

Flood Relief

Impact Report

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The 2022 floods that impacted huge areas of NSW and QLD came on the heels of an already mounting housing crisis, a chronic lack of affordable rental housing, and a growing Omicron COVID-19 outbreak.

As the disaster unfolded, it was important to direct and prioritise support to people who were experiencing multiple vulnerabilities. StreetSmart moved quickly to allocate and raise funds. Our supporters responded.

We know many people in the flood affected areas have been living rough, in cars, in poorly maintained caravans, boarding houses and other temporary shelters. Their first port of call for help is to the organisations that have already been supporting them, outreach teams, neighbourhood centres, local volunteer groups, close to where they live or stay. That's where our support has been going.

The generous response from StreetSmart's supporters and network from March through June has resulted in 24 grassroots organisations on the east coast of NSW and QLD receiving a total of \$111,000 in grants and \$62,500 in material aid. With a focus on local-led recovery and support that filled the funding gaps for organisations resourced to respond to the immediate needs of their flood affected communities.

**PROVIDING
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IN CRISIS.**

As flood waters rendered homes uninhabitable and endangered people living in cars, caravans, and sleeping rough, immediate funding to Micah Projects, and The Recovery Project, allowed their teams to rapidly respond to the needs of already vulnerable people. Micah Projects 'Street to Home' team were immediately out and about in Brisbane, helping dozens of people off the streets and into emergency accommodation as flood levels rose, while The Recovery Project assisted 200 people who had lost homes into safe accommodation.

"We have many women and children simply unable to support themselves, with lost jobs, lost homes and a shortage of accommodation in the area, so they need to spend much more than the average rent to pay for airB&B or hotel/motel type accommodations. This grant will help meet these costs of our rental subsidy program assisting very vulnerable women and children."

**Women's Village Collective,
Byron Bay**

"We are getting the Winsome back in order for the provision of our food, accommodation and social services, and we are also working with a local builder to help fund the restoration of the homes of some vulnerable people in our community."

The Winsome, Lismore



"Our crisis accommodation at Helen's Haven (8 rooms) went under in the floods. We established a temporary evacuation centre for our tenants and other flood affected people who were being evacuated from their homes, made homeless in the floods. The grant is facilitating accommodation for people, providing bedding, food, clothing and essentials."

Goodna Street Life, Goodna

SUPPORTING GRASSROOTS SERVICES.

1,800 people assisted with food and material aid

As demand for food relief and basic essentials rose, frontline organisations ramped up their emergency services to displaced communities. With a \$2,500 grant, Shining Star covered fuel costs for their van to deliver frozen meals, non perishable food hampers, and urgently needed homeless packs to those sleeping rough or escaping domestic violence in the greater Bradbury area. In areas where power was cut and public transport halted, FareShare reached 250 people in need of food relief, with a \$2,500 grant covering transport, electricity, and packaging costs.



“Thread Together have established an emergency clothing hub in Lismore, located at the North Lismore Showgrounds. The hub opened on 6 March and has been supporting hundreds of vulnerable people in the community across the Northern Rivers regions. In addition, Thread Together deployed 2 mobile wardrobes into the regions to deliver brand new clothes and shoes to isolated communities. Your donation has helped us provide new clothing to 500 Australians in need.”

Thread Together, QLD/NSW



“Your donation has made it much easier to help our community get back on their feet and moving forward. The Murwillumbah Community Centre we be the first point of contact for any individual needing assistance, and the \$2500 grant was spent on our emergency relief program providing essential supplies, food vouchers, food hampers, and clothing.”

Murwillumbah Community Centre

**SUPPORTING
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16% of funding supported Indigenous Australians.

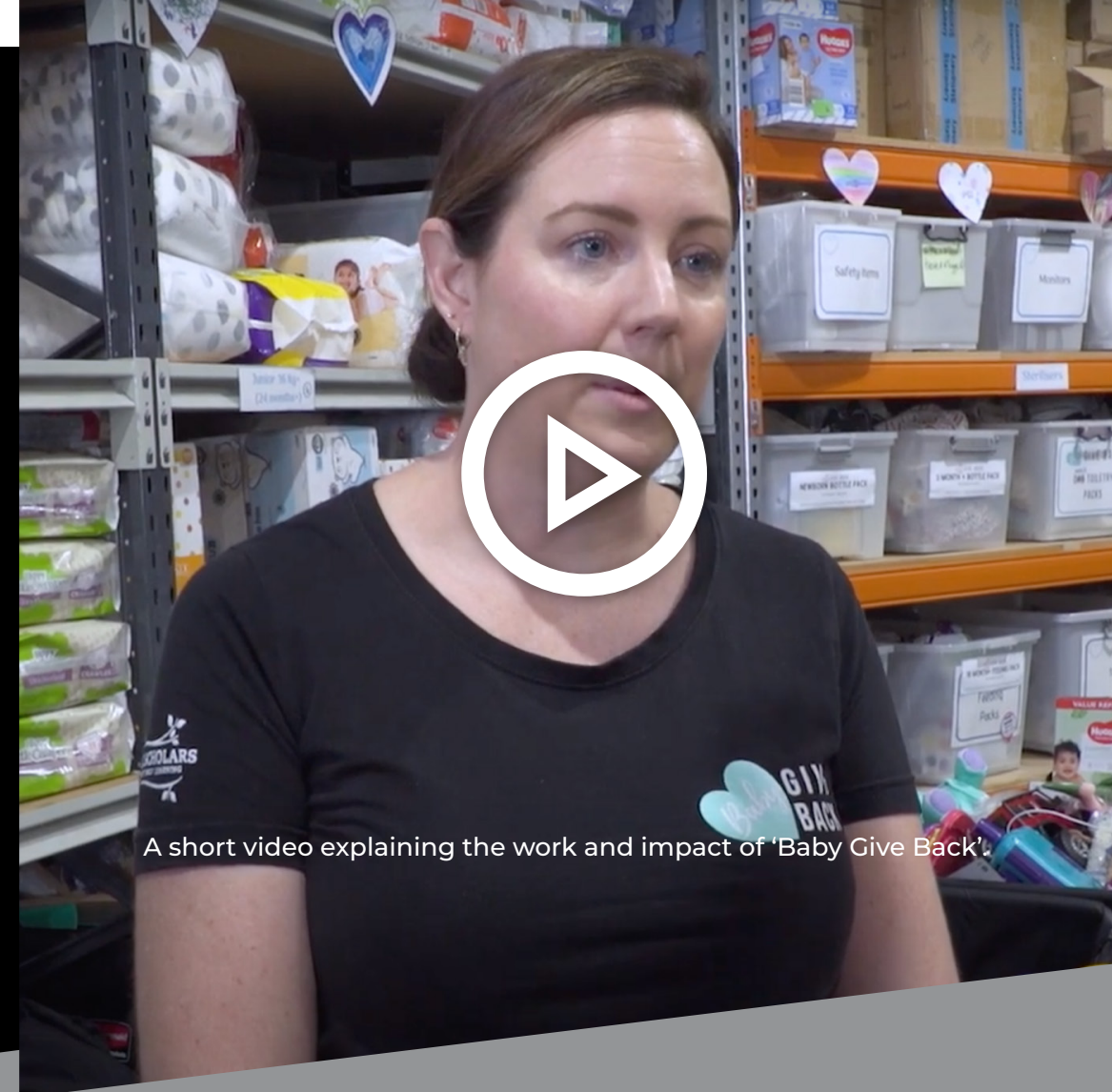
Disasters most acutely impact people already living on the margins and coping with overlapping disadvantages. StreetSmart's Flood Relief funding focused on resourcing and equipping community groups already working with these groups including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, those escaping domestic violence, at-risk youth, and people sleeping rough or in caravans.

With \$9,000 of funding, Baby Give Back delivered support packs and baby supplies to struggling families and children across NSW and QLD, coordinating the influx of donated goods to ensure materials were making the biggest impact.

Mudyala Aboriginal Corporation used their \$2,500 grant to cover hire and delivery costs to help 5 families of 26 adults and children set up their new homes.

"With this support FareShare QLD will continue to cook and deliver meals to people impacted by the floods, in particular First Nations communities where levels of food insecurity are high."

FareShare, Brisbane



A short video explaining the work and impact of 'Baby Give Back'.

"We are delivering support to 100 households in our Gumaguy (family preservation) program with a geographic footprint across Tweed Heads to Grafton. Access to basic resources continues to be a challenge with families needing to share resources, with rising costs now adding undue strain to family circumstances."

Ngunya Jarjum Aboriginal Child and Family Network

**SLEEPSAFE
SLEEPKITS
FOR FLOODED
COMMUNITIES.**

4500+ Sleep Kits for flooded areas of NSW and QLD valued at \$67,5000

Through SleepSafe, a material aid program run in partnership with Sheridan, over four and half thousand free, high-quality sheets and towels were made available to Australians in QLD and NSW affected by the floods. The damage to homes and possessions left huge numbers of people and families in need of essentials, with frontline organisations reporting that there was a desperate need for household items and material aid. Along with distributing monetary grants, StreetSmart moved quickly to increase Sleep Kit supply to these areas, meeting needs as they arose.

*“The Immediate Supported Accommodation (ISA) and Emergency Relief team members at **Kingston East Neighbourhood Group (KENG)** Inc were very excited to receive the delivery of 120 SleepSafe Sleep Kits that are currently being dispersed to homeless families who are in dire need of fresh linen; a majority of whom lost most of their belongings during the recent devastating floods that impacted our community.”*



**CONTINUED
SUPPORT
NEEDED FOR
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DISPLACEMENT.**

“The flooding may have subsided but many communities are still in need of support. People across Queensland and Northern NSW have been pushed into hardship as a result of the floods, and vulnerable communities are now even worse off.”

- FareShare, Brisbane

The focus on flood communities has significantly reduced since April, yet thousands of people are still experiencing displacement, homelessness, food insecurity, and crisis in these regions. Emergency accommodation facilities like caravan parks and evacuation centres are at capacity, and delays in setting up government-funded temporary accommodation have left people in limbo.

“Many community members are still in tents on their properties, and many are living in local bushland. Some were lucky to find short term accommodation but were made to vacate for Easter holiday makers - displacing people seeking genuine emergency housing. Our closest unaffected town people are exhausted, supporting so many people in their own homes. Some people have had to move back into the shell of their homes, many with no real walls, and many kids are living away from their parents while it is unsafe.”

Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre

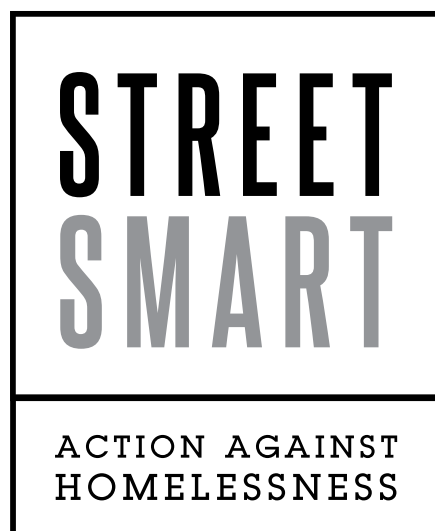


Complete list of StreetSmart Community Grants targeting support to flood impacted regions March - July 2022.

Organisation	Region	Grant
Baby Give Back	Sth QDL & Northern NSW	\$9,000.00
FareShare QLD	QLD - Brisbane	\$2,500.00
Goodna Street Life	Goodna, QLD	\$5,000.00
Hawkesbury Helping Hands	Windsor, NSW	\$9,000.00
Maitland Neighbourhood Centre	Maitland	\$3,500.00
Mental Health Support Group	Ballina	\$4,000.00
Micah Projects	Brisbane, QLD	\$5,000.00
Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre	Evans Head, NSW	\$9,000.00
Mudyala Aboriginal Corporation	NSW - Grafton	\$2,500.00
Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre	Mullumbimby, NSW	\$5,000.00
Murwillumbah Community Centre	Murwillumbah, NSW	\$9,000.00
National Disaster Management Services	Mullumbimby	\$4,000.00
Ngunya Jarjum	Lismore	\$4,000.00
Nimbin Neighbourhood & Information Centre	Nimbin	\$4,000.00
NORWACS	Lismore	\$4,000.00
Peppercorn	Hawkesbury	\$4,000.00
Resilient Lismore	Lismore	\$4,000.00
Shining Star Foundation	NSW - Sydney South West	\$2,500.00
StreetMed	NSW - Western Sydney	\$2,500.00
The Family Centre - Tweed Heads	NSW - Northern Rivers	\$2,500.00
The Recovery Project	Northern NSW	\$2,500.00
The Winsome	Lismore NSW	\$5,000.00
Thread Together	QLD/NSW	\$2,500.00
Women's Village Collective	NSW - Northern Rivers	\$6,000.00
Total Flood Relief Grants		\$111,000.00

Thank you to our donors and supporters for making our **Flood Relief** possible.

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which our organisation is located and where we conduct our business, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to Elders, past and present, and emerging. StreetSmart is committed to honouring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples unique cultural and spiritual relationships to the land, waters and seas and their rich contribution to society.



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