



## Individual Major Disaster Hardship Guidelines

### Fire and Flood response

#### Overview

The Community Support Program Disaster Relief Hardship stream was established by Netball Victoria to provide targeted financial assistance to individuals impacted by natural disasters during 2026. The program is designed to support recovery, reduce financial barriers to participation, and enable continued involvement 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.

#### Eligibility for assistance

Funding may be allocated to individuals residing in bushfire, and flood affected communities or postcodes identified by the Victorian Government.

Individuals in NSW who are affiliated with Netball Victoria will also be eligible to apply.

Applications will be assessed by the Netball Victoria grant assessment panel in accordance with the program guidelines. Final approvals will be granted following internal review processes.

#### 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>Hardship</b>	Financial assistance to cover individual membership fees, registration costs, uniforms, and essential netball related expenses.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

To be eligible, applicants must;

- Be associated with a netball club, association or league
- Have been directly impacted by a major disaster (floods, bushfires, storms or community disaster)
- Provide a letter of support outlining the impact of the disaster and how they have been affected
- Supply an invoice for membership and club fees which haven't been paid or supply proof of payment if fees or membership have already been paid
- Have an Australian bank account

## **What can be funded**

- Membership and registration fees
- Uniform costs
- Netball equipment
- Other comparable and relevant netball related expenses

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

## **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**

For any further queries regarding the Disaster Relief Hardship stream, please contact Tanya Gamble.

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