

# NSW COVID Regional Community Support Program

\$50,000 Capacity Building  
Stream grants

Grantseeker workshop



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# Welcome

In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community.

We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



# Who is FRRR?

The only national foundation specifically focused on ensuring social and economic strength in remote, rural and regional & areas of Australia, aligning government, philanthropic and community purposes and investments.



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# Key differences FRRR grants offer

- We approach grant-making with a strong level of understanding of “what it’s like”
- That people in local communities and community organisations know what is best for their community
- We make it as easy as possible in each of the stages
  - (application, assessment turnaround, reporting back)



# COVID Regional Community Support Program

- ▶ NSW Government Funded administered by FRRR
- ▶ For locally-based groups in remote, rural and regional NSW
- ▶ Two streams in the program to support community groups who have responded and are responding to COVID impacts and communities needs during the pandemic
- ▶ Capacity Stream Objective - Focus on building capacity within these organisations and communities to support ongoing community need during the pandemic and grow resilience to future shocks and stressors, such as a future pandemic.

# Capacity Building Stream – details

## ➤ Capacity Building Stream grants

- Up to \$50,000
- \$700,000 available



**Now open**

**Applications close 5pm AEST 26 May 2022**

**Announced August 2022**



- Successful applicants will have 12 months to deliver their projects

# Capacity Building grant funding stream

## Eligible Organisations

- ▶ Must have an ABN or incorporation certificate, or be auspiced by a group that does:
  - ▶ Not-for-profit organisations
  - ▶ Community groups
  - ▶ Volunteer-based groups
- ▶ High priority for funding to Aboriginal-controlled Community Organisations and NFP's located in smaller, more remote locations.
- ▶ Must be located outside Greater Metro Sydney with exception of City of Blue Mountains, Central Coast Council, City of Hawkesbury, Wollondilly Shire are all eligible.

## Eligible organisations must demonstrate projects that...

- ▶ Provide ongoing services to affected members of the community
- ▶ Build resilience within these communities to mitigate and respond to the pandemic and future disasters.
- ▶ Build capacity in the applicant's organisation or group to deliver services in communities

# What is Capacity Building?

## Capacity Building = Sustainability

- What do you need to keep doing what you do?
- Do you need something to keep doing more of what you do?
- Are you doing new things that you will keep doing and need something to make this happen?

# Example projects



Increasing capacity and capability of local community organisations to support preparedness and recovery from the impacts of COVID



Developing organisational skills, knowledge and confidence to address community needs



Bringing people and community organisations together in partnership or collaboration to foster stronger, more resilient communities



Building a sustainable volunteer base by resourcing volunteer-led efforts and/or supporting the wellbeing of volunteers



Building organisations ability to support a sense of identity, diversity and cultural connection within the community



Enhancing places where communities gather to receive support and/or services



Increasing access and inclusion for vulnerable and disadvantaged groups, including remote communities (including digital inclusion)



Building the organisational ability to promote connection to place and enable initiatives that champion a community's social, cultural or economic aspirations

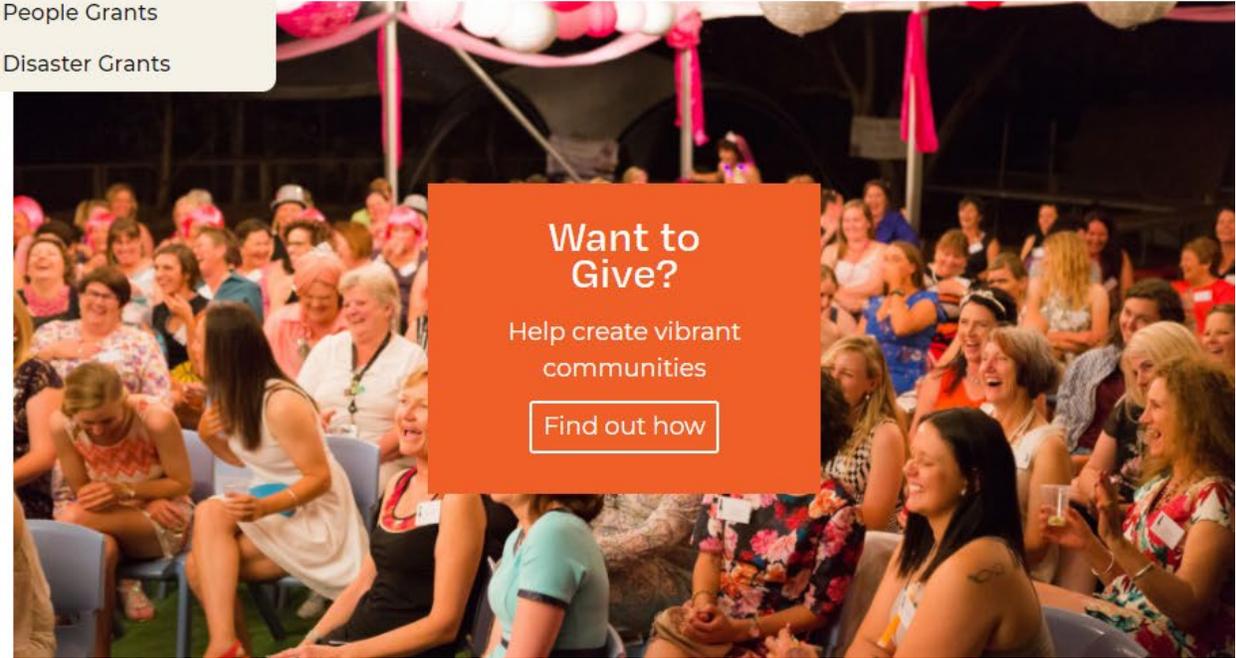


Enabling locally-led responses within remote, rural and regional communities endeavouring to reduce the impact of the pandemic and future disasters within their community

# Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal

The know and how to ensure the long-term vitality of rural and remote Australia.

- Funding
- Find funding now
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# Top Tips for Applying for a Grant - PLAN

1. Plan your project idea before you start to write the grant
  - What is it that you are wanting to do.
  - Think through the specifics of your project
  - **Make sure others in your organisation and the community are on board**

## HOT TIPS

- Make sure the idea considers the wider community – are others excited and enthusiastic about your project?
- Can you connect with other groups with similar ideas or interests to support or strengthen your project idea.
- Letters of Support show the community is engaged in your project

# Top Tips for Applying for a Grant - WRITE

- Write your application
  - Read and follow guidelines – note assessment dates
  - Follow all application instructions – including word limits
  - Allow plenty of time
  - Attach quotes, financials and letters of support
  - Clear budget that adds up!
  - Tell a compelling story about why is important to your community.

## HOT TIP:

- Grant makers assess what they have to hand – they do not always have time to chase up material you have not provided.
- FRRR staff are available to support you through the process.

# Writing the Application



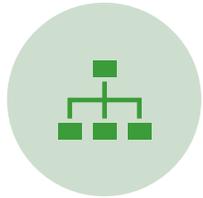
Use clear, simple language



Avoid technical language and define words where necessary



Spell out acronyms



Assume the reader knows nothing about your organisation, project or community



Use evidence to support claims



Use facts, not opinions



Be specific when answering questions



Make it clear how you are going to use the requested funds

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## Grantseeker resources

**Have all your grant-related questions answered and find all the know-how on grant seeking and funding.**

You can also sign up to [our monthly eNews](#) which contains Community Tips and all the latest updates on our grant programs.

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