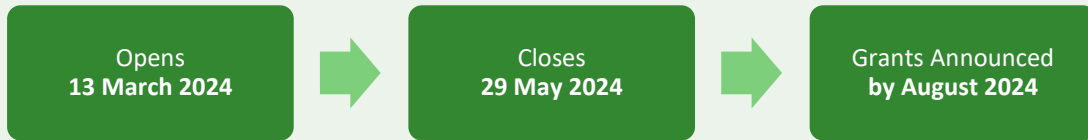




### Key Dates



Note: Projects funded in this round must be undertaken between August 2024 and January 2026.

All applications close 5pm Victorian time (AEST).

### About FRRR

FRRR is the only national foundation specifically focused on ensuring the social and economic strength of remote, rural and regional communities.

Our unique model connects common purposes and funding with locally prioritised needs. We believe targeted, well-informed investment in local organisations will stimulate ideas that create vibrant communities.

That is why our programs focus on building resilience and strengthening communities.

### Program Information

#### Program Purpose

The FRRR ABC Heywire Youth Innovation Grants program helps communities act on issues of current concern for young Australians, as identified by youth at the annual Canberra Heywire Youth Summit.

The Heywire Youth Summit provides an opportunity for youth from across Australia to collectively identify issues that have impacted them growing up in remote, rural and regional Australia, and then develop project ideas that address these issues.

The Heywire Youth Innovation Grants provide up to \$10,000 for communities to act on these issues by either adopting or adapting the project ideas. That might include **implementing the idea** as developed by the Heywire Youth or by adapting it to **respond to the issue the project idea seeks to address** with an initiative that meets the needs of young people in your community.

Through these grants, this program aims to:

- Make remote, rural and regional Australia a better place to grow up for young Australians;
- Put young people at the centre of decision making about issues affecting them within their community;
- Strengthen young people's connections to their community, by providing an avenue for organisations to engage well with youth.



#### Issues and Project Ideas

Grant applications must align to one of the six issues identified at the 2024 Heywire Youth Summit in Canberra. You can apply for a grant to adopt, adapt or respond to a project idea to address one of these issues in a way that works for young people in your community.

The 2024 Heywire issues impacting young Australians are:

- **Bussin’:** How might we create more accessible transport options for young people in regional and rural communities?
- **MEE (Mentoring Educating Empowering):** How might we close the gap in accessing quality education for young people in regional, rural and remote communities?
- **A Place for You:** How might we improve accessibility to mental health services in remote and regional areas of Australia?
- **The Bigger Picture:** How can we empower young people in regional towns to celebrate their differences and foster connection among themselves?
- **Safe Sphere:** How might we ensure that young people in regional and remote communities receive relevant and comprehensive sexual education?
- **Youth 2 Grassroots:** How might we promote a stronger connection between individuals and their land by fostering a culture of environmental protection and stewardship?

The 2024 Heywire winners came up with some innovative ideas to address these issues. If you need inspiration on how you might adapt the idea to address these issues within your community, you can apply for a Heywire grant to fund the initiative.

Learn more about the 2024 Heywire project ideas: <https://www.abc.net.au/heywire/grants/>.

#### Funds Available & Priorities

There is \$100,000 available nationally, thanks to the generous support of the David Mactaggart Foundation, The Sally Foundation, The Clem Jones Foundation, and private donors.

In addition, there is \$17,500 specifically for Queensland projects thanks to the support of The John Villiers Trust.

Projects that can demonstrate local youth engagement, consultation and/or involvement in the design and delivery of the project will receive preference. Priority will be given to projects that are either:

- **Youth-led projects:** This program highly encourages projects where youth are responsible for the design and delivery of the entire project, with oversight from supporting organisations where needed. Through this grant program, youth are provided with the opportunity to gain experience and skills in project delivery and the granting process.
- **Partnerships between youth and community organisations:** This program encourages projects that facilitate meaningful partnerships between organisations and the youth in their community. Youth should have input into the design and delivery of the project, with the community organisation responsible for the actual program delivery. Opportunities should be provided for youth to step in and out of the project design and delivery as needed. In developing and strengthening these partnerships, youth will be supported to become active participants in local community organisations.

- **Youth participation in projects that strengthen the connection to their community:**  
Community organisations that have strong connections with youth can deliver projects for the benefit of local youth. These organisations should still clearly demonstrate *how local youth have been consulted with* in the development of the project to ensure it meets their needs, and that they will participate in the project if it is delivered locally.

**What can be funded**

A broad range of charitable projects are considered under this program, including:

- Delivering, or providing activities, events, programs and services;
- Purchasing or hiring equipment and materials;
- Community infrastructure projects;
- Organisational capacity building;
- Community resource development.

**What can't be funded**

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

- 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 charitable outcomes and benefit to the wider community that are above and beyond the sporting activities of the club.**
- Overseas travel and overseas projects;
- Prizes, gifts, trophies or awards;
- Political lobbying;
- Projects that primarily benefit private business, a sole trader, or private interests;
- Projects solely focused on animal welfare.

**Eligibility**

To apply, you must meet the following criteria:

- Applicant organisations must be a **not-for-profit organisation** with either an **Incorporation Certificate and/or an ABN**. 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 endorsement are eligible;
- Organisations can submit one application per grant round;
- Projects must address a local issue distinctive to your community.
- Projects must take place in regional Australia, as defined by ABC Heywire – that is, outside of Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth or Sydney.
- For program purposes, youth is generally defined as ages 12-28.



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);
- Overdue 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);
- Application is for a project or activity that has already occurred / is occurring prior to the announcement of funding;
- Application is incomplete. **NOTE:** Due to the volume of applications received, applications are assessed based on the documentation received at the time of application. **FRRR is unlikely to follow up missing documentation after applications have been submitted.**

#### How to Apply

**Before beginning your application, please read the information on the following pages. It sets out critical, additional information that we require and explains why it is important.**

FRRR accepts applications via its online application portal, Grants Gateway.

We recommend you download this [sample copy of the application form](#).

[Click here to apply](#).



#### FRRR Contact Details

If at any time you need help with your application, don't hesitate to contact the FRRR office on free call 1800 170 020 or email us at [info@frrr.org.au](mailto:info@frrr.org.au).



## 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. You must attach the following:

- For organisations that have **audited financial reports**: Attach the most recent annual audited statements;
- For organisations that **do not have an annual financial audit**: Attach the most recent 12 months Income and Expenditure Statement. If you have a Balance Sheet, please also submit this;
- For organisations **less than one year old**: Provide Bank Statements for the period you have been operating.

#### Please note:

- If financial documents are more than 18 months old, please provide an explanation as to why the organisation does not have more recent documents;
- Bank Statements are **only** acceptable as financial documentation if your organisation has been operating for less than one year;
- Please explain any deficits and steps to sustain the organisation financially;
- Provide a brief explanation of any large financial surplus or current assets and reasons why FRRR funds are still required;
- Income and Expenditure statements must cover a full 12-month period.

FRRR conducts a broad range of due diligence queries when reviewing applications, such as: reviewing current and past incorporation, DGR and ACNC status. If your organisation has happened to have their incorporation status, DGR status or ACNC status changed or ACNC registration revoked or voluntarily withdrawn, please let us know the reasons for this.

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 items that FRRR grant funding would be used for 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 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, community plans, survey results, photographs, media clips and research reports that can show broad-community support and partnerships involved in the project.

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 the 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.