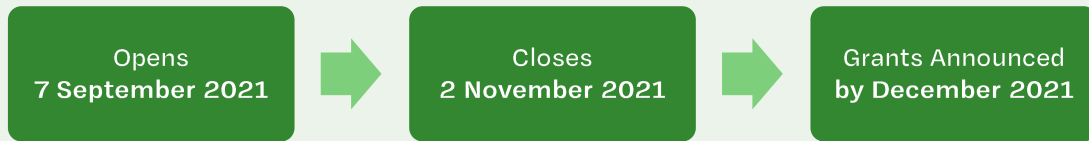




Key Dates - Leeton



Note: Projects funded in this round must be undertaken between December 2021 and March 2023.

All applications close 5pm Victorian time (AEDT).

About FRRR

FRRR's vision is for a vibrant, resilient, and revitalised remote, rural, and regional Australia.

We believe targeted, well-informed investment in people and organisations that are in and of their place will stimulate ideas that lead to actions, both big and small.

Investing in local people and organisations that are connected, who know and understand the local context, and who can mobilise and activate resources can transform a community's view of itself and drive its future.

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

Program Information

Program Purpose

FRRR and the Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation (VFFF) have a shared belief in the critical role of not-for-profit (NFP) organisations in building and supporting vibrant communities, both socially and economically. So, it is essential that these critical organisations are resilient and able to support and respond to community needs.

We also recognise that all too often, funding for NFPs is tied to a particular project or dependent on external fundraising. This approach supports NFPs' abilities to retain and invest in their organisation through their people, processes, and systems. The Investing in Rural Community Futures (IRCF) program seeks to invest in individual organisations' long-term viability, which in turn will have a positive impact on community well-being. The program also looks to promote collaboration between NFPs and identify common goals and needs, leading to potential joint projects. IRCF takes a long-term approach to strengthening local NFP organisations, providing support over a five-year period, through both grants and other support and resources. Funded until 2023, the program has the ability to fund multi-year projects.



As part of the IRCF program, FRRR is inviting applications for Ongoing Partnership grants to assist the communities of Leeton.

All applicants must submit an expression of interest (EOI) for this round. To check your eligibility and discuss your project, please contact your [local community facilitator](#):

➤ Claire Williams – 0429 092 165 – ircfleeton@gmail.com.



Thanks to the generous support of VFFF, there is \$950,000 available to each community for the life of the program until June 2023.

FRRR will be supporting Ongoing Partnership Grants that best align to the priority areas (below) and the community roadmap for Leeton. If you can't see your project in the [Roadmap](#), please contact your IRCF Facilitator.

 **People**

Developing leadership capabilities, a renewed sense of community spirit and fostering skill development to create strong organisations that bring together various leaders, groups and residents.

Activities:

- Volunteer recruitment and training
- Encouraging inclusivity
- Time management
- Leadership development
- Digital inclusion
- Mentoring

Systems and Structures 

Supporting community leaders to input new insights and energy to effort by providing lessons, systems and structures that demonstrate best practice.

Activities:

- Legal structures, compliance and governance
- Financial management
- Communications and measurement
- Board skills development and financial literacy
- IT and security
- HR and performance management

 **Sector efficiencies**

Fostering relationships and practices that support efficient and effective collaboration with other not-for-profits to enhance community impact.

Activities:

- Partnership development and management
- Collective impact training
- Peer to peer mentoring
- Lead agency support
- Networking and Sharing Platforms
- Forming the NFP working group

Investing in strategy 

Providing tools and measures that support and enable the sustainability of organisations well into the future.

Activities:

- User-centred design
- Grassroots innovation and creativity
- Developing and embedding a framework for change
- Purpose and vision development
- Strategic planning and monitoring
- Revenue strategy



IRCF funds projects aligned with the following types of charitable projects and outcomes:

- Training for NFP Committees / Boards - for example governance; financial, digital literacy, marketing.
- Paid positions where needed - for example to develop and embed policies / procedures; financial systems and processes; evaluation frameworks and processes.
- Skilled support - including strategic / business planning / implementation; financial analysis and planning; resource sharing / collaborative delivery approaches; investigating different models such as social enterprises.
- Future actions / visioning - such as feasibility options for future service needs; scoping of initiatives to drive long term community viability and strengthen NFPs; exploring collective impact approaches to local issues.



- Equipment and materials to support your organisation's sustainability and organisational effectiveness.
- Costs to come together and share, network and build the profile of the NFP sector.
- Succession planning for key roles, recruitment of volunteers and member.
- Development of staff and leadership positions.
- Refreshment of brand, website, and marketing aspects.

Where it makes sense, it is highly recommended NFPs work together to identify how to maximise the use of these funds and how this can support their organisations.

What grant funds can't be used for

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.
- 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Organisations that receive funding through the IRCF program are not eligible to apply for other FRRR grants for the duration of the program, except for recovery funds for natural disasters.

Eligibility

To apply, you must meet the following criteria:

- Applicant organisations must be a **locally governed not-for-profit** organisation in Leeton **with either an ABN or Incorporation Certificate**. 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 local benefit;



- Organisations with or without DGR-1 endorsement are eligible;
- Projects must benefit communities in remote, rural, or regional Australia.

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;
- Application is for a project or activity that has already occurred / is occurring prior to the announcement of funding.



How to Apply

Before beginning your application, please contact your IRCF Facilitator Claire Williams on 0429 092 165 or email ircfleeton@gmail.com. For help and information on applying for FRRR grants, visit our [resources page](#).

If your project is eligible, a secure link to FRRR's online application portal Grants Gateway will then be sent to you to begin your application.
