

Southern Tasmania Bushfires – 4 December 2025

Financial Support

TEMPORARY LIVING EXPENSES GRANTS

The Tasmanian Government has Recovery and Restoration Grants available to support community members in Dolphin Sands impacted by the bushfires that started on 4 December 2025.

These grants are available to people in the affected areas who have had to evacuate their primary place of residence.

The **Temporary Living Expenses Grants** offer up to \$11,650 per household for those unable to live in their primary place of residence.

Who can apply for this grant:

This grant is for low-income households in the Dolphin sands area.

You are not eligible for this grant if you hold assets valued at over \$35,000, or if you are fully insured.

What the grant can be used for:

The Temporary Living Expense Grant can be used to pay for the cost of temporary accommodation (up to a maximum of six months) when your principal place of residence is unfit to live in, or is inaccessible.

Funds can be used to help pay for:

- Bond
- Rent
- Caravan hire
- Portable toilets or amenities

What the grant can't be used for:

Funds can't be used towards:

- Business and/or income losses
- Motor vehicle repairs or towing (except motorhomes or caravans used for accommodation)
- Items that have already been funded through the Emergency Assistance Grants

- Purchasing an accommodation source, such as a caravan, tent, portable toilet or shed, for example

What information you need to provide:

- Evidence of your income for the last 12 weeks.
- Details of the cost of your accommodation for a period of six months from the date of the incident.
 - If you are staying in a private rental property, you will receive the difference between the new rent you are paying and the rent you previously paid
 - Full rent will be considered if you have been displaced and need to continue making mortgage payments, as well as paying rent on a new property
 - The maximum level of assistance calculated for accommodation is based on current median rents. This is published by the Real Estate Institute of Tasmania (REIT), in the respective Local Government Area.
- Your bank account details and a valid identification document which contains your full name, date of birth and current address.
 - For more information on valid identification documents, read the Emergency Assistance Grants Guidelines (https://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0014/420161/Emergency-Assistance-Grants-Guidelines.pdf).

Other information may be requested to help assess your eligibility to receive this grant.

More information:

- Go to: Community Grants | Service Tasmania (<https://www.service.tas.gov.au/community-grants>) to make an application
- Email: eagrants@dpac.tas.gov.au or call 1800 204 224