



## Affiliate Major Disaster Grant Guidelines

### Fire and Flood Response

#### Overview of the Community Support Program-Disaster Relief Program

The Community Support Program - Disaster Relief was established through Netball Victoria to provide targeted financial assistance to clubs, associations, leagues and families impacted by natural disaster during 2026, supporting recovery, rebuilding, and continued participation in individuals and communities in netball.

#### Background

Fire and flood events during 2026 have significantly affected multiple netball communities across Victoria. These events have resulted in facility damage, loss of equipment, financial hardship for families and disruption to regular participation.

Targeted, time-limited assistance is required to support recovery, facilitate community rebuilding, and ensure continued engagement in netball activities.

#### Who is eligible to receive assistance through the Disaster Relief program

Funding may be allocated to netball clubs, associations and leagues in bushfire and flood affected communities identified through the Victorian Government. Individuals cannot be allocated funding by Netball Victoria under this program, only under the Disaster Relief Hardship stream.

Clubs, associations and leagues in NSW who are affiliated with Netball Victoria will also be eligible to apply.

#### Dates

<b>Applications open</b>	April 2026
<b>Applications close</b>	Open until end of 2026 unless the money is exhausted before the end date.

#### Grant assistance summary

<b>Assistance Type</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Clubs, Associations &amp; Leagues grant</b>	Funding for minor facility repairs, replacement of equipment and soft furnishings, membership levy support, and community recovery initiatives.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

To be eligible for funding, applicants must:

- Have a current affiliate agreement with Netball Victoria
- Have been directly impacted by a major disaster (e.g., flood, bushfire, storm, or other declared community disaster)
- Demonstrate how the funding will contribute to rebuilding efforts and continuation of netball activities
- Demonstrate the capacity to expend the funds within a 6-12 month period
- Have an Australian bank account

## **Eligible Initiatives and Projects**

The Disaster Relief program provides grants to support initiatives that promote club sustainability and reduce barriers to participation for affected communities. Eligible initiatives include:

- minor repairs to facilities damaged by fires or floods, including temporary facilities required in the short-term;
- replacement of soft furnishings lost in the disaster;
- replacement of playing and training equipment;
- replacement of playing and training apparel/uniforms;
- coverage of membership and registration costs for impacted netball families;
- volunteer and administration support to ensure netball clubs, associations and programs can continue operating; and
- community rebuilding initiatives.

Netball Victoria reserves the right to determine what is and is not eligible for funding under this grant.

## **Ineligible Initiatives and Projects**

The following initiatives and projects will be considered ineligible for Disaster Relief program grants, unless otherwise determined by the Netball Victoria Grant Assessment Panel:

- capital works or improvements (minor works may be considered);
- loss or damage where an insurance claim has been lodged and compensation received;
- loss or damage not as a result from the declared disaster;
- non-affiliated Victorian clubs, associations or leagues;
- individuals (except under the hardship assistance category);
- projects outside of Victoria, except where affiliated organisations who operate cross border competitions under Netball Victoria affiliation; and
- affiliates not compliant with formal NV policies and processes.

## **Assessment Process**

Netball Victoria will undertake a comprehensive assessment process to determine grant allocations. This process will include review of both applicant eligibility and the proposed use of funds.

A panel comprising Netball Victoria staff from a range of departments, and where appropriate, affiliate representatives, will assess applications and make funding decisions.

**Contact**

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