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Future Drought Fund's Networks to Build Drought Resilience

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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 today.



Today's agenda

- Introducing FRRR
 - Who we are
 - What we do
- Future Drought Fund's Networks to Build Drought Resilience Program
 - Opportunity types
 - Key dates
 - Tips for grant seekers
- Questions

Please note:

The session will be recorded for public dissemination.

The recording, slides and FAQ's will be shared after the session.



Interactive poll

- How did you hear about today's session?





Our Mission:

Connecting good will
with good purpose for
the vitality of remote,
rural and regional
Australia.



About us

- A registered charity.
- Established in 2000 to stimulate and support rural and regional renewal in Australia in partnership with philanthropy, government and business.
- Governed by an experienced Board of Directors, as well as five Patrons (incl. Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia).
- Our vision is a vibrant, resilient, and revitalised remote, rural and regional Australia.



A national resilience agenda led from remote, rural & regional Australia

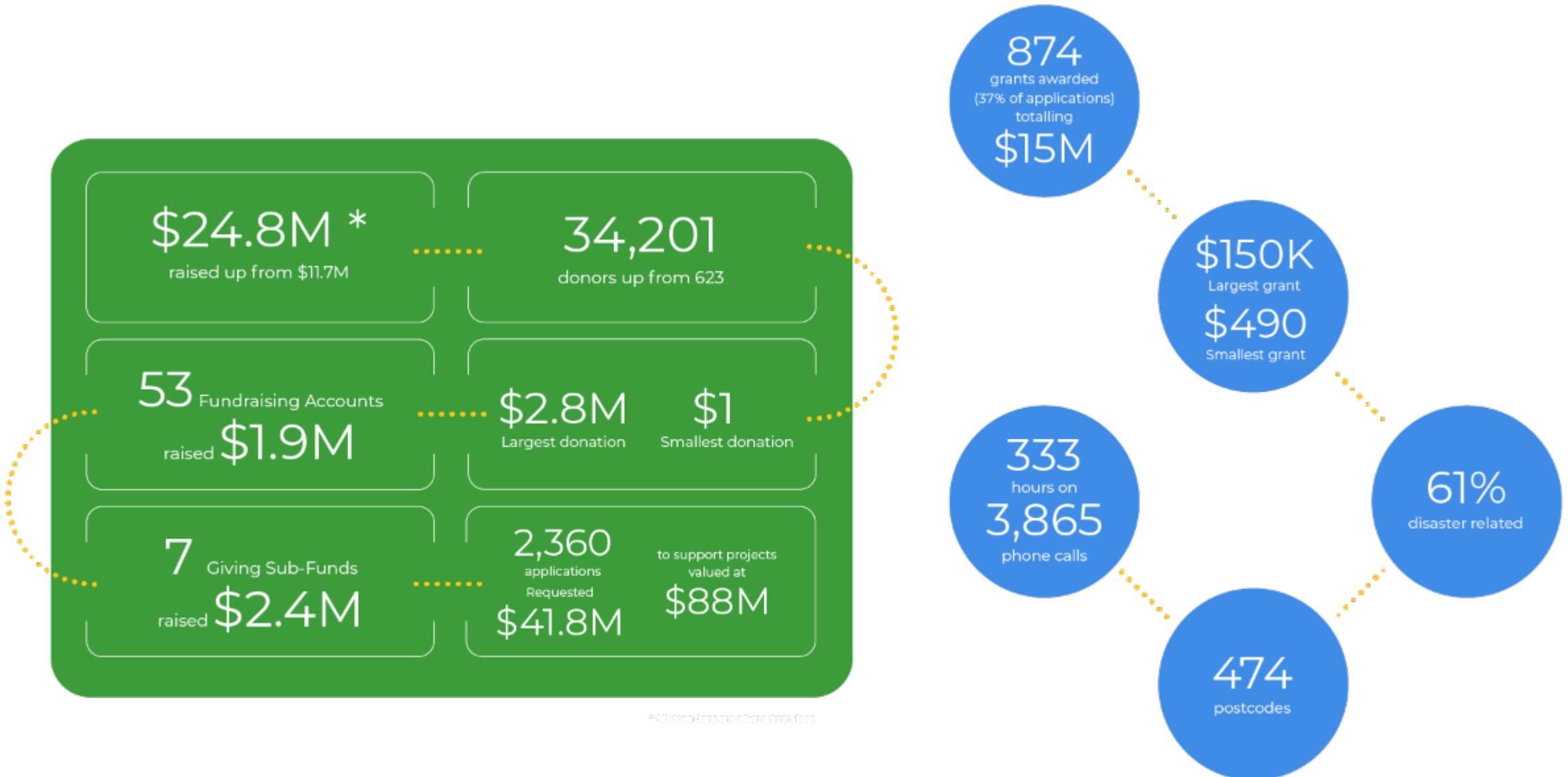


Support that's more than money

- 1. Grant & Develop:**
fund not-for-profit community organisations to implement local solutions to local problems
- 2. Leverage & Broker:**
partner with non-DGR NFPs to fundraise, receiving funds on their behalf for an agreed purpose; and
- 3. Insights & Learning:**
share our insights and make connections to advocate for remote and rural communities.



Our performance in FY 19/20





FRRR's grant programs

Our Grant Programs – three focus areas

People	Place	Disaster Resilience & Climate Solutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Strengthening Rural Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Small & Vital (<\$10k) ➤ Larger Leverage(<\$25k) ➤ Back to School ➤ Heywire Youth Innovation ➤ Investing in Rural Community Futures ➤ In a Good Place ➤ ANZ Seeds of Renewal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Strengthening Rural Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Small & Vital (<\$10k) ➤ Larger Leverage(<\$25k) ➤ Gardiner Dairy Foundation Community ➤ In a Good Place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Strengthening Rural Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bushfire Recovery (<\$25k) ➤ Tackling Tough Times Together ➤ Back to School – Bushfire Recovery ➤ Yulgilbar Foundation Fund ➤ Grants for Resilience & Wellness (2009 Vic. Fires) ➤ Grants for Resilience & Wellness - Kinglake (2009 Vic. Fires) ➤ Disaster Resilient: Future Ready ➤ Future Drought Fund’s Networks to Build Drought Resilience

Future Drought Fund's Networks to Build Drought Resilience

The background:

The Future Drought Fund (the Fund) is a long-term Australian Government investment fund established under the *Future Drought Fund Act 2019* and provides a sustainable source of funding to help Australian farmers and communities become more prepared for, and resilient to, the impacts of drought.

The purpose of the Fund is to enhance the public good by building drought resilience. The Fund is part of the Government's Drought Response, Resilience and Preparedness Plan.

Future Drought Fund's Networks to Build Drought Resilience Program

Context:

The \$4.5 million grant program is one of eight national initiatives funded under the Future Drought Fund by the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, and is part of the Australian Government's commitment to deliver the support that Australian agricultural communities need to be sustainable and productive.

It is one of many FRRR programs that build Climate Resilience within remote, rural and regional communities.

Future Drought Fund's Networks to Build Drought Resilience

Overview:

The Future Drought Fund's Networks to Build Drought Resilience Program provides agriculture-dependent communities across remote, rural, and regional Australia with the opportunity to access funds for a broad range of initiatives that directly and clearly benefit local communities to strengthen their *resourcefulness, adaptability, and capacity to thrive.*

Future Drought Fund's Networks to Build Drought Resilience

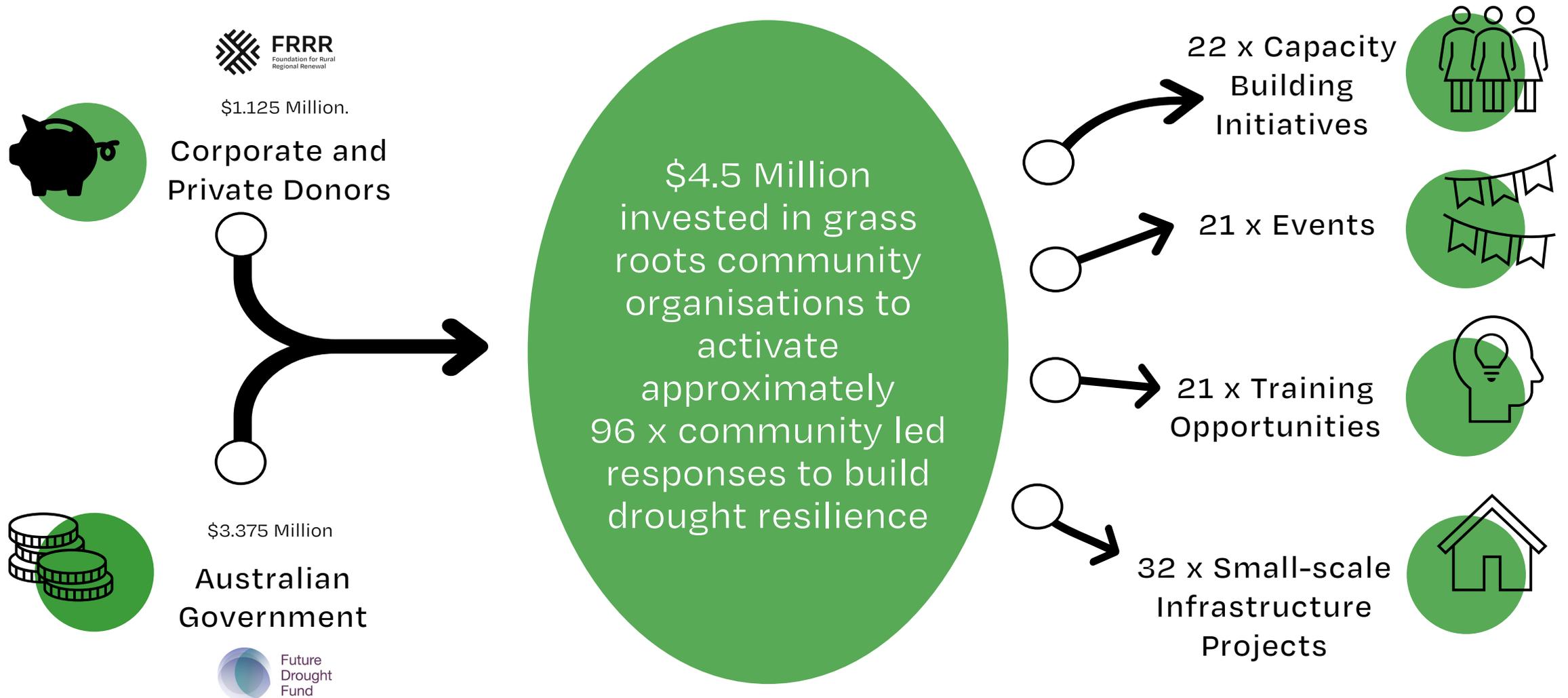
Purpose:

The program is designed to build strong social connectedness, strengthen **social capital**, and support transformative activities that enhance community level resilience to drought.

Outcome:

Ultimately, the Future Drought Fund aims to increase drought resilience – helping remote, rural and regional communities be more prepared for, and resilient to, the impacts of drought.

Where is the money coming from, and going to?



Future Drought Fund's Networks to Build Drought Resilience

So, how does it work?

The program enables a community-led, locally driven response to building drought resilience.

Community organisations can seek funds under one or more, of four different categories of funding, known as an 'Opportunity types':

1. Build community capacity
2. Events that build community connection and build understanding of climate risk
3. Enable/improve collaboration via networks
4. Upgrade small scale community infrastructure

Future Drought Fund's Networks to Build Drought Resilience

Opportunity 1 - Projects that strengthen the capacity, capability, and coordination of professional, social or community networks in agriculture-dependent communities to build drought resilience.

Criteria: Applicants must address how the proposed project will contribute to one or more of the following outcomes:

- Increase social connection in local networks;
- Increase community engagement, a shared sense of purpose and community belonging;
- Increase access, participation, and diversity in network participation; and/or
- Improve coordination and collaboration between social networks, other community organisations and sectors in local communities.

Future Drought Fund's Networks to Build Drought Resilience

Opportunity 2 - Events that facilitate professional, social and community connection to build understanding of risks posed by drought and climate change in agriculture-dependent communities throughout Australia.

Criteria: Applicants must address how the proposed project will contribute to one or more of the following outcomes:

- Increase opportunities for diverse people and communities to participate in networking events such as field days, conferences, forums, summits, and seminars;
- Build knowledge and understanding of *the risks posed by drought and climate change*;
- Contribute to building a positive community culture and provide people and communities with an opportunity to work collaboratively to solve problems;
- Foster higher rates of innovation in the local economy and agricultural sector; and/or
- Improve regional branding and recognition of local agri-food systems.

Future Drought Fund's Networks to Build Drought Resilience

Opportunity 3 - Training to improve the skills, understanding and capacity of community network members to participate in community risk management, planning and community driven projects that build drought resilience.

Criteria: Applicants must address how the proposed project will contribute to one or more of the following outcomes:

- Increase access to information and training to build drought resilience in their communities;
- Build knowledge and understanding of *the risks posed by drought and climate change; and/or*
- Increase the role and profile of professional, social and community networks in regional drought resilience planning.

Future Drought Fund's Networks to Build Drought Resilience

Opportunity 4 - Small-scale community infrastructure projects to foster connectedness, improve wellbeing and make community facilities resilient to the impacts of drought.

Criteria: Applicants must address how the proposed project will contribute to one or more of the following outcomes:

- Improve new and existing meeting places so they can be used year-round to support community wellbeing, improve connectivity, increase knowledge sharing; and/or
- Increase access to, broaden and increase community usage of the facility.

To read the guidelines in detail, and see project ideas visit:

<https://frrr.org.au/funding/disaster-resilience-and-climate-solutions/future-drought-fund-networks-to-build-drought-resilience/>

Future Drought Fund's Networks to Build Drought Resilience

So, how much, and how many grants are there?

The program supports three financial tiers of projects:

- › \$10,000 to \$20,000
- › \$20,000 to \$50,000
- › \$50,000 to \$150,000

Aiming for targeted spread of projects across funding tiers

e.g.: 50 (\$20k), 34 (\$50k), 12(\$150k) = 96 in total

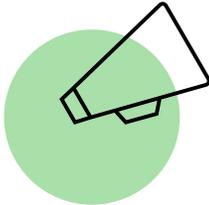
Aiming for an even spread of projects across Opportunity types

Future Drought Fund's Networks to Build Drought Resilience

So, how do people apply?

- › 1 application form for all tiers
- › Same application process for all tiers
- › Same open and close dates for all tiers
- › Organisations may apply for one or more 'Opportunity' Types eg: Event + Infrastructure
- › If unsuccessful in Round 1, they may apply in Round 2
- › Don't forget: Applications close at 5pm AEST
- › Need help? Phone us

Key Program Dates



Open: Round 1

Late May 2021



Promote/Engage

3 Community visits: June 2021
National Promotional Campaign



Close

Monday 5 July 2021
5pm AEST



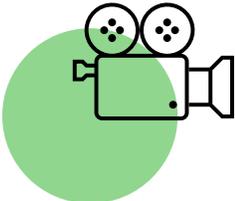
Announce

October 2021
Approx.: 50 Projects



Activity

25 October 2021 to
27 June 2022



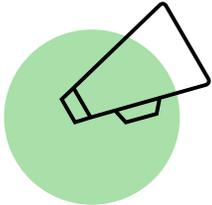
Documentation (part 1)

4 Case Studies & 2 videos
November 2021-May 2022

Project Reports must be submitted by
by 19 August 2022



Key Program Dates



Open: Round 2
20 September 2021



Promote/Engage
2 Community Visits: Oct 2021



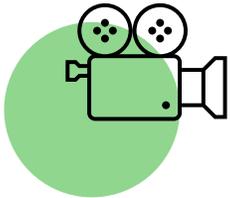
Close
Monday 1 Nov 2021
5pm AEST



Announce
February 2022
Approx: 50 Projects



Activity
28 Feb 2022 to
27 June 2022



Documentation (part 2)
Another 4 Case Studies, Another 2 videos
March-May 2022



Final Reporting + Audit
Project Reports must be submitted by
by 19 August 2022

Future Drought Fund's Networks to Build Drought Resilience Program

What is the definition of ?

- **Drought Resilience:** The ability to adapt, reorganise or transform in response to changing temperature, increasing variability and scarcity of rainfall, and changed seasonality of rainfall, for improved economic, environmental, and social wellbeing.
- **Agriculture-Dependent:** Agriculture-dependent communities refers to rural, regional, and remote communities vulnerable to the impacts of drought. (RA2 to RA5)
- **Networks:** Informal or established groups of people that meet to facilitate professional, social and community connection, resulting in improved community wellbeing over time.

Alternative support available: Strengthening Rural Communities Program

- Always open
- Three streams
 - Up to \$10,000 – Small & Vital grants
 - Up to \$25,000 – Larger Leverage grants
 - Up to \$25,000 grants – Bushfire Recovery projects
- Rural and remote communities
- Next close on 24 August 2021



Tips for securing grant funding

Tips on writing your application



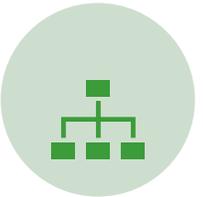
Use clear, simple language



Avoid technical language and define words where necessary



Spell out acronyms



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



Attach quotes, financials and make sure your budget adds up



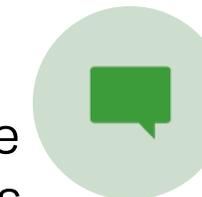
Use facts, not opinions



Be specific when answering questions



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



Remember the support letters!

Tips about eligibility & guidelines

- Must be **not-for-profit**
(cannot exist for private or commercial gain)
- Must have an **ABN** or be **Incorporated**
- Must offer a **clear public benefit**, be for **charitable purposes**, and address a need in the community
- Activity must take place in agricultural-dependent communities (rural, regional, and remote communities vulnerable to the impacts of drought-Remoteness Rating of RA2 to RA5)

Tips on what we cannot fund

- Ongoing core costs of your operations not related to the project i.e. wages, rent, electricity etc.
- Prizes, gifts, trophies or awards
- Projects that have already occurred
- Sporting activity
- Projects outside Australia
- Individuals, political parties, lobby groups or religious promotion

NOTE: The encouragement or support of sport, recreation and social activities is not considered charitable by the ATO. Sporting organisations can apply but must demonstrate benefit to the wider community, preferably with other local groups.

Tips to build your budget:

- Use the template in the application
- Expenditure
 - Consider all costs for the whole project including the less obvious – freight, marketing etc.
 - Get quotes for larger items/costs (i.e. more than \$500 or \$1,000 upwards)
 - Don't just make costs up! If you don't have quotes, explain estimate basis.
- Income
 - Co-contribution refers to funds that will be put toward the project by your own group and/or other partners, supporters
 - In-kind refers to services or labour provided voluntarily

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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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- How confident are you in writing a grant application after the session?
- How likely are you to apply for an FRRR grant?
- Has the webinar / online format been satisfactory?



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fund](http://haveyoursay.awe.gov.au/future-drought-fund)

03

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our grant-seeker
resources:

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seeker-resources/](http://frrr.org.au/funding/grant-seeker-resources/)

Questions?

Key Dates:

	Round Opens	Round Closes	Announced
Round 1	25 May 2021	5pm AEST, 5 July 2021	Mid-October 2021
	Activity must take place between 25 October 2021 and 27 June 2022.		
Round 2	20 September 2021	5pm AEDT, 1 November 2021	Late February 2022
	Activity must take place between 28 February 2022 and 27 June 2022.		

- Final activity reports from both funding rounds must be submitted no later than 19 August 2022.

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Phone: 1800 170 020 and

Make an appointment to chat



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