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# Baptist Union of NSW Relief Fund

## PURPOSE OF THE RELIEF FUND

To support people in need across NSW and the ACT.

## OPERATION OF THE RELIEF FUND

Relief Grants are approved based on applications for assistance received from the ministers/pastors of Baptist Churches throughout NSW and the ACT. The beneficiary of a Relief Grant may be anyone in genuine need within the local community, regardless of whether or not they are associated with a Baptist Church.

Relief Grants are usually paid through the local church, which provides the following benefits:

- ensures that the monies provided actually go to the purpose stated in the application.
- facilitates ongoing contact between the church and the relief beneficiary, acknowledging that money is only one aspect of the ongoing support normally required by a relief beneficiary.
- supports local business as goods are purchased in the local area, rather than being purchased elsewhere and transported.

## TYPES OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE RELIEF FUND

Listed below are examples of the purposes for which Relief Grants have been approved in the past.

- payment of Council Rates
- purchase of food
- purchase of seed for planting
- purchase of diesel fuel
- payment of electricity and phone bills
- purchase of feed for livestock

## IN SUMMARY

Ministers and pastors of Baptist Churches confirm the need is genuine and advise how the Relief Fund can be of most assistance.