

Confident Girls Foundation & Suncorp Natural Disaster Relief Fund Grant Guidelines

Netball and community organisations across Australia directly affected by bushfires and floods during 2023-2024 may be eligible to receive a Grant from the Confident Girls Foundation.

These Grant Guidelines together with the Terms and Conditions apply to Applicants for the grant. By applying, you agree to be bound by these Grant Guidelines, Terms and Conditions, and the Confident Girls Foundation's Privacy Policy and Privacy Statement (as applicable).

1. Objective

The objective of the Confident Girls Foundation Natural Disaster Relief Fund is to support netball and community organisations directly impacted by the 2023-2024 bushfire and flood disaster events.

2. Available Funding

2.1 Applicants are invited to apply for one category. The total value of the application must not exceed \$10,000.

3. How Funds May be Used

3.1 The Confident Girls Foundation Natural Disaster Relief Fund application process is designed to help clubs, associations, and community organisations rebuild following devastating events such as bushfires and floods. The Confident Girls Foundation Natural Disaster Relief Fund is designed to be deliberately flexible so that it can fund the various needs identified in communities because every community is different. Drawing from the Foundation's experience, primary needs are anticipated to include infrastructure development, equipment procurement, financial assistance for registrations and participant fees, hosting clinics and special events, as well as supplying uniforms. The scope of support is comprehensive, considering a range of community needs to ensure a meaningful impact.

3.2 Broader netball and community activities could include:

- Bringing the netball community together to support social skills, connectedness and build networks and friendships through group activities, e.g. community barbecues, regular coffee mornings, community meetings.
- Projects that are recovery focused and aim to build on the netball community's and members' resilience, healing, and capacity building.

- Initiatives offering comfort, reassurance and assistance to communities and individuals to address practical needs and return to normal routines; and/or
- Practical advice and skills development, e.g. for parents to help provide support for their children, addressing particular needs of isolated older women, or future netball club bushfire planning and preparedness

3.3 Applications must align with at least one of the Foundation's granting philosophies:

- Community needs and impact: programs that meet a genuine, identified need and that have the potential for significant or direct community impact and benefit, and broader implementation.
- Innovation and sustainability: programs that offer innovative and creative solutions to issues and programs that have the potential to be sustainable over the longer term.
- Linkages: the Foundation will support and embrace organisations and individuals that work in cooperation and partnership within their program work and that actively encourage collaboration with key stakeholders in a given field.

4. Eligibility Criteria

4.1 The Confident Girls Foundation encourages applications from local not-for-profit netball community organisations in bushfire and flood-affected locations, who work closely with their local community. However, the Foundation may also support groups, including councils, schools, and universities that are based outside the directly affected areas but are delivering services into affected areas, if that support is requested by or strongly endorsed by local community leaders.

4.2 Organisations do need either an ABN or incorporation certificate and will be required in the Application process to demonstrate how grant funding will be of broad community benefit.

5. Assessment

5.1 Applications will be assessed against the eligibility criteria as outlined above. The Confident Girls Foundation reserves the right to request further information from applicants to assist in assessing an application and to verify any information provided in an application.

5.2 Failure to provide such information may result in The Confident Girls Foundation refusing an application.

- 5.3 The Confident Girls Foundation also reserves the right to refuse an application, at its discretion, for any reason or for no reason irrespective of whether the eligibility criteria have been met.
- 5.4 Submitted applications may be audited by Confident Girls Foundation or its agents to determine compliance with these Guidelines.
- 5.5 Projects that fall into any of the following categories will not be considered for funding.
- Initiatives that duplicate existing activities and services.
 - Activities that are covered under an insurance claim.
 - Communities that were not impacted by the 2023-2024 bushfires and floods.
 - Activities that, in the Foundation's reasonable opinion, are unrelated to bushfire or flood recovery.
 - Initiatives that would require ongoing funding.
 - Alcohol purchases for community or other events.
 - Projects that subsidise commercial activities (e.g. ongoing business operational costs).
 - Retrospective funding – projects which are already completed are not eligible for consideration.
 - Applications for activities taking place outside of Australia.
 - Applications for projects that have previously been declined by the Foundation cannot be resubmitted unless there are material changes to the project.
 - Applications will not be accepted from organisations that have not successfully acquitted previous grants from the Foundation.
6. Terms and Conditions,
- 6.1 Refer to the Terms and Conditions document.
7. Applications
- 7.1 Applications for assistance under the program must be made on the Confident Girls Foundation Smarty Grants application form and be accompanied by relevant documentation stated in the application form.
- 7.2 Applications must be lodged on or before the 16/03/2024.
- 7.3 Incomplete applications will not enter the assessment process.

- 7.4 Applicants should note that past financial support from the Confident Girls Foundation is not a reliable indicator of eligibility for future financial assistance under this program.
- 7.5 Successful Applicants are to provide the Confident Girls Foundation with an Executed Agreement and a tax invoice(s) for the grant to be processed and payment made.
- 7.6 Successful Applications are to expend the funds paid under this Agreement within 12 months of the executed Agreement.

8. Important Information

- 8.1 These guidelines are correct at the time of publishing.
- 8.2 The Confident Girls Foundation reserves the right to amend, alter, or change these guidelines at any time, and it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that they check the relevant website before application.
- 8.3 The guidelines that apply to your application will be the guidelines that are current at the time your application is received by the Confident Girls Foundation.
- 8.4 While the Confident Girls Foundation has taken all care in preparing these guidelines, the Foundation will not be liable in any way for any errors, omissions, or variation to information in these guidelines or for not advising an applicant of any errors, omissions, or variations to information in these guidelines.

9. **Definitions**

Netball means the game of netball as determined by the International Netball Federation.

Netball Organisation is an entity that delivers netball in communities, including associations, regions, clubs, schools, and community groups.

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