

South Eastern NSW - Mental Health Supports for Bushfire 2019/20 - 2023/24 Activity Summary View



BF - 1 - BF1 Frontline Emergency Distress and Trauma Counselling



Activity Metadata

Applicable Schedule *

Mental Health Supports for Bushfire

Activity Prefix *

BF

Activity Number *

1

Activity Title *

BF1 Frontline Emergency Distress and Trauma Counselling

Existing, Modified or New Activity *

Existing



Activity Priorities and Description

Program Key Priority Area *

Mental Health

Aim of Activity *

To increase access to emergency distress and trauma counselling for people who are affected by bushfires.

Description of Activity *

Continue to commission additional counselling and wellbeing services across the region for those affected by the bushfires. This will include a focus on ensuring that those who are most vulnerable in our community have access to sufficient support services.

Needs Assessment Priorities *

Needs Assessment

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Priorities

Priority	Page reference
Disaster response – commissioned services	54
Mental health and suicide prevention – community capacity and resilience	55



Activity Demographics

Coverage

Whole Region

Yes



Activity Milestone Details/Duration

Activity Start Date

27/01/2020

Activity End Date

30/12/2022



Activity Commissioning

Please identify your intended procurement approach for commissioning services under this activity:

Not Yet Known: No

Continuing Service Provider / Contract Extension: Yes

Direct Engagement: No

Open Tender: No

Expression Of Interest (EOI): No

Other Approach (please provide details): No

Is this activity being co-designed?

No

Is this activity the result of a previous co-design process?

Yes

Do you plan to implement this Activity using co-commissioning or joint-commissioning arrangements?

No

Has this activity previously been co-commissioned or joint-commissioned?

No

Decommissioning

No

Co-design or co-commissioning comments

Co-design included input from the two LHDs in the region.



BF - 2 - BF2 - Bushfire Trauma Response Coordinators



Activity Metadata

Applicable Schedule *

Mental Health Supports for Bushfire

Activity Prefix *

BF

Activity Number *

2

Activity Title *

BF2 - Bushfire Trauma Response Coordinators

Existing, Modified or New Activity *

Existing



Activity Priorities and Description

Program Key Priority Area *

Mental Health

Aim of Activity *

To develop strong coordinated linkages with other government and non-government agencies involved in community development and recovery to ensure complementarity of services and integrated service pathways.

Description of Activity *

Engage staff member/s who operate as a single point of contact for local communities who have been affected by bushfires. Our model provides a single regional coordinator as well as local contacts at the sub-regional level, in order to build and maintain local connections and relationships that are focused on recovery. A critical aspect of our approach is to work with and support Local Government as the leads in the recovery effort under the NSW State Recovery Plan.

Needs Assessment Priorities ***Needs Assessment**

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Priorities



Activity Demographics

Coverage

Whole Region

No

SA3 Name	SA3 Code
Queanbeyan	10102
South Coast	10104
Shoalhaven	11401
Snowy Mountains	10103



Activity Milestone Details/Duration

Activity Start Date

27/01/2020

Activity End Date

29/06/2022



Activity Commissioning

Please identify your intended procurement approach for commissioning services under this activity:

Not Yet Known: No

Continuing Service Provider / Contract Extension: No

Direct Engagement: No

Open Tender: No

Expression Of Interest (EOI): No

Other Approach (please provide details): Yes

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Has this activity previously been co-commissioned or joint-commissioned?

No

Decommissioning

No



BF - 3 - BF3 - Expansion of Mental Health Services



Activity Metadata

Applicable Schedule *

Mental Health Supports for Bushfire

Activity Prefix *

BF

Activity Number *

3

Activity Title *

BF3 - Expansion of Mental Health Services

Existing, Modified or New Activity *

Existing



Activity Priorities and Description

Program Key Priority Area *

Mental Health

Aim of Activity *

To increase the availability of low intensity short to medium term mental health services for people affected by bushfires.

Description of Activity *

Expand the provision of existing mental health services to people affected by bushfires in the SENSW region and in line with our localised stepped care approach. This will include a focus on low intensity service provision to those experiencing stress, trauma and/or loss and grief. The priority will be expanding service provision through existing providers where they have capacity, including AMSs in affected areas.

Needs Assessment Priorities *

Needs Assessment

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Priorities

Priority	Page reference
Mental health and suicide prevention – community capacity and resilience	55
Mental health and suicide prevention – equitable service distribution and access	55
Mental health and suicide prevention – regional and local coordination	55



Activity Demographics

Coverage

Whole Region

Yes



Activity Milestone Details/Duration

Activity Start Date

26/01/2020

Activity End Date

29/06/2022



Activity Commissioning

Please identify your intended procurement approach for commissioning services under this activity:

Not Yet Known: Yes

Continuing Service Provider / Contract Extension: No

Direct Engagement: No

Open Tender: No

Expression Of Interest (EOI): No

Other Approach (please provide details): No

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No

Decommissioning

No

Co-design or co-commissioning comments

Co-design process included input from the two LHDs in the region.



BF - 4 - BF4 Supporting Communities in Recovery Community Grants



Activity Metadata

Applicable Schedule *

Mental Health Supports for Bushfire

Activity Prefix *

BF

Activity Number *

4

Activity Title *

BF4 Supporting Communities in Recovery Community Grants

Existing, Modified or New Activity *

Existing



Activity Priorities and Description

Program Key Priority Area *

Mental Health

Aim of Activity *

To strengthen community connectedness and assist communities in the recovery process through the provision of small grants to organisations in bushfire affected regions.

Description of Activity *

Continued facilitation of grant program including promotion of grants to affected bushfire communities, assessment of applications and development/processing and management of contracts.

Needs Assessment Priorities *

Needs Assessment

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Priorities

Priority	Page reference
Disaster response – commissioned services	54
Disaster response – coordination and support	54
Mental health and suicide prevention –	55

community capacity and resilience	
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Activity Demographics

Coverage

Whole Region

Yes



Activity Consultation and Collaboration

Consultation

Regional Bushfire Response committees.



Activity Milestone Details/Duration

Activity Start Date

27/01/2020

Activity End Date

30/12/2022

Other Relevant Milestones

The initiative went live on 5 Feb 2020. The initial round was an open application process with ongoing assessment, with the second round having an open and close date for grants to manage community expectations.

Deliverables were delayed in many instances due to COVID-19 interruption to planned activities. Grant extensions have been offered to grant recipients due to implementation delays incurred by COVID-19 lockdowns.



Activity Commissioning

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Continuing Service Provider / Contract Extension: No

Direct Engagement: No

Open Tender: No

Expression Of Interest (EOI): No

Other Approach (please provide details): Yes

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No

Decommissioning

No



BF - 7 - BF7 Community Wellbeing and Participation



Activity Metadata

Applicable Schedule *

Mental Health Supports for Bushfire

Activity Prefix *

BF

Activity Number *

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Activity Title *

BF7 Community Wellbeing and Participation

Existing, Modified or New Activity *

Existing



Activity Priorities and Description

Program Key Priority Area *

Mental Health

Aim of Activity *

This activity aims to deliver a place-based response to the non-clinical needs that were identified through local consultation in the bushfire affected local government areas of Bega Valley, Eurobodalla, Queanbeyan-Palerang, Shoalhaven and Snowy Monaro.

Description of Activity *

SENSWPHN has undertaken detailed consultation with communities, service providers, local government, the NBRA and subject matter experts to identify non-clinical, community-based activities to support mental health and community wellbeing.

Specific initiatives have been commissioned for each affected local government area:

Bega Valley - outreach rural support workers and child and family support worker

Eurobodalla - Aboriginal-identified outreach rural support worker and expansion of Eurobodalla Shire Council's volunteer program to support bushfire affected communities

Queanbeyan-Palerang - outreach rural support workers

Shoalhaven - child and family support worker, Aboriginal-identified rural support workers

Snowy Monaro: child and family support worker, rural men's support initiative.

Significant delays in implementation due to COVID-19 restrictions necessitated the extension of all provider contracts which will now deliver the activities through until Dec 2022.

Needs Assessment Priorities *

Needs Assessment

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Priorities

Priority	Page reference
Disaster response – commissioned services	54
Disaster response – coordination and support	54
Mental health and suicide prevention – community capacity and resilience	55



Activity Demographics

Coverage

Whole Region

No

SA3 Name	SA3 Code
Jervis Bay	90103
Queanbeyan	10102
South Coast	10104
Shoalhaven	11401
Snowy Mountains	10103



Activity Milestone Details/Duration

Activity Start Date

31/08/2020

Activity End Date

30/12/2022



Activity Commissioning

Please identify your intended procurement approach for commissioning services under this activity:

Not Yet Known: No

Continuing Service Provider / Contract Extension: Yes

Direct Engagement: No

Open Tender: No

Expression Of Interest (EOI): No

Other Approach (please provide details): No



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Open Tender: No

Expression Of Interest (EOI): No

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