

WYATT'S BUSHFIRE RECOVERY GRANTS PROVIDE SMALL, ONE-OFF GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THE BUSHFIRES IN THE ADELAIDE HILLS, YORKE PENINSULA AND KANGAROO ISLAND REGIONS BETWEEN DECEMBER 2019 AND JANUARY 2020

BACKGROUND

During December 2019 and January 2020, South Australia experienced devastating bushfires in the Adelaide Hills, Yorke Peninsula and Kangaroo Island regions. Wyatt has established the Bushfire Recovery Grants Program to support individuals and families impacted by these fires.

HOW TO APPLY

Referrers can apply for a Bushfire Recovery Grant of up to \$1,000 on a client's behalf through Wyatt's Online Grants Application System accessed via the Wyatt website, www.wyatt.org.au then follow the links on the top right side of the webpage to login to the application. Referrers are requested to ask applicants not to contact Wyatt directly. However, referrers are welcome to call Wyatt on 8224 0074 to discuss a possible application prior to submission.

REFERRALS

Wyatt accepts applications for Bushfire Recovery Grants from Recovery Centre staff, Financial Counsellors and other professionals working in agencies that are assisting people directly impacted by the bushfires. These applications will be made by referrers on behalf of eligible individuals and families experiencing financial hardship as a result of the bushfires. As Wyatt does not have the resources to assist everyone, grants will only be considered where the referrer has:

- > An informed understanding of the client's financial situation and financial priorities,
- > Demonstrated the need for financial support as a result of the bushfires, and
- > Indicated how a carefully targeted small grant has the potential to make a significant impact.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

An application should show that the item or service is essential, and that a small, one-off grant of up to \$1,000 will make a significant difference. Items will not be limited to those Wyatt usually supports through its Small Grants Program and can be based on whatever the individual or family needs. Grants will be available for a limited time and will cease when funds are expended.

ELIGIBILITY

Grant applicants need to meet the following basic criteria:

- > Are experiencing financial hardship as a result of the bushfires listed above;
- > Assistance for the item or service is not available through another funding source;
- > Would not otherwise be able to access the item or service without Wyatt assistance;
- > Are residents of South Australia and intend to stay in the state; and
- > Are not in jail or on home detention.

THE DECISION PROCESS

Decisions to grant or decline applications for assistance are made entirely at the discretion of Wyatt's Board of Governors. Any correspondence regarding the application will be through the referrer, and the referrer will usually be notified of the decision within two to three weeks. If an application is successful, the grant is paid directly to the nominated service provider or supplier by BAY or EFT. Wyatt does not pay the applicant directly nor reimburse for expenses already paid.