for:

* Stream 1: emergency repairs or rebuilding costs not covered by insurance (up to $100,000). For example, a kitchen damaged by floodwaters
* Stream 2: equipment replacement not covered by insurance (up to $10,000). For example, replacement of kitchen appliances damaged by floodwaters.

Applicant organisations can apply once for either or both grant streams.

Please note: applications for repairs and rebuilding will be reviewed and allocated first. Remaining funds will then be allocated to equipment replacement applications, dependent on assessment.

# Eligibility criteria

Applicants must:

* be either funded through the Victorian Government’s Neighbourhood House Coordination Program (NHCP) or be an established men’s or community shed
* provide a copy of their insurance policy as part of the application. Costs that are covered by insurance will not be covered. Applications for the cost of the insurance excess will be considered
* demonstrate that the proposed expenditure is related to flood damage through photos, quotes etc.
* demonstrate security of tenure for at least three years if applying for more than $10,000.

# What won’t be funded?

* Applications from organisations that applied successfully in round one of these grants
* damage or repairs not directly caused by flooding
* damage or repairs covered by an existing insurance policy.

Applications:

* for expenses that overlap or are covered by other existing grants
* from organisations that are not funded through the Neighbourhood House Coordination Program or an established men’s or community shed
* from groups that are located on private land
* for projects that have already begun
* for projects that fail to reflect community inclusion and access requirements
* for administration, program funding or staffing costs for the applicant organisation
* for donations or support payments to other groups or organisations
* that do not demonstrate good value for the investment of public funds.

# Conditions

Successful applicants will be required to acquit the funding and provide project reports to government.

Projects must be implemented in accordance with applicable laws and safety standards and procedures.

Capital works must be carried out with the permission of the land and facility owner.

# Assessment

Applications will be assessed based on the impact of the works required. This is based on the degree of damage and the impact on business continuity. Priority will be given to projects that seek to address catastrophic or significant damage to facilities.

Table1: Assessment of damage

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| **Damage** | **Score** |
| Catastrophic. The facility is or was completely inundated. The facility is damaged beyond repair and will need replacement. | 4 |
| Severe. Over floor flooding with damage to walls and floor. Some items are damaged and require replacement. | 3 |
| Significant. Flooding has impacted the facility causing damage that will require remediation. Some items damaged and will need repair or replacement. | 2 |
| Minimal. Some aspects of the facility or some items/equipment have been damaged. | 1 |

Table 2: Assessment of business disruption

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| **Business continuity** | **Score** |
| Total disruption to regular activities.  The facility is unable to be used and usual activities are not proceeding. | 4 |
| Significant disruption to everyday business. Some activities are not able to continue until remedial works are completed. | 3 |
| Activities have been impacted but some are able to continue. | 2 |
| Minor disruption. Most activities are continuing despite the damage. | 1 |

# Process and timelines

Applications are open now and close at 5pm on Friday 3 March 2023.

Successful applicant organisations that already have a service agreement with the Department of Families Fairness and Housing will be paid through a variation to that agreement. Successful applicant organisations that do not have an existing agreement will be required to invoice the department for payment.

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