



Victorian Bushfire Assistance

For businesses and farms directly affected by bushfire

Special Circumstances Bushfire Relief Grants – Fact Sheet

Description of Grant

The Victorian and Commonwealth Governments have announced further assistance measures for businesses and primary producers directly impacted by the 2009 bushfires.

A one-off grant of \$5,000 is available to small businesses and farmers that have otherwise missed out on a business recovery grant on the basis of the requirement to earn 51 per cent of their income from that business.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a Special Circumstances Bushfire Relief Grant, small businesses and primary producers must:

- be directly impacted by the bushfires through damage or destruction of physical assets;
- earn less than \$100,000 a year from other income sources;
- have not already received a Victorian/Commonwealth Government Clean Up and Restoration Grant available through Rural Finance or the Damaged Homes Grant or the Rural Properties Recovery Assistance Payment through the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund; and
- meet the standard criteria for business grants under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA), such as having an ABN and employing fewer than 20 people.

How to apply:

Enquiries and applications for this grant should be directed to the **Rural Finance Corporation**, which can be contacted on **1800 255 925**. Further information and the grant application form is available on ruralfinance.com.au