



DISASTER GRANT GUIDELINES

DISASTER Grants must be sent to the SHARE, 130 Little Collins St, Melbourne 3000. Funding will be allocated when funds become/are available.

SHARE is the fundraising arm of Uniting Church in Australia, Victoria & Tasmania. It is the Uniting Church's only official state wide appeal that raises funds for UnitingCare community services and other worthy community groups. SHARE helps all people regardless of race, age, religion or gender.

SUMMARY OF PURPOSE:

Disaster Grants are used to support urgent human, organisational or community needs .

In 2011, funds raised from the Victorian Floods Disaster Appeal are distributed by a grant process.

The Victorian Floods Disaster Funds are available for a wide range of activities related to personal need, property maintenance or repairs, staffing needs, support of volunteers, and contribution to the cost of appropriate equipment.

PROCESS:

Complete the Grant Application form and forward it to the SHARE office.

Funding will be directed through Presbyteries and Agencies.

Distribution of grants will take place when/if funds are available.

APPLICANTS:

Each application for a SHARE grant is assessed using the following guidelines:

Priority 1: Proposals which emerge from the Victorian Floods that directly address urgent human need or are preventative in nature.

Priority 2: Proposals which emerge from the Victorian Floods that indirectly address human need, or contribute towards preventative care.

In addition SHARE asks each Agency and Presbytery to give particular attention to:

- i) That other avenues of public funding have been exhausted.
- ii) Encouraging partnerships with other groups knowing that if the proposed project is funded by public grants or other funding the applicant is still welcome to apply for a SHARE Disaster grant provided the Agency or Presbytery considers the project needs justifies additional support. (*Other available Funds may include Government, Red Cross, Victorian Farmers Federation or similar. A list of these funding opportunities is available from UnitingCare.*)
- iii) Additional Funding beyond the initial grant cannot be guaranteed.

No application will be considered without the signature of the authorised Agency person or the designated Presbytery Minister.

Note: Unfortunately, not all applications will receive funding. Grants will depend entirely on funds available.

When submitting your application, please ensure the following:

- All applications must be typed or clearly written
- Applications must be sent to the above address.
- All applications must be signed by an authorised person
- All components of the grant application must be completed
- A financial statement must be provided to SHARE when the project is completed.
- A financial statement or Annual Report must be provided if the project is part of a larger program or agency
- A copy of the applicant's ABN number is required if appropriate

On acceptance of a grant, please ensure the following:

- Funds must only be used for the purpose of project proposed
- A brief typed report on the project must be provided six months after funding has been received and sent to the address above
- Photographs of the project are not required but are welcomed for promotional purposes (maximum 5 photos)
- Acknowledgment of grant funding in organisational publications, specifically the Annual Report if there is one.

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If you have any questions please contact the SHARE office on

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