



Floods Community Recovery Fund – Fact Sheet #1

The Victorian floods and the Floods Community Recovery Fund

Heavy rains in Victoria over January 2011 have created a flood crisis for Victorians not seen for 100 years. The floods are amongst the worst experienced in the State's history.

The Victorian State Government and Australian Government are committed to supporting the recovery of flood affected communities, and have established a \$4 million Community Recovery Fund (CRF). Each level of government is contributing \$2 million.

The Floods CRF operates in line with the Commonwealth *Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements*.

How the Fund is being managed

The Deputy Premier of Victoria and Minister for Regional and Rural Development, the Hon. Peter Ryan MP, has overall responsibility for the Floods CRF.

A Panel has been established for the Floods CRF and will be responsible for allocating funding. The Panel comprises representation from the Victorian State and Commonwealth Governments, as well as local government through the Municipal Association of Victoria.

The Victorian Government's Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) is managing the Floods CRF including secretariat support to the Panel, funding administration and communication activities.

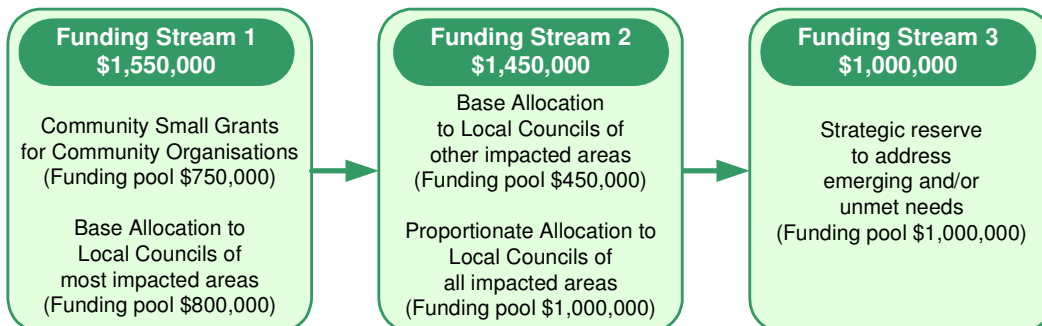
What the Fund supports

Funding is available to assist with community recovery, community development and community capacity building activities under two categories:

Category	What funding can be used for
Restoring social networks and functioning	Funding can be used to hold a community event or social activity, keep communities informed, record the flood event as part of local history, or to develop skills and networks that build capacity for the future.
Restoring community facilities	Funding can be used to repair or reinstate the structure of a damaged facility, or to repair or replace damaged fittings and equipment integral to the function of a facility.

How funding is being allocated

As the scale of impact is still being assessed, funds are being allocated over a period of time through three funding streams to enable immediate needs to be addressed while supporting a flexible response to communities that have been impacted most.



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Funding Stream 1 is to be announced in February 2011. Further announcements and detail can be expected at a later date for Funding Streams 2 and 3. It is anticipated that all funding will be made available to flood affected communities by 30 June 2011.

Funding will be allocated to both community organisations and local councils.

	Who	Process	Funding available	Closing dates
Funding Streams 1 and 2	Community organisations	<i>Expression of Interest</i>	Up to \$5,000	22 March 2011
	Local councils	Notional allocation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• initial base amount• further amount proportionate to impact	At least \$50,000	30 June 2011
Funding Stream 3	Community organisations and/or local councils	Negotiated funding towards targeted activities as determined by the CRF Panel.	Determined upon need	30 June 2011

Funding guidelines have been developed that provide detailed information about eligibility, what can and cannot be funded, the application process, how requests will be assessed, and key contacts. If you are interested in seeking funding from the Floods CRF you should read these guidelines first.

First allocations through Funding Stream 1

Community organisations in all areas affected by flooding in January will be eligible to request funding of up to \$5,000 through the Floods CRF Community Small Grants funding round.

Councils of areas deemed to be most impacted will be eligible to receive a notional base allocation of \$50,000 under Funding Stream 1. These councils are: Ararat, Buloke, Campaspe, Central Goldfields, Corangamite, Gannawarra, Hepburn, Hindmarsh, Horsham, Loddon, Mildura, Mount Alexander, Northern Grampians, Pyrenees, Swan Hill, and Yarriambiack.

DPCD will be writing to these councils directly regarding these allocations. DPCD will also be writing to other flood affected councils not receiving an allocation under Funding Stream 1 advising of options available through further funding streams.

Finding out more

Visit **DPCD's website**, www.dpcd.vic.gov.au for more Floods CRF information. Web posts will include the funding guidelines, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), fact sheets, media releases and allocation updates.

Alternatively, **call Information Victoria on 1300 366 356** to be put in touch with your community's DPCD regional team representative.