

Business Support October Floods 2022

24 October 2022



46 local government areas are currently deemed eligible for assistance under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement

Alpine Shire	Macedon Ranges Shire
Ararat Rural City Council	Manningham City Council
Banyule City Council	Mansfield Shire
Benalla Rural City	Maribyrnong City Council
Boroondara Council	Melbourne City Council
Brimbank City Council	Mitchell Shire Council
Buloke Shire	Moira Shire
Campaspe Shire	Moonee Valley City
Central Goldfields	Moorabool Shire Council
City of Ballarat	Mt Alexander Council
City of Greater Geelong	Moyne Shire
Colac Otway Shire Council	Murrindindi Shire
City of Greater Bendigo	Northern Grampians
City of Greater Shepparton	Pyrenees Shire
Corangamite Shire	Rural City of Wangaratta
Gannawarra Shire	Strathbogie Shire
Glenelg Shire	Swan Hill Rural City Council
Golden Plains Shire Council	Warrnambool City Council
Hepburn Shire	Whittlesea City Council
Horsham Shire	Wodonga Council
Hume City Council	Wyndham City Council
Indigo Shire Council	Yarra Ranges Council
Loddon Shire	Yarriambiack Shire Council

**See business.vic.gov.au
for the eligible LGAs**

Victorian Government Small Business Immediate Flood Relief Grant

Small Business Immediate Flood Relief Grant

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Closes:
14 January 2023

What it is

One-off \$5,000 payment that can be used to cover expenses arising from damage caused from flooding to the place of business, business assets, stock or equipment, such as:

- qualified tradespeople to conduct safety inspections, repair premises and internal fittings
- equipment, materials and services needed for clean-up
- removal and disposal of debris, damaged materials or damaged stock
- equipment, stock and materials essential for immediately resuming operations.

Who can get it

To be eligible, a business must:

- be located within an eligible local government area
- hold an active ABN on and from 14 October 2022
- be registered for GST on and from 14 October 2022
- have incurred significant direct damage from flooding to the place of business, business assets, stock or equipment
- not have received support under the [Primary Producer Flood Relief Program](#) or the [Community Sport Emergency Flood Assistance Program](#).

How to apply

See business.vic.gov.au for [Program Guidelines](#) and to apply. Call 13 22 15 if you have any questions.

Business Relief Advisers are available to provide one-to-one support to help people navigate information and access assistance

Business Relief Service

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Free service one-on-one support from a local business relief adviser available via telephone and on the ground to:

- guide business owners through the available Commonwealth, state and local supports
- help businesses assess impacts, manage insurance, landlord issues,
- form strategies for recovery.

The Business Relief Service can be accessed via the **Business Victoria hotline on 13 22 15**. The hotline operates seven days a week from 7.30am-7.30pm.

Drop in sessions at recovery centres to be arranged with local councils and business chambers.

Support for Primary Producers, Community Sport & Councils

Primary Producer Immediate Flood Relief Program

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Primary Producer Clean-Up Relief Grants

\$10,000 grants to cover the cost of the clean-up and get businesses up and running again.

Primary Producer Concessional Loans

Up to \$250,000 to restore or replace damaged equipment and infrastructure or cover short-term business expenses.

Primary Producer Transport Subsidies

Up to \$15,000 to support the transport of emergency fodder or stock drinking water, and the movement of livestock

See agriculture.vic.gov.au for details. Call [1800 260 425](tel:1800260425) if you have any questions.

Community Sport Emergency Flood Assistance Program

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Community Sport Emergency Flood Assistance Program

\$5,000 one-off grants to assist Victorian sport and active recreation organisations in the replacement of playing, injury prevention and first aid equipment, canteen and clubroom items and maintenance equipment.

Council Support Fund

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Immediate payments of \$500,000 to [the 24 local government](#) areas that have experienced the most profound flood damage to start clean-up activities and restore local facilities and services that are the lifeblood of regional communities, like sports clubs and community centres.

Commonwealth Government payments can assist individuals with costs and income support

Disaster Recovery Allowance

Up to 13 weeks payment to help eligible individuals losing income as a direct result of the Victorian Floods that started on 6 October 2022.

Available to eligible individuals that work or live in an affected Local Government Area, lost income as a direct result of the floods, and earn less than the average Australian weekly income in the weeks after this income loss.

Apply through Services Australia.

Disaster Recovery Payment

A lump sum payment to help individuals significantly affected by Victorian Floods in October 2022. It is not for minor damage or inconvenience. Its purpose is to help with major damage to your property or other assets.

Available to individuals that are in a Local Government Area that has been declared for a disaster.

If you're eligible you'll get:

- \$1000 per adult
- \$400 for each child younger than 16

Apply through Services Australia.

Wellbeing and mental health, resources and support

Flood Recovery Hotline

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Flood Recovery Hotline 1800 560 760

- immediate help on clean up and temporary accommodation, and mental health and wellbeing.

Wellbeing and Mental Health

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Partners in Wellbeing Helpline 1300 375 330

- confidential, one-on-one financial, business advice and wellbeing support to Victorian small business owners.

Workplace Wellbeing Hub

- one-stop-shop for business owners and advisers to access a range of wellbeing and mental health information. See business.vic.gov.au

Business Victoria resources

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Information, grants, tools and templates at business.vic.gov.au including

Disaster Resilience for Business - a resource designed to help businesses prepare for and manage disasters

- checklist for business response and continuity to help when disasters strike
- toolkit to businesses be more resilient to future disasters.

Non-Victorian Government resources and support

Donations and Volunteering

GIVIT givit.org.au/storms-and-flooding

Item requests and donations to those impacted by Victoria's flooding.

Australian Red Cross redcross.org.au/donation/disaster-response-and-recovery/

Donate to on-ground emergency response teams in flood-affected areas.

Disaster Relief Australia disasterreliefaus.org/volunteer/

Volunteer organisation providing expert and civilian disaster relief.

Community Enterprise Foundation communityenterprisefoundation.com.au/disaster-appeals/victorian-flood-appeal/

Donation fund providing support to a range of local charitable groups in flood-affected areas.

Victorian Farmers Federation Disaster Relief Fund vff.org.au/donations/

Donate to farmers impacted by Victoria's flooding.

Wildlife Victoria October Flood Appeal 2022 wildlifelifevictoria.org.au/actnow

Donate directly to Wildlife Victoria's Emergency Rescue Service.

Additional Resources

Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS) rfcsnetwork.com.au/ - 1300 771 741

Free financial counselling to rural businesses.

AgBiz Assist agbizassist.org.au/ - 1300 834 775

Free rural and small business financial counselling.