

## **2020/21 DRFAWA ELIGIBLE DISASTER PROCLAMATION NOTIFICATION**

### ***AGRN950 WOOROLOO BUSHFIRE (1 FEBRUARY 2021).***

#### ***Category C Community Recovery Fund***

The above event was proclaimed an *eligible disaster* under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements Western Australia (DRFAWA) on 5 February 2021, pursuant to clause 5.1 of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) (the *Arrangements 2018*), issued by the Commonwealth Government Department of Home Affairs. The State Government will provide financial assistance to those people who have been affected through joint State and Commonwealth disaster relief and recovery arrangements.

The DRFAWA is jointly funded by the State and Commonwealth Governments and administered by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES), with assistance from other agencies. Through the DRFAWA, the Western Australian and Commonwealth Governments provide assistance to people who have suffered the direct impact of a proclaimed disaster event.

Following the Wooroloo bushfires, the impacted local governments in conjunction with State Government agencies undertook an assessment of the impacts in the bushfire affected areas.

Based on this assessment, the Premier and Prime Minister agreed to the establishment of a community recovery fund for communities in the City of Swan and Shire of Mundaring that have suffered damage and loss as a result of the bushfire.

The Community Recovery Fund comprises of recovery packages, totalling an estimate of \$18.1 million (cost-shared on a 50:50 basis with the Commonwealth), which address identifiable and emerging recovery needs associated with the bushfires.

See below for further information about the Community Recovery programs.

#### **Wooroloo Bushfire Coordinated Residential Clean-up Program**

This initiative will assist residents in the bushfire affected local government areas of Swan and Mundaring whose homes were destroyed or damaged by bushfire. Through the program, assistance will be provided for the safe removal of bushfire damaged waste from residential blocks to enable rebuilding.

This assistance package is administered by the DFES and will be delivered by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.

#### **Wooroloo Bushfire Community Recovery and Outreach Program**

This initiative will ensure bushfire affected communities (individuals and families in need) have improved access to the following recovery support services:

- financial hardship payments
- emergency accommodation and housing support
- social, emotional and psychological support services, and
- partner agency referrals.

This is a joint initiative on behalf of the State's Department of Communities and both the bushfire affected local governments of Swan and Mundaring, to provide resources to support the community in its recovery.

This assistance package is administered by DFES and will be jointly delivered by the Department of Communities, the Shire of Mundaring and the City of Swan.

#### Wooroloo Bushfire Community Recreational Asset Restoration Program

The State will provide funding directly to the City of Swan to assist with the clean-up and repair of community and recreational assets damaged as a result of the Wooroloo bushfire. Community assets impacted by the eligible disaster include, but are not limited to, walking trails, picnic furniture, bridle trails, footpaths, ablution blocks and septic systems. Under this initiative it will be a requirement that the City of Swan can provide evidence that the community assets were directly damaged by the eligible disaster and ensures clean-up and restoration activities are appropriate and cost-effective.

This assistance package is administered by DFES and will be delivered by the City of Swan.

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