



LORD MAYOR'S DISTRESS RELIEF FUND

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### **LMDRF Waroona and District Fires Appeal**

The Board of the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund has finalised categories which will be used to distribute financial assistance, to people affected by the fires in the Shires of Waroona and Harvey.

Lord Mayor Lisa Scaffidi, said the Board has worked closely with the Shires of Waroona and Harvey, and the Local Recovery Committees, to ensure the Categories for Assistance have been designed to provide as much relief as possible.

"Initial damage assessments estimate up to 700 applications for assistance could be received," Ms Scaffidi said.

"I encourage all the people affected within the Waroona and Harvey fire zone to apply for assistance.

"While authorities are pulling together to provide assistance as quickly as possible, I ask people to be mindful of the enormity of the task ahead for Local Recovery Committees to assess the applications.

Donations currently received by the LMDRF is almost \$6 million.

Seven categories of assistance have been developed, including for the next of kin of those who died, and for those people who suffered property loss or damage, including rural properties.

The Board has defined the following categories.

**For Owners / Owner Occupiers of properties impacted by the bushfire there are three levels of LMDRF grant assistance available as follows:**

**Level One** shall apply in those instances where the place of residence and contents have been totally destroyed;

**Level Two** shall apply in those instances where the place of residence has sustained structural damage and contents have been damaged;

**Level Three** shall apply in those instances where there has been other property damage / loss.

**For Occupiers (those renting) of properties impacted by the bushfire there are two levels of LMDRF grant assistance available as follows:**

**Level Four** shall apply in those instances where the house contents have been totally destroyed as a consequence of the house being totally destroyed;

**Level Five** shall apply in those instances where there has been partial damage / loss of house contents.

**For Rural Properties there is one level of LMDRF grant assistance available as follows:**

**Level Six** shall apply in those instances where there has been damage / loss of rural property (e.g. fencing, water tanks, power poles, telecommunications).

**For Next of Kin of those who died in the bushfire there is one level of LMDRF grant assistance available as follows:**

**Level Seven** shall apply in those instances where costs were incurred as a result of the fatality.

People can access an application form online from Monday, and directly from the Shire Offices next week.

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