



State Emergency Relief Committee – Plan 2023

Vision: To work alongside the community relief and resilience sector with policy, advocacy and strategy to improve the outcomes for those experiencing poverty and financial hardship in Western Australia.

Strategic Area	Terms of Reference	Activities
State-wide collective advisory and advocacy of the Community Relief and Resilience sector to influence policy, funding and systems	1. Continue building the profile, reputation and consolidated voice of the SERC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High level and state-wide membership from emergency relief providers and relevant Peaks, Government Departments and funding bodies. Develop key SERC policy positions Represent SERC on relevant groups and forums
	2. Develop, promote and facilitate a collaborative response to issues relevant to the Community Relief and Resilience sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake sector consultations as needed Establish working groups as necessary Funding for backbone service delivery support
	3. Maintain an overview of the sector, including trends, changes and gaps in service delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mapping and reporting – regional networks; service provision and service models; the needs of people and families experiencing hardship
	4. Provide feedback to Government and the community sector on issues impacting the sector, and people and families who experience hardship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure SERC input into relevant government policy, procurement processes and sector practices Provide mechanisms for SERC input into WACOSS’s major policy papers, including Emerging Issues, Cost of Living and the State Budget Submission and others as needed Maintain a collection of relevant case studies (media) Investments in individual advocacy as well as systemic Ensure mechanisms to amplify lived experience Integrate WACONNECT analytics into activities
Capacity and sustainability of the Community Relief and Resilience sector to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of services	5. Identify challenges and support opportunities for continuous improvements to services responding to financial hardship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop strategies for responding to service gaps and identified needs Workforce development, stability and sustainability
	6. Maintain a shared and accessible space to capture and share information and resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain an accessible space to share information – WACONNECT, CORE Regular CRR Broadcast and other news and updates
	7. Identify and provide sector support as needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional development, presentations and workshops Advice and backbone assistance to regional and local CRR networks
Cross community sector stakeholder relationships and partnerships	8. Broker connections between Community Relief and Resilience sector with Government and other stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentations, conversations and consultations Industry meetings, feedback and submissions
	9. Promote alliances and collaboration between Community Relief and Resilience providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cross agenda and communications between SERC, FFWA, CRRF and local/regional networks Rotating meetings (when appropriate) Provide introductions
	10. Ensure mechanisms for broader dialogue and linkages across the sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish systems for the sector to share ideas, and report and liaise about issues Maintain a collaborative space to store and share information about services - WACONNECT, CORE Host regular forums and other events