

## **Grants from Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund distributed to help communities rebuild**

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To date, a total of \$1,744,000 has been distributed amongst 73 applicants affected by the Perth Hills fires in February. 120 residents from the Gascoyne-Mid West area have received a share in \$1,131,044 to assist in repairing the damage from December's floods. \$257,500 has also been disbursed to the Lake Clifton area with 15 people receiving assistance following the January fires. A further round of payments is to be considered in coming months.

Lord Mayor Lisa Scaffidi said that the one positive from these disasters has been the response from fellow Australians to remove some of the financial burden facing residents in the affected areas. "The people of Western Australia have shown great compassion and generosity especially given the number of other disasters that hit our country and regional neighbours in a short time-period," she said. "These funds donated will help the rebuilding process for our WA communities," Ms Scaffidi said.

Grants from the Fund are available to help those who suffered personal hardship due to damage to their residence, property, furniture or personal effects as a result of the fires and floods. The City of Perth administers the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund and therefore no administration costs are incurred. For those with longer term needs, applications for assistance from the LMDRF can still be made via the LMDRF website