



Position Description

Program Advisory Committee member - Community Led Climate Solutions

Position Title	Community Led Climate Solutions (CLCS) Program Advisory Committee (PAC) member
Organisation	Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR)
Accountability	The CLCS PAC is a strategic level committee appointed in an advisory capacity to the FRRR Board. It has no executive authority. The Committee is chaired by a FRRR Board member.
Support	This is a voluntary position. The PAC is supported by the FRRR Climate Solutions Lead and Philanthropic Services Manager. Our aim is to have diversity of membership, so FRRR will consider supporting successful applicants to address barriers to participation. Support may also include reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses for undertaking Committee duties.
Time commitment	Members are appointed for a three-year term. The Committee meets for approximately two hours once every grant round, expected to be annually (usually via Teams and between 11.00am-1.00pm, or 1.00pm-3.00pm AEST/AEDT).

About FRRR

The Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal - FRRR - (phonetically: F-triple-R) - is the only national foundation specifically focused on ensuring the social and economic strength of remote, rural and regional communities.

FRRR's unique model connects common purposes and investment with locally prioritised needs, to create communities that are vital and resilient. Since FRRR's start in 2000, it has delivered over \$200M to more than 15,000 projects.



Program Background

The Community Led Climate Solutions (CLCS) program gives small remote, rural and regional communities across Australia the opportunity to access funds for a broad range of initiatives that directly and clearly benefit the climate resilience of local communities.

The Community Led Climate Solutions grant program is collaboratively funded by donors committed to enabling remote, rural and regional communities across Australia to drive local climate solutions that deliver positive social, economic and environmental benefits through education, engagement and action on clean energy; circular economies; decarbonisation; sustainable agriculture and food systems; biodiverse ecosystems or just transitions. Each program round may include several contributing donors, and the preferences of these donors may influence criteria, for example preferred locations. Two funding streams are currently available:

1. Grants of up to \$20,000 for a broad range of community-led initiatives that **must** achieve at least one of the following objectives:
 - Drive engagement, education and leadership in remote, rural and regional climate solutions;
 - Activate locally led opportunities to advance: the clean energy transition; climate adaptation; decarbonisation; or circular economies; or
 - Support just transitions to clean energy economies to help communities thrive.
2. A small number of **Scaling Grants of up to \$75,000** will also be offered through an Expression of Interest process. Scaling grants must do **all** the following:
 - Scale an existing locally led project to a more mature state;
 - Directly alleviate socioeconomic disadvantage;
 - Be able to demonstrate how their project is an appropriate solution to a demonstrated risk or impact of climate change; **and**
 - Improve the capacity of the local community to take an active role, or lead, in the mitigation or adaptation of climate change.

CLCS Program Advisory Committee

The CLCS Program Advisory Committee is a sub-committee of the FRRR Board. Committees are appointed by the Board via the recommendation of the Nominations Committee, (a subcommittee of the FRRR Board) and act in accordance with FRRR rules, policies, procedures, and values. As outlined in the Terms of Reference, Committee members serve for a period of three years.



The FRRR Board delegates Program Advisory Committees to assist in carrying out its duties in considering grant distributions and in the strategic oversight of programs that strengthen the social and economic resilience and vitality of remote, rural, and regional communities. The Committee is supported by FRRR Climate Solutions Lead and Philanthropic Services Manager (Secretariat).

Guiding principles and composition of the CLCS PAC are to ensure there is independence from the FRRR Board and management; a breadth of representation; a diversity of membership for gender, culture, age, abilities, and views; promotion of accountability and trust amongst FRRR stakeholders; and a donor partnership model that includes shared learning, shared value, practice development, and collaboration on the stewardship of funds and associated outcomes.

Key Responsibilities

The role of CLCS Program Advisory members is to contribute to achieving the objectives of the CLCS program, drawing on members' experience and knowledge. Specific responsibilities are to:

- ▶ Consider CLCS applications assessed and recommended by FRRR staff, advising on appropriateness of recommended grant initiatives in addressing or responding to identified or target issues, and ensuring equity of distributions in line with funding guidelines, program objectives, and funding availability. Agenda and supporting papers will be sent approximately one week prior to meetings. Members are expected to be familiar with the content;
- ▶ Contribute to the ongoing development of the CLCS grants program by contributing practical, policy, or strategic insights that assist in strengthening the rigour, relevance and effectiveness of the CLCS grants program;
- ▶ Willing and able to attend CLCS Program Advisory Committee meetings (see below);
- ▶ Willing to respect other people, perspectives, and the confidentiality of applicants; and
- ▶ Act in a manner that is consistent with the FRRR's Board constitution, strategy and values; and to the Committee's Terms of Reference.

Selection Criteria

1. Expertise and experience in relation to remote, rural and regional communities including a sound understanding of current and future community issues, particularly as they relate to challenges and opportunities brought about by climate risks, mitigation and adaptation;
2. Demonstrated understanding of the principles and practice of community development;
3. Experience in place making and/or place-based work;
4. Strong communication skills; and



5. Able to contribute positively through relevant experience and specialist expertise in one or more of the following:
- **Climate Solutions**, particularly as it relates to community-based projects tackling climate risks, mitigation or adaptation;
 - **Contemporary Grant making**, particularly in philanthropy;
 - **Working with local organisations**, which could include Local Government, volunteer not-for-profit organisations/management, or Aboriginal Controlled Community Organisations;
 - **Project management**, which could include infrastructure projects, or community development change management processes; and
 - **Building equity**, which could include experience with socially disadvantaged, disaster impacted, CALD or First Nations communities.

Selection Process

A selection panel will assess applications and provide shortlisted applicants to the FRRR Nominations Committee for consideration and recommendation to the FRRR Board which will make final decisions on appointments to the CLCS Program Advisory Committee.

Induction of New Members

Induction to the CLCS PAC includes receiving the committee on-boarding pack, pre-joining briefing, developing a member bio for distribution, and signing the Code of Conduct and Confidentiality Agreement. Teams' familiarisation will be provided if helpful.