

Introduction

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Welcome to FRRR's Telstra's Connected Communities Grant Program - Round 4 2026

Opens Tuesday 24 February 2026, closes 5pm AEDT, Thursday 26 March 2026

(For projects July 2026 - July 2027)

Tips for using the Telstra's Connected Communities Grant online application form:

- To assist in managing versions and to reduce the risk of losing work if an internet connection times out, we recommend preparing your application content in a Word document and then transferring your final application content to this Grants Portal form. Please [click here](#) for a print friendly version of this application form.
Working offline also makes it easier for multiple people to work on an application before entering your application into Grants Portal for submission.
- Remember to continually save your work in the online form as you move through the sections.
- **Please refer to the [Telstra's Connected Communities Guidelines](#) for further tips and information to support you to complete the application.**
- As always, if you require assistance to complete this online application form, the friendly FRRR staff are only a phone call away on Grant enquiries 1800 170 020.

Organisation

A. Legal Organisation

Legal Organisation - Name and Address

What is the legal name of the organisation?*

This is the name of your org on ABR - [Click here to go to ABR Lookup](#)

No answer

Organisation Street Address*

No answer

Legal Organisation - Legal and Tax Status

Is your organisation registered with an ABN - [ABR Lookup](#) *

No answer

Select Organisation Entity type [ABR Lookup](#) *

Please select **No ABN - N/A** if your organisation does not have an ABN.

No answer

Is the organisation registered for GST? *

It is not essential for your organisation to be registered for GST

No answer

Does your organisation hold any of the following? Select all that apply. *

No answer

Is your organisation an Incorporated Association? *

No answer

Legal Organisation - Financial Information

Legal organisation financials (the organisation associated with this application that has an ABN or Incorporation number). Please provide the following information regarding the legal organisation's financial situation*:

*For groups with less than 12 months of operation, please provide information on the organisation's current income and expenditure.

Annual Income*

Total income in financial year

No answer

Annual Expenditure*

Total expenses in financial year

No answer

Current Assets*

From your audited financials, or bank balance minus any debts

No answer

Legal Organisation - Head of Organisation

These contact details should reflect the person who is the head of the organisation (e.g Chair, President, CEO) as they MUST authorise the application,

NOT a subcommittee Chair, Secretary, Treasurer or Program Manager.

Important: Our correspondence regarding the outcome of your application will be sent here. If your application is successful, we will request Electronic Funds Transfer information from the contact listed here.

Head of Organisation Contact Details - please create 1 contact only:

Contact Details*

Please click on the **+ Add new** button to the right to enter the Head of the Legal Organisation Contact Details.

Records: 0

Legal Organisation - Project Contact

This person will be contacted if we have any questions about your project / application.

Important: Our correspondence regarding the outcome of your application will be sent to both the Head of the Organisation and you as the project contact. If your application is successful, we will request Electronic Funds Transfer information from the contact listed as the Head of the Organisation.

Project Contact details - please create 1 contact only:

Contact Details*

Please click on the **+ Add new** button to the right to enter the Project Contact details.

Records: 0

Legal Organisation - Overview

In what year was your organisation founded?

No answer

*** Current number of employed staff**

No answer

*

Current number of volunteers

No answer

*** Current number of committee members**

No answer

*

Provide a brief overview of your organisation (up to 200 words).*

For example: mission / purpose, major programs / activities.

No answer

FRRR is committed to supporting self-determination of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples, and to growing and improving our funding in this area. To do this, we require information about whether applicants working with, or delivering projects with First Nations communities are First Nations owned and controlled.

Please select the option(s) that apply to the legal organisation: *

No answer

Legal Organisation - Internet & Social Media

FRRR would like to link with your organisation through social media. Please provide your social media links where applicable.

Website Address

No answer

Facebook Address

No answer

Instagram Handle

No answer

Are you partnering with an organisation that will receive and hold the grant funds (auspice organisation)?

*

No answer

Project Information

Project Information

Project Title*

Please select a clear, concise and catchy Project Title that accurately summarises your project. Should your project succeed, this title will be featured on the FRRR website and in media coverage (maximum 60 characters)

No answer

Project Summary*

Please provide a summary of the key aim/s of your project. (maximum 300 words)

Use the following example to help write your summary including the key Program objective your program aligns to (*from below*) and why the funds are needed?

1. Liveable communities that have the digital capability to help individuals with the skills to live, learn & work in a digital society
2. Sustainable communities that are diverse and inclusive, planning for the health, wellbeing, and prosperity of their people and planet.
3. Resilient communities that are well prepared and socially connected when disaster strikes with the ability to renew and recover together.

The (*name of project*) will (*actively aligned with one of the above objectives*) to address (*main issues/problems/needs/opportunities*) for the purposes of benefitting (*target group, organisation, community*). It will bring about (*key changes achieved by your project*). Our organisation can achieve this objective because we(*describe unique organisational strengths/position to tackle the issues/problems/needs/opportunities*).

No answer

Project Activity Area

FRRR needs your help to better understand the issues communities plan to tackle with the support of an FRRR grant. This is important information for us, in reporting back to our donor partners and in building the case for more support. Please follow the two steps below to identify your Project Activity Area.

1. Identify Project Activity Area. To do this click on [Project Activity Tree](#) and follow the instructions on page one.
2. Select your activity area from the list.

Project Activity Tree*

No answer

What will you do? Tell us about your planned project, program or service you are seeking funds for. * (maximum 500 words)

What are the key activities that will be undertaken? What will the grant funds pay for? How does it benefit your community?

No answer

How have you involved your community in this project and what other groups or organisations are you working with? (maximum 500 words) *

No answer

Will your organisation be partnering with an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander organisation(s)/community(ies) to deliver your project? *

No answer

How do you know there is a need for your project? (maximum 500 words)*

How does it improve digital capability and support resilience, sustainability or liveability (via digital capability)? What local evidence and data demonstrates this? You can upload support material such as letters of support from community stakeholders or partners, community plans or data, survey results, media clips, photos etc to demonstrate the need.

No answer

Support Materials

Property Ownership

If your project involves improvements to land or buildings not owned by your organisation, please provide written confirmation from the owner of the land and/or buildings, noting 1) their ownership and 2) their approval and permission for the works described in this application.

A property ownership letter template is available [here](#). This can be used as a guide.

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Please add support materials to support evidence/need for project. These can include project plans, community surveys, media clips, letters of support and other local material to support need for your project.- (HIGHLY REGARDED)

A letter of support template is available [here](#). This can be used as a guide.

Letter of support

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Additional support materials

Attach up to 3 documents

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Photos

A requirement of this application process is a high-resolution photo (between 1MB to 10MB). The photo can be a group shot of staff or volunteers in your community organisation OR an action shot relevant to the project you are applying for. If you are successful, FRRR may utilise this photo in grant announcements and/or associated communications.

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Please use the box below if you would like to provide further information or context on any of your attachments (such as financials, support materials, photos).

No answer

What difference are you hoping your project will make to your community? (maximum 500 words)*

Who, which demographic of people, in your community will benefit from the project? How will things be different because of this project? How will you know what you've achieved, and what information do you plan to collect to help you understand that change?

No answer

When will your project happen? (maximum 200 words)

Please provide expected start date and outline when key activities will happen. See [guidelines](#) for key dates.

Please note: Projects cannot be funded retrospectively.

No answer

Project end date*

Estimated Project End Date | Please select the estimated date for project completion (if your application is successful, your Project Report will be due 8 weeks from this date). Please note - project duration may not exceed 12 months from the **latest** Project Start Date scheduled of 31 July 2026.

No answer

Where will your project happen?

Please tell us the following information about where your project will happen. For projects happening in more than one location, please indicate these in rows 2-4.

If your project is happening nationally please place "National" under Town Name.

e.g. Collie → 2827 → 109

Town*	State*	Postcode*	Population*
No answer	No answer	No answer	No answer
Town 2	State 2	Postcode 2	Pop of Town 2
No answer	No answer	No answer	No answer
Town 3	State 3	Postcode 3	Pop of Town 3
No answer	No answer	No answer	No answer
Town 4	State 4	Postcode 4	Pop of Town 4
No answer	No answer	No answer	No answer

Which Local Government Areas will this project cover?*

Select, up to 4 Local Government Areas.

Please follow the steps below to identify the Local Government Area(s) for the Project location(s) listed in the previous question.

Please follow the steps below to identify the LGA(s) corresponding to the project location(s) listed in the previous question:

1. Type the name of the Local Government Area into the search field.
2. Choose the correct LGA from the drop-down list.
3. To add more LGAs, place your cursor back into the field and repeat the search for each additional LGA.

No answer

Your project is not required to focus on the impacts of disasters. However, if it does there's a chance that it could open up opportunities to secure funding through different grant streams.

Has your community been impacted by a natural disaster/s?*

No answer

Please describe which natural disaster/s. (maximum 200 words)

Does this project respond to the impact of the disaster/s and / or help your community be better prepared for future disaster/s?

No answer

Briefly describe the main features of the community / communities where your project will occur. (maximum 200 words)

No answer

Please select the **most appropriate target group** options below:

Age Group*

No answer

Gender*

No answer

Does your project involve working directly with children / youth under 18?*

No answer

Does your organisation have policies and procedures regarding working with children, Working with Children Checks, and the handling of child abuse complaints? *

No answer

Select ONE option that best describes how your project will create change*

No answer

Please identify the project's primary outcomes.*

FRRR needs your help to better understand and track the outcomes of FRRR grants in rural, regional and remote communities around Australia. This is important information to support FRRR to report back to our donor partners and build evidence for more support. (you can select up to three)

No answer

Budget

Project Budget

Project Income	
Income item	Requested Amount*
Amount requested from FRRR	No answer

Amount your organisation will contribute

Org Contribution

No answer

Other funding sources

No answer

No answer

No answer

No answer

No answer

No answer

Total Cash Income

Total Income

\$0.00 AUD

In-kind Contributions

Applicant contributions in cash or in-kind are highly regarded.

Note: FRRR suggests costing unskilled volunteer labour at \$45 per hour.

For more information on costing volunteer labour visit [Funding Centre | Assigning value to your volunteer labour](#).

In-kind Support – Who**In-kind Support – What****Amount**

No answer

Total In-kind Contributions**Total InKind**

\$0.00 AUD

Additional information or comments regarding In-kind Contributions.

No answer

Expenditure

Provide a list of project expenses - e.g. "Kitchen materials (Oven \$798; Sink \$279; Dishwasher \$603)" "Amount - 1680"

Where possible, upload quotes for items over \$1,000 in the Quotes area below.

Expenditure item**Amount**

Description

No answer

Total Cash Expenditure**Total Expenditure**

\$0.00 AUD

What will FRRR funds pay for?

No answer

Budget Summary

Total Project Income

Total (FRRR request + Organisation cash contribution + Other cash contribution + In-kind contribution)

Total Project Income

\$0.00 AUD

Total Project Expenditure

Total (Cash Expenditure + In-kind Contribution)

Total Expenditure

\$0.00 AUD

Balance - Total Income less Total Expenditure

Please note: Total expenditure must equal total income therefore balance should be zero.

Balance (Income Less Expenditure)

\$0.00 AUD

Quotes

Upload and attach copies of quotes, where possible, for items **over \$1,000**. Please note files can be no larger than 29MB.

Attach expenditure quotes here. (1 file only)

Click on the upload box below to **browse your files** and locate the document or **drag and drop** to load the document to the form.

Please note, files **cannot be larger than 29MB**.

No file uploaded

Additional expenditure quotes (1 file only)

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Confirmation

Application Confirmation Statement

To be endorsed by the Legal Entity Organisation for this project.

I confirm that this application is made with the knowledge and approval of the legal head of the organisation, and endorse this application and agree to the following conditions:

- Acknowledge and understand that this application will become the property of FRRR and that it may be provided to other funders;
- Agree to inform FRRR if the organisation has a significant change to its governance and/or financial situation;
- Agree that if successful, to provide banking details to FRRR within two weeks of receiving notification of the grant;
- Agree that if successful, to expend funding within the agreed term;
- Agree that FRRR can publish written content provided by me in this Application and agree to the terms of the [Photo and Audio Release](#) attachments I have uploaded.

I have read and agree to the above*

No answer

Name of authorised person completing this certification*

No answer

Position*

No answer

Date*

No answer