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Volunteers devote their time to help others but sometimes can find themselves in difficult financial crisis. Unforeseen emergencies such as loss of work, family illness &/or death, accidental injury or even drought, can place significant financial burden on our volunteers.

The VFBV Volunteer Welfare Fund provides assistance to:

- members
- their families and
- eligible past members

through difficult periods with the provision (on application) of small emergency relief grants.

The VFBV Volunteer Welfare Fund has been established to assist in ensuring the ongoing health and welfare of Volunteer members and their families experiencing significant financial hardship. The fund provides small welfare grants, on a needs basis, that may assist in alleviating stresses impacting on the individuals' ability to maintain their involvement as a volunteer.

All applications received are treated in the strictest confidence.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Application for a welfare grant is to be completed by the brigade captain and the brigade secretary in collaboration with &/or on behalf of the claimant. Particulars of the case should be clearly described to enable the committee to make an informed decision.

Both the brigade captain and secretary are required to finalise the application by providing their recommendation, verification and signature.

Verified applications along with all supporting documentation are to be forwarded to the Fund Secretary by the brigade secretary.

Applications for a welfare grant will be determined by the Committee of Management and every decision will be final and without appeal.

All applications will be totally confidential and are to be processed with the utmost discretion.

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More information Contact Us Make an Application

For more information, to read the fund rules, to understand the application process or to receive an application form in the first instance, please contact your Brigade Secretary. or Visit our website www.vfbv.com.au

or Contact:

The Fund Secretary VFBV Volunteer Welfare Fund PO BOX 453 Mt Waverley Vic 3149 4 Lakeside Drive Burwood East Vic 3151

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FUNDING

In May 2008, The State Government committed to providing a one off capital injection of \$2M to assist VFBV to establish a self-sustaining welfare fund for all CFA volunteers.

These funds combined with funds held by the VUFBA Volunteer Welfare Fund, which has been providing support to urban volunteers since 1913, have been invested and the return on these investments together with annual subscription fees will be used to provide ongoing support to volunteers.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

The fund is administered by VFBV via a Welfare Fund Committee of Management which consists of the President and Vice President of VFBV and four members elected annually by the State Council.

The committee is responsible for the management of the fund including its investments, compliance, governance and procedural arrangements.

The committee also receives and determines the merits of each application for a fund grant.

MEMBERSHIP

VFBV affiliated Brigades will be entitled to subscribe to the fund through an annual payment of a welfare fund subscription fee.

The fee will be set annually by the Welfare Fund Committee of Management and approved by the VFBV Board. The setting of the fee will be based on the fund's prior year's income and expenditure trends.

The fee may be adjusted each year to ensure the funds capital base is not eroded. The intention is that the fee remains affordable for brigades.

ELIGIBILITY

Brigades need to be affiliated with VFBV in order to subscribe to the VFBV Welfare Fund.

Membership of the Welfare Fund requires payment by brigades of an annual subscription fee.

Brigade membership entitles coverage for volunteer members of that brigade, as well as any ex-member of a brigade who was a registered volunteer for 20 years or more.