



LORD MAYOR'S DISTRESS RELIEF FUND

Tropical Cyclone Seroja Appeal 2021: FAQ – Donors and Fundraisers

What is the LMDRF?

The Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund (LMDRF) is Western Australia's official state emergency fund.

The LMDRF was established in 1961 in conjunction with the State Government to provide financial assistance to individuals for the alleviation and relief of distress, suffering and personal hardships, brought about by any disaster or emergency within Western Australia declared by the Western Australian Government or for which the LMDRF Board considers assistance is warranted.

The perpetual fund is incorporated under the Charitable Collections Act and has Australian Taxation Office tax deductibility status. The LMDRF is administered by an independent Board which consists of up to 15 members.

The City of Perth has donated administrative and other support services to the LMDRF since its inception. The City of Perth seeks no reimbursement for the costs associated with providing support to the LMDRF. This means 100 per cent of donations raised through appeals goes directly to those in need.

What is the LMDRF Tropical Cyclone Seroja Appeal?

Destruction and property damage across WA's mid-west caused by Tropical Cyclone Seroja on 11 April 2021 led to the launch of the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund (LMDRF) Tropical Cyclone Seroja Appeal.

The Appeal was launched to raise and coordinate monetary donations to financially support the communities affected by Tropical Cyclone Seroja.

How will the money be spent or distributed? Where do the funds go?

The LMDRF will work with the affected local governments and the State Recovery Controller for the incident of Tropical Cyclone Seroja to ensure money is disbursed directly to those who need it.

All administration costs are absorbed by the City of Perth so 100 percent of funds raised will go directly to those in need.

Donations

How can donations be made?

Donations to the Tropical Cyclone Seroja Appeal can be made:

1. via EFT: BSB: 306-188, Account: 0347404
2. over the counter at any Bankwest branch or agency to the dedicated appeal account BSB: 306-188, Account: 0347404
3. on the phone via credit card on 9461 3886 during normal business hours
4. by mail to LMDRF, Tropical Cyclone Seroja Appeal, City of Perth, GPO Box C120, Perth WA 6839
5. by credit card at www.appealswa.org.au

Are donations tax deductible?

Donations of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

Can people donate clothes and other items?

Only financial donations can be made via the LMDRF.

How long will the appeal be open for and accepting donations?

The Appeal is normally open for 3 months from date of Appeal launch.

How much has been raised by the Tropical Cyclone Seroja Appeal to date?

Over **\$6.77 million** has been raised to date (as of **18 May 2021**)

Fundraising

How can I fundraise?

Application can be made for authority to fundraise under the charitable collections licence issued to the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund ("the licence holder") under the Charitable Collections Act 1946 WA.

Approval of your application may only be granted when the licence holder has received a completed and signed application form and is satisfied that the fundraising activity fits in with aims and purposes of the licence holder. Please be mindful that the licence holder is not obliged to grant your request.

Once your application has been approved a letter confirming your authorisation to fundraise under our licence will be issued.