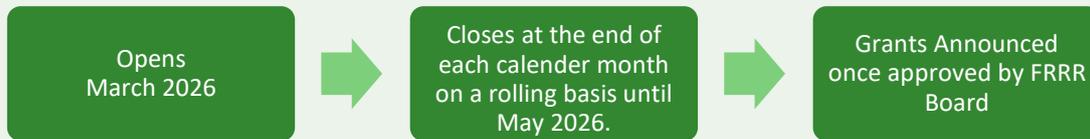


Key Dates



Note: Projects must be undertaken after approval and formal notification, and completed by the end of June, 2027.
Applicants will be notified a minimum of a month after submitting their application.

About FRRR

FRRR (Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal) supports remote, rural and regional communities across Australia to be vibrant, resilient, empowered and sustainable. We work alongside communities to catalyse locally led solutions, especially in areas facing systemic challenges.

To do this, we connect resources, build enduring local skills and knowledge, and reshape how rural and remote Australia is seen, valued and supported.

Learn more: frrr.org.au.

Program Information

Grant Purpose

Disaster Resilient: Future Ready (DR:FR) is a national program that helps remote, rural and regional communities to be better prepared for future disasters.

Funding is now available for locally based not-for-profit organisations for:

1. Local Community Initiatives that have been developed through the DR:FR Burnett Inland program and documented in Community Roadmaps.
2. Regional Initiatives that have been developed in collaboration with FRRR, Red Earth Community Foundation, the DR:FR Local Advisory Group, and other strategic partners.

All applicants are asked to discuss their proposal with the FRRR program manager prior to submission and will be assisted to develop and finalise the application, as required.

Funds Available & Criteria

There is \$340,496 available in total. Funds will be distributed as evenly as possible between the participating DRFR-BI communities.

- Organisations may apply for or hold more than one grant at any one time, provided the existing funded projects are sustainable and on track.
- Projects must be completed by the end of June, 2027.
- Applications up to \$100,000 are invited.

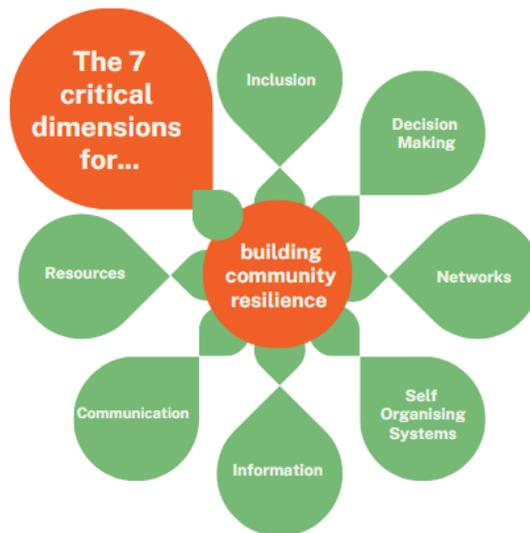
Priorities:

Funds are available to locally based not-for-profit organisations to activate disaster resilience initiatives that have been identified and co-designed with the broader community through the series of community workshops, and activities of the DR:FR Burnett Inland program.

All projects must reflect the priorities identified in local resilience plans / roadmaps, or regional initiatives endorsed by the local program DR:FR Advisory Group. The plans are available on the [DR:FR QLD Hub](#).

Applications should also demonstrate how the initiative will:

1. Build the skills, knowledge and capacity of local people or organisations to be better prepared for future disasters through new or strengthened:
 - a) Skills, capacity and knowledge;
 - b) Networks and self-organising systems;
 - c) Information sharing and communication;
 - d) Inclusion and decision making;
 - e) Tools, resources, or minor infrastructure; and
 - f) Initiatives that add value to local emergency planning.
2. Involve other key stakeholders, build partnerships and strengthen collaboration that will benefit local people in future disasters; and



Adapted from: Howard, A., Rawsthorne, M. and Joseph, P. (2022) Critical Dimensions in Community Disaster Resilience [Fact Sheet], University of Sydney for the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal

Projects or initiatives should add value to, and not duplicate, activities identified within Local Disaster Management Plans or other local initiatives.



The following project themes will be encouraged to apply:

- Youth focussed disaster preparedness;
- Disaster preparedness adaptation solutions considering the changing climate;
- NFP Capacity Building;
- Hyper-local initiatives in Cherbourg, Dallarnil, Kalpowar, Kumbia, Proston and Tansey that build on from DR:FR program learning.

What funds can be used for

A broad range of charitable projects / activities can be considered, including:

- Training for NFP organisations, staff, and volunteer leadership positions;
- Staff costs, where they specifically relate to the delivery of the project;
- Skilled support for specialist advice and support in specific areas;
- Delivering activities, events, programs and services;
- Purchasing or hiring equipment and materials;
- Volunteer and volunteer management development;
- Small community infrastructure projects;
- Organisational capacity building;
- Community resource development;
- Establishing and building local community networks and coordinating alliances;
- Meeting or event costs to establish or strengthen local networks that build resilience and capacity to respond to a disaster;
- Community information sharing that builds awareness about disasters and increases capacity to respond.

Note:

- Activities or projects should be able to demonstrate wide community support and involvement of a range of community groups / representatives.

There are several areas that we **can't fund** through this initiative. If in doubt, please contact us.

What Can't be Funded

- Projects that support core business and areas of responsibility of Federal, State and Local Governments;
- Ongoing core organisational operational costs (e.g. rent, utilities, regular wages, loan repayments);
- The encouragement or advancement of sport, recreation and social activities are not considered charitable activities under Australian law.

Applications from sporting organisations need to clearly demonstrate how they are delivering wider community outcomes beyond competitive sport.;

- Overseas travel and overseas projects;
 - Prizes, gifts, trophies, or awards;
 - Political lobbying;
 - Projects that primarily benefit private business, a sole trader, or private interests; and
 - Projects solely focussed on animal welfare.
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Program Guidelines

Eligibility

To apply, you must meet the following criteria:

- Applicant organisations must be a locally governed **not-for-profit organisation** in a DR:FR partnering community, with either an **Incorporation Certificate and/or an ABN (Australian Business Number)**. If you are unsure if your organisation is a registered not-for-profit (e.g. if you are a Co-operative, Other Unincorporated Entity, Public Company, or Trust), please contact FRRR;
- Project must be for charitable purposes and offer clear public benefit;
- Not-for-profit organisations with or without DGR-1 (Deductible Gift Recipient Item 1) endorsement are eligible;
- Projects must benefit communities in remote, rural or regional Australia.

Please note, you will be considered ineligible if the:

- Application is submitted by individuals, sole traders, private or commercial businesses (as per the submitted ABN);
- Application is submitted by an organisation that is not a legal entity (i.e. a registered not-for-profit), without the written consent of the governing / partnering body who holds the ABN / Incorporation Certificate;
- Application is submitted without required financial documentation (see below);
- Application is for a project or activity that has already occurred / is occurring prior to the announcement of funding;
- Final report/s from any FRRR grants awarded in the previous seven years have not been acquitted (delivery organisations should check with legal organisation to see if there are any outstanding final reports).

How to Apply

Before beginning your application, please contact Nancy Sposato, the DR:FR Program Manager to discuss your application: n.sposato@frrr.org.au.

If your project / activity is eligible, a secure link to FRRR's online application portal, Blackbaud Grants Portal, will then be sent to you to begin your application.

For help and information on applying for FRRR grants, visit our [resources page](#).

For support relating to the Blackbaud Grants Portal please phone FRRR on 1800 170 020.

Please read the information on the following pages. It sets out critical, additional information that we require and explains why it is important.

IMPORTANT NOTES RE: APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Please read the information below to support the planning and preparation of your project. It also sets out what you **MUST** include for your project to be considered. Contact FRRR if you have any questions about this information or any aspect of the application form.

Eligible Legal Entities

Every application needs to include an organisation that holds either an **ABN or Incorporation Certificate**. If your organisation doesn't have that, FRRR may still fund the project, but you need another organisation's support, which we refer to as the '**legal organisation**' (with your organisation being the **delivery organisation**). This situation often occurs when the organisation **delivering** the activity or project is a branch of an overarching organisation - such as a local CWA or YMCA branch. In this case, the CWA or YMCA would be the legal organisation.

Even though your organisation may complete the application (and will be doing the work), **it's the 'legal organisation's' legal and financial information that needs to be provided**. They also need to provide a [letter of support](#), confirming they are willing to play this role.

Why is this important?

This program is only able to distribute funds to not-for-profit organisations with an ABN or Incorporation Certificate, and FRRR needs to know that the organisation with that ABN / Incorporation Certificate understands and agrees to carry out their responsibilities in relation to your project, if successful.

Financial Information

Applications received without the requested financial information are ineligible. Providing incorrect financial information is currently the most common reason why applications are not able to be considered. Please provide financial information no more than 18 months old. You must include the organisation's:

- Annual income (total income in your financial year);
- Annual expenditure (total expenses in your financial year); and
- Current assets (from your audited financials, or bank balance minus any debts).

Please note

- Provide a brief explanation of any large financial surplus or current assets and reasons why FRRR funds are still required.
- Please explain any deficits and steps to sustain the organisation financially.
- Program staff may request further financial information for requests larger than \$50,000 and if deemed necessary to support the granting process.

Please contact us if you cannot provide required financials or are unsure about what to provide.

Why is this important?

FRRR uses this information to understand your organisation's financial viability and ability to manage grant funds.

Project Budget

You must include a project budget that clearly shows the total cost of items that FRRR grant funding would be used for (inclusive of GST) and that also shows all income and expenses related to your project.

Budgets should be realistic and must add up – i.e., total expenditure must match total income.

Applicant contributions in cash or in-kind are highly regarded. Quotes or detailed rationale for items over \$1,000 are required, where possible. Note: FRRR suggests costing unskilled volunteer labour at \$45.00 per hour.

For more info on costing volunteer labour, visit: <https://explore.fundingcentre.com.au/help-sheets/valuing-volunteer-labour>.

Why is this important?

A clear budget helps FRRR to understand the size of your project, exactly how FRRR funds will be spent and helps demonstrate community support for your project through in-kind contributions either from your organisation or partners / community members.

Supporting Materials

FRRR strongly recommends that you provide supporting materials such as [letters of support](#), [evidence of permission from the property owner](#), community plans, survey results, photographs, media clips and research reports that can show broad-community support and partnerships involved in the project. For more information on supporting documentation, [watch this recording](#).

Large documents should be referenced and explained in the application.

Why is this important?

FRRR seeks to fund projects that are well-supported by the broader local community, are locally led and delivered, show good partnerships, and benefit multiple parts of the community. As FRRR is not always familiar with your community, our staff consider support material as evidence toward understanding level of community need, benefit, and support.

Clear Project Information

A clear description of exactly **what** the grant funds will be used for, **when** and **where** the project will happen, **who** will benefit and **who** will be involved in delivering the project, **why** the project and grant funds are needed, **how** funds will be spent and **how** the activities and success of the project will be recorded, evaluated, and shared.

Where possible, we encourage you to make it really clear that your organisation is ready and able to deliver the project and, if required, provide ongoing support for the initiative.

Why is this important?

FRRR needs to clearly understand your project to assess its merits. Applicants should focus on addressing what, when, where, who, why and how of the project, as this is the best way to clearly communicate the details of the project.

A ready community is best placed to achieve the aims of your project, so during assessment, our staff look for information that tells us that good leadership, skills and awareness exist in your community to support the project now and in the future.