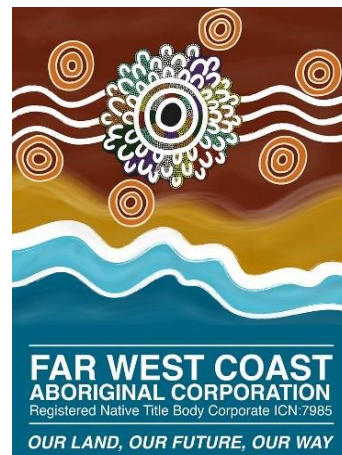


Exceptional Circumstances Policy and Application form



PURPOSE

The intent of this policy area is to provide a financial contribution towards essential items and/or services when an exceptional circumstance occurs, and funding cannot be obtained from any other agency or means (An exceptional circumstance is defined as an extremely rare event and not a circumstance that regularly occurs within a community).

The funding assistance is not intended to cover members for their general costs of living when they experience financial hardship for any other reason.

WHO CAN APPLY?

- FWCAC registered member
- Aboriginal people currently living in the Native Title Determination area for at least 10 years.
- Any person who is the primary carer of a FWCAC eligible child under the age of 18 years.

WHAT TYPES OF MATTERS MAY BE FUNDED?

When an extremely rare events occurs such as:

- Natural disaster occurs (such as flood, fire, explosions) and it is confirmed that another agency is either not available and/or cannot support the applicant.
- Other rare incidents occur that severely affect a member's ability to remain safely in their own home (e.g serious crime).

Funding for the above events may be considered for the following priority areas:

- a) Temporary accommodation (up to a maximum of 3 nights) when it is unsafe for a member to remain in their home where other agencies aren't able to assist.
- b) Pharmaceutical supplies
- c) Food and/or clothing

- WHAT TYPES OF MATTERS WILL NOT BE FUNDED?

- Funding will not be provided when:
 - a) funding from an application under another FWCAC policy area has been fully spent.
 - b) An application under another FWCAC policy area has been declined due to not meeting the policy criteria.
 - c) Funding has already been received, or is being received for the same purpose from the FWCAC Group (i.e duplicate, simultaneous or concurrent funding).

- An application received from a person applying on behalf of a FWCAC eligible child, and the applicant is not the primary carer of that child.
- More than 1 application per event.
- Any loss or damage to an applicant's business
- Utilities such as power, water, phone
- Capital items
- Hire vehicles, taxis, and Uber services.
- Vehicle registration, insurance, repairs and maintenance or vehicle mileage for travel
- Alcohol, gambling or tobacco products.
- Any loss or damage to an applicant's business interests
- Loss of property or personal items due to:
 - a) Failure of utilities
 - b) Lack of maintenance
 - c) Failure of applicant to manage their finances
- Household repairs and maintenance.
- Legal fees
- Credit cards or loan repayments.
- Birthday arrangements.
- Nungkri services including fuel and accommodation to see a nungkri.
- Direct payment of cash and/or bank deposits to individuals.
- Reimbursement of costs already paid by or on behalf of the applicant.
- Cost to attend and appear in judiciary matters.

- MANDATORY CRITERIA

In assessing applications, the Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation requires applicants to meet all of the mandatory criteria:

- Evidence supplied of the exceptional circumstance.
- Evidence is required of assistance sought from other agencies.
- This application is restricted to applicants residing in South Australia.

- APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applications for funding must:

- Be in writing and in the approved application form as provided by the Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation.
- Nominate the amount of funding assistance required.
- Be submitted to the mailbox or email address on the application form.
- Address the mandatory criteria outlined in the policy.

POLICY GUIDELINES

- Where other agencies have specialised responsibilities to provide funding, FWCAC staff may redirect members to those agencies for assistance.
- Applications will be subject to the policy and funding criteria at the time the application is lodged.
- The FWCAC board sets an annual budget per policy once the expenditure has exceeded its annual allocation, funding assistance may be declined.
- FWCAC funding is a contribution toward the cost, not necessarily the whole cost.
- Any travel & accommodation arrangements will be made by FWCAC staff using the most cost-effective arrangements for FWCAC
- Payment is made to suppliers only.

EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES APPLICATION FORM

1. Applicant

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth

Residential /Postal Address

Phone

Email

Are you a registered member of the Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation (please circle)?

Yes / No – Please list your parents/grandparents (below)

Please list below any or other Native Title Groups you are associated or registered with?

2. What would you like help with?

3. Supporting Documents

Please attach supporting documents such as quotes, evidence to support the exceptional circumstance.

Description of expenses	Name of supplier (who is being paid?)	Date Required	Amount required
			\$
			\$

4. Your contribution?

Are you able to contribute toward this? **Yes / No** If yes, how much? \$_____

5. Other Funding

Please list below the amount of any other funding or assistance from other organisations

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6. How will this funding assistance help you?

7. Applicant's Declaration

- I acknowledge that staff from the FWCAC will make enquiries about this application.
- I understand that incomplete applications will not be considered.
- I authorise FWCAC staff to make enquiries to any other agency or organisation to assist with my application for funding.

Signed

X

Date

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Please return the completed application form to:

Post: Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation
PO Box 596
CEDUNA SA 5690

FWCAC Building at -
62 Poynton Street
CEDUNA SA 5690

Email: administration@fwcac.org.au

Phone: (08) 86253340