



# Northside Relief Fund

## Grant Guidelines

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*The Inner North Community Foundation acknowledges the traditional owners of the land where we work, live, study and volunteer, the Wurundjeri Woi Wurung people of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging, and give thanks to other first nations people in our community, especially Elders.*

*Grant Guidelines may be changed from time to time. Prior to applying please ensure you have the most recent version of Northside Relief Fund Grant Guidelines which can be found on the 'Apply for Funding' section of the [website](#).*

### Program purpose

The Inner North Community Foundation established the **Northside Relief Fund** in 2023 in partnership with Melbourne Magistrates Court of Victoria and other generous donors. It aims to support local emergency relief and material aid organisations in the Inner North region.

People can find out more about the fund and make a donation at:

<https://www.innernorthfoundation.org.au/donate/northside-relief-fund/>

Please note that funds raised are granted quarterly (September, December, March and June) and distributed evenly via the three Local Government Areas:

- Merri-bek City Council
- City of Darebin
- Yarra City Council

Eligible organisations that provide emergency relief are encouraged to register for this grants round with the Foundation. The allocation of funds does not involve an application process, however if successful reporting on how money will be distributed is required prior to funds being released. Funding will be allocated in a randomised fashion for each LGA, from eligible emergency relief providers who have registered and who are active in the Inner North.

### Target activity for funding

Grants of \$1,000 are available to support charitable organisation in providing emergency relief in Darebin, Merri-bek and Yarra. Emergency relief support inhabitants of the Inner North to meet basic needs. Examples of emergency relief include but not limited to:

- Food security, including culturally appropriate food
- Costs associated with delivering emergency relief services
- Natural disaster recovery
- Medicine
- Shelter
- Clothing

## Eligibility for funding

Applicants must be charitable organisations that:

- Are located in the municipalities of Darebin, Merri-bek or Yarra and primarily serve those communities, or are organisations which have strong links to communities with the three municipalities
- Are registered item 1 DGR charity
- Are categorised by the ACNC as small or medium organisations (i.e. annual turnover less than \$1M) with reporting publicly available. Large organisations may be considered if funding directly benefits vulnerable people in Darebin, Merri-bek or Yarra
- Provide emergency relief support to meet basic needs

## What will not be funded

Funding is not available for:

- Projects that take place outside of Darebin, Merri-bek, or Yarra
- Baseline operational and administration costs.
- Individuals, 'for profit' organisations, sports clubs, government bodies, political parties or their candidates
- Projects that are not consistent with Local, State or Commonwealth laws, including the Victorian Equal Opportunity Act 1995
- Completed projects, capital works, assets (other than minor equipment) and repayment of outstanding loans or debts.
- Major institutions (government agencies, universities, hospitals).

## How to register your organisation

This is not a competitive round. To be processed as eligible for funding please follow the following steps:

1. Read these Granting Guidelines in detail.
2. Register your organisation with our grants management software using this link: <https://www.grantinterface.com.au/Home/Logon?urlkey=incf>
3. Once your organisation profile is complete, please fill in the registration form in the process titled 'Northside Relief Organisations' and submit.

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[Bianca.macielpizzorno@innernorthfoundation.org.au](mailto:Bianca.macielpizzorno@innernorthfoundation.org.au) should you have any queries.

**Note: We aim to notify successful organisations in May, August, November and February. If you have not been contacted, this means your organisation will remain in the pool for the subsequent quarter.**