

Alcoa Bushfire Ready Fund



Grant Program Guidelines



The Alcoa Bushfire Ready Fund – Grant Program aims to support community organisations in initiatives that enhance preparedness and protection against bushfires.

The key objectives of this grant program are to:



Enhance Community Preparedness

Support projects that improve the readiness of communities to respond to bushfire threats.



Mitigate Bushfire Risks

Fund initiatives that reduce the risk and impact of bushfires through proactive measures.



Support Volunteer Efforts

Support volunteer bushfire brigades to enhance their capacity and effectiveness.



Promote Collaboration

Encourage partnerships between local government authorities, non-government organisations, local Traditional Owners or Aboriginal ranger groups and community groups to address bushfire challenges.

Funding Parameters



Grant Amount

Minimum of \$5,000 and up to \$20,000 per project.



Funding Duration

Projects must be completed within 12 months from the date of grant approval.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- › Be a not-for-profit organisation with a valid ABN
- › Demonstrate a clear need for the project and its alignment with the program objectives
- › Be able to demonstrate financial viability
- › Not have any outstanding acquittal reports or money owed to Alcoa as a result of previous funding or grants
- › Have the appropriate type and level of insurance for the activities that are the subject of this grant

Location

Projects must benefit the regions where Alcoa operates in WA and Victoria (defined as the areas in and surrounding Kwinana, Peel and the upper South West of Western Australia and the Glenelg Shire of Victoria).

Exclusions

Alcoa will not support community partnerships that:

- > Are political or sectarian in nature
- > Are for the sole benefit of an individual
- > Are commercial in nature
- > Involve prize money for professional sport
- > Promote/involve discrimination, racial hatred or any illegal activity

Expenses

Eligible

- ✓ Equipment and supplies necessary for bushfire preparedness and response
- ✓ Training and capacity-building activities for volunteers and community members
- ✓ Public awareness campaigns and educational materials
- ✓ Collaborative projects involving multiple community organisations and projects that support community preparedness
- ✓ Research and development of innovative bushfire mitigation strategies, including the application of cultural fire management practices

Ineligible

- ✗ Operational costs not directly related to the project
- ✗ Salaries and wages for existing staff
- ✗ Projects that do not align with the program objectives

Application Process

Opening Date: 1 June 2026

Closing Date: 5 July 2026



Submission

Applications must be submitted through the Alcoa grants portal - <https://alcoa.smartygrants.com.au/26BRFG> by the closing date.



Required Documents

Completed application form, budget breakdown and any supporting documents.

Assessment Criteria

Relevance - Alignment of the project with the program objectives

Impact - Potential of the project to enhance community preparedness and mitigate bushfire risks

Feasibility - Practicality and achievability of the project within the proposed timeline and budget

Collaboration - Involvement of multiple stakeholders and community groups including Traditional Owners

Sustainability - Long-term benefits and potential for ongoing impact

Location - Degree to which the project benefits the regions where Alcoa operates, addressing their specific needs and challenges related to bushfire risks

Approval Process

Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified within eight weeks of the closing date.

Reporting Requirements

Final Report

A report detailing the outcomes, impact and financial summary of the project to be submitted within one month of project completion.

Contact Information

For any inquiries or assistance with the application process, applicants can contact the Alcoa grants team using the subject title "Community Investment" in an email to info@alcoa.com