

KANGAROO ISLAND BUSHFIRE RECOVERY INNOVATION PROJECTS

Funding Guidelines

About

Through joint State/Commonwealth National Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) in partnership with Livestock SA and Agriculture Kangaroo Island have secured more than \$1 million to support innovative recovery and resilience projects on Kangaroo Island in the wake of the 2020 Bushfires.

Funding is available to Kangaroo Island organisations to invest in agricultural community projects that show innovation in disaster recovery and must support recovery and long term resilience in the primary production sector. Expressions of interests (EOI) will close on **30 September 2021**.

Eligible Organisations

Organisations eligible to apply for Kangaroo Island Bushfire Recovery Innovation Projects (KI BRIP) funding include:

- non-profit organisations – including registered charities or incorporated associations
- co-operatives
- local and State government bodies
- non-departmental government agencies – including tertiary education institutions, land councils, local government
- Regional Development Boards and Landscape Boards
- research organisations

All organisations must have an ABN or an ACN to apply for funding. Organisations that are not incorporated under State or Commonwealth legislation may submit an application sponsored by an eligible organisation. In this situation, the sponsoring organisation becomes the applicant.

An organisation may submit more than one expression of interest and be eligible to receive project funding for multiple projects.

All activities must be carried out within the Kangaroo Island Council boundary or provide direct benefit to the Cape Jervis ferry terminal.

Other activities may be eligible at the discretion of the Committee, and guided by State and Commonwealth recommendation.

KI BRIP Investment priorities

The priorities for investment include:

- Projects that improve the community's bushfire readiness
- Projects that enhance community resilience after bushfire events
- Share knowledge and build capacity between groups about bushfire learnings, preparation, and planning
- Innovative models for community bushfire response
- Projects that are new and have not received funding related to bushfire recovery (top up funding for existing projects is considered ineligible).

Innovative projects refer to initiatives that are new to the industry or community that supports improved economic, community or infrastructure outcomes. These will have a demonstrated need in the community or industry that supports long term resilience.

EOI assessment and approval

The KI BRIP Committee (The Committee) will make final decisions regarding how the Fund is applied. The Committee will be comprised of one representative from each of Livestock SA, AgKI and PIRSA.

The Committee will assess applications to the Fund and will assess funding proposals against the following criteria:

- diffusion of innovation into/through the community/industry
- innovation in planning/collaboration/readiness activities
- regional/industry/community collaboration and harnesses cooperative recovery opportunities
- support for practical application of research in the relevant community/industry
- alignment with investment priorities outlined in the guidelines
- support from industry stakeholders
- value for money (cost of the program compared to the outcomes it will deliver)
- opportunities to leverage co-investment.
- innovation in program delivery
- the organisation's capability and capacity to undertake the program, including:
 - demonstrated project management experience
 - evidence of a project plan, including a communication plan and risk management plan
 - identification of measures of success and a plan to report on them.

Ineligible Activities

Activities that will not be normally funded include:

- Retrospective activities or expenditure
- Duplication of research, programs, or projects



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- Purchasing of equipment or activities that could be considered part of normal business operations
- Top up funding for existing bushfire recovery funded projects/programs.
- Costs of developing an application to the fund
- Costs of own labour are ineligible for program funding however can be included as a co-contribution made in-kind.
- any other activities that are deemed inappropriate by the Committee

Who will approve the projects?

The Committee including representatives from Livestock SA, AgKI, and Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) will compile a list of recommendations which will be considered by lead State Government recovery agencies who then make recommendations to the Commonwealth National Recovery and Resilience Agency for endorsement. The Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development will make the final decision to approve a project.

Application process

1. Completion of an Expression of Interest
2. Submission to the KI BRIP Committee via admin@livestocksa.org.au
3. Assessment by KI BRIP Committee
4. Endorsement by State Government lead recovery agencies
5. Endorsement by Commonwealth National Recovery and Resilience Agency
6. Final approval from Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development
7. Notification of successful and non-successful projects

Project acquittal and reporting

Grant recipients must submit reports in line with the timeframes in the project agreement.

Sample templates are provided for these reports in the grant agreement.

Reports will include:

- progress against agreed project milestones
- contributions of participants directly related to the grant activity
- eligible expenditure of grant monies.

Service providers will be responsible for:

- meeting the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and managing the grant activity efficiently and effectively
- complying with record keeping, reporting and acquittal requirements as set out in the grant agreement
- participating in a grant program evaluation as specified in the grant agreement.

All projects must be completed with a financial acquittal by 30 June 2022.

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