

Alcoa Bushfire Ready Fund



About the Fund

Alcoa's Bushfire Ready Fund will provide \$1.3 million over three years to support bushfire risk mitigation, prevention, action and recovery in Western Australia and Victoria. This support recognises the increasing challenges posed by bushfire and a drying climate in the communities where Alcoa operates.

The fund includes: competitive small grants for community and grassroots organisations; funding for large-scale regional projects to enhance preparedness and address the challenges of a changing climate; and provisions for recovery support in the instance of a significant fire emergency.

Challenge and Approach

The Challenge

Australia is highly prone to bushfires which can cause significant financial, environmental and human losses. Climate change has exacerbated bushfire conditions, increasing their frequency and severity.

The Need

Communities near where Alcoa operates in Western Australia and Victoria are particularly vulnerable to significant bushfire risks due to flammable vegetation and increasing rural populations. Addressing these risks requires comprehensive support and preparedness.

Program Overview

The Alcoa Bushfire Ready Fund provides support through three key streams, each designed to address different aspects of bushfire resilience and recovery:

Strategic Partnerships

Collaborative partnerships, projects and research to reduce the risk, severity and impact of bushfire and enhance environmental and community resilience.

Grants Program

Annual competitive grant rounds supporting community bushfire preparedness initiatives with local bushfire brigades, local governments, non-profit community organisations and Traditional Owners.

Recovery Support

Charitable giving and disaster relief efforts to support community and environmental recovery from bushfire.

Fund Scope and Goals

Scope

The fund aims to support communities in the regions near where Alcoa operates in mitigating, preparing for and recovering from bushfires. It also focuses addressing contributing climate and environmental issues and complements Alcoa's existing social investment programs and operational initiatives.

Goals

- › Support communities near where Alcoa operates in addressing environmental challenges related to climate and bushfire risk
- › Enhance community preparedness and resilience against bushfires
- › Increase the capacity of fire managers including local bushfire brigades, local governments, non-profit community organisations and Traditional Owners to prepare for and respond to bushfire events.
- › Aid in the recovery from bushfire impacts on people, communities and the environment

Funding pillars

Mitigation - Support for initiatives that reduce the risk, impact and severity of bushfires on people, property and ecosystems.

Preparedness - Strengthening community readiness through management, planning, collaboration and awareness raising, ensuring people and the community are equipped to handle fire threats.

Recovery - Providing aid for community and environmental recovery efforts and helping communities regain stability and resilience after a bushfire event.



More Information

For more information contact the Alcoa grants team using the subject title "Community Investment" in an email to info@alcoa.com