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LMDRF Esperance Appeal to Close

Donations to the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund for victims of the Esperance fires will close at the end of the year.

Last month's fires claimed four lives and caused wide-spread damage to property and infrastructure.

Donations made to the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund have reached almost \$1.4 million to date.

Chair of the Board, Lord Mayor Lisa Scaffidi, said financial assistance has begun to be issued to those most affected, including next-of-kin of the deceased and residents who lost their home.

"All eligible members of the community impacted by the fires are encouraged to apply for financial assistance," Ms Scaffidi said.

"During my recent visit to Esperance I spoke with people and families affected by the fires, and I know they will benefit from the generosity of people who have donated to the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund.

"The Board is hopeful the majority of claims will be received during January, which will allow for another distribution of funds to be made."

The appeal will close on Thursday 31 December 2015.

All people who may have suffered personal hardship and distress arising from the fires are encouraged to lodge an application for assistance as soon as possible.

The Board is continuing to process applications received by the Shire of Esperance.

Seven categories of assistance have been developed.

For more information regarding grant assistance categories or for online application forms, visit www.appealswa.org.au

People can also access an application form directly at the front counter of the Shire of Esperance.

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