

Building vibrant, resilient and adaptive rural, regional and remote communities is a shared vision of FRRR and the Domino's Give for Good program. We believe this can be achieved by harnessing and investing in the economic, community leadership and social strengths that exist in communities.

About the Give for Good program

The Give for Good grants program aims to support positive outcomes in three focus areas which underpin many efforts in building and sustaining strong and vibrant rural, regional and remote communities:

- 1. Education & youth initiatives (17yrs and over):** recognising the importance of providing young people in rural communities with opportunities to develop skills, access quality vocational and traditional education, and receive support for issues that may affect or hinder their participation and inclusion in community life.
- 2. Leadership & entrepreneurship:** to harness, nurture, develop and leverage the creativity that exists within communities to respond to local opportunities and challenges e.g., employment, tourism, enterprise, and local service sustainability.
- 3. Skills, knowledge, and networks needed to prepare and recover from natural disasters:** to ensure that the many communities that are impacted by natural disasters each year can access support for community-led recovery when they are ready, and for projects that will facilitate their recovery. Importantly, better prepared communities tend to recover better, and funds will also be available to support projects that help communities to work together around risks and being prepared.

Give for Good is an annual program offering rural, regional and remote Australian communities grants of up to \$5,000, for community-led projects that respond to one of these three Give for Good impact areas. A total of \$150,000 will be available in 2016.

Program Eligibility

Not-for-profit organisations are eligible to apply for projects that are aligned with the Give for Good program focus areas. Organisations should have an ABN or be incorporated.

To be eligible, projects must:

- Offer a clear public benefit for rural, regional and / or remote communities;
- Contribute to rural and regional renewal, regeneration and development in Australia in social, economic, environmental, health, education or cultural areas;
- Applications from communities with a population of 15,000 or less will receive priority;
- Projects demonstrating community partnerships and collaborative approaches are preferred;
- Projects and activities should:
 - Have clearly defined objectives, timeframes and measures for assessing outcomes;
 - Be community driven;
 - Show creativity and innovation; and
 - Where possible, include a financial and / or in-kind co-contribution.
- If your project involves working directly with young people, your organisation must have policies and procedures around safeguarding children and young people such as Working with Children Checks and the handling of child abuse complaints, or the project may not be funded.

What type of projects can be funded?

The following are examples only and applicants are encouraged to speak with FRRR if they are uncertain about eligibility or alignment of their project with the Give for Good program:

- Access to education, particularly adult education, job pathways and job readiness programs;
- Supporting at-risk and vulnerable youth e.g., rehabilitation schemes focusing on prevention and early intervention;
- Fostering youth leadership, engagement and meaningful participation;
- Community-led health and wellness initiatives that directly address an identified local community need;
- Fostering and skilling community leaders to create viable, vibrant and adaptive communities through community leadership programs;
- Developing social enterprises; and
- Supporting the short, medium and long term recovery and preparedness of communities impacted by natural disasters. This includes economic recovery, improved social cohesion and connectedness, and the effective management of the social impacts following a natural disaster.

Tips for a stronger application

Projects that can demonstrate the following will have a stronger case for support:

- Enjoys demonstrable community support e.g., is endorsed by the community through a community plan or signed letters of support from stakeholders;
- Has a good prospect of longer-term viability and impact;
- Involves partnerships, or leverages financial and / or in-kind contributions;
- Is differentiated from similar projects already in existence;
- Is supported by viable project management arrangements and a financially sound organisation (most recent financial statements to be provided);
- Offers value for money – both to the community and FRRR;
- Has clear outcomes or performance indicators against which the project can be evaluated;
- Demonstrates innovation;
- Needs FRRR support to ensure its success;
- Has appropriate checks and balances to safeguard youth;
- Quotes to support the budget where applicable;
- Signed letters of support from organisations directly involved in the project, clearly stating their contribution towards the project, are highly desirable; and
- Financial or in-kind contribution towards the project from the applicant organisation is highly desirable and will be taken into account when assessing applications. Organisations that are unable to contribute either financially or in-kind should clearly articulate why they are unable to do so.

What can't be funded?

- Religious or political groups;
- Projects or programs that do not align with the purposes of the Give for Good program;
- Projects that are focused on children aged under 17 years;
- Projects or programs that exclude or offend minority community groups;
- Regular operational and administration costs e.g., rent, utilities, regular wages, loan repayments;

- Previous FRRR grant recipients who have not completed final report requirements;
- Overseas travel and overseas projects;
- Projects that benefit a single individual rather than a community;
- Projects that support private / commercial business (NB social enterprise / local economic development is eligible);
- Federal, State and Local Government core business and areas of responsibility; and
- The encouragement or advancement of sport, recreation and social activities is not considered a charitable activity by the Australian Taxation Office. Applications from sporting organisations need to clearly demonstrate benefit to the wider community.

How to apply

Applications will be accepted any time by **email**, through to **midnight (AEST) Friday 9 September 2016**. (Please note that the FRRR office closes at 5pm AEST). **Hard copy applications must be clearly postmarked on or before Friday 9 September 2016.**

Please use the application form and include:

- Your most recent financials such as Profit and Loss statement, Balance Sheet or audited financials. Note that financial documentation **is compulsory**. Applications received without financial documentation will not be considered. If you have any questions regarding the financial documentation required, please contact the Program Manager on 1800 170 020;
- ABN or Incorporation Certificate (*don't have a copy? Go to www.abr.business.gov.au, enter your ABN and print off the search result*);
- Quotes (if applicable, highly regarded);
- Signed letters of support (if applicable, highly regarded); and
- All applications **MUST** be signed by the head of the organisation for the application to be considered.

Submit: your signed application either by email (preferred) or by post.

- **Email:** info@frrr.org.au before midnight (AEST) Friday 9 September 2016. *Please ensure that the application has been signed.* **EMAILED APPLICATIONS AS WORD DOCUMENTS ARE PREFERRED TO PDF FILES.**
- **Post:** FRRR Give for Good Program, PO Box 41 Bendigo Vic 3552 postmarked on or before Friday, 9 September 2016.

For more information on applying, grant seeker FAQ's and application top tips, please visit our webpage [Writing great applications](#).

If you have any questions after reviewing these guidelines and our tips on applying, contact us on free call 1800 170 020 or email info@frrr.org.au.

We look forward to receiving your application!