

## News Corp Bushfire Fund Grant Guidelines

### Round 2 opens 1 July and closes 5pm AEST, 5 August 2020

#### Aim of the Program

News Corp has partnered with FRRR to support the delivery of the News Corp Bushfire Fund grants.

This support is for local not-for-profit organisations and community groups in rural, regional and remote Australia that are delivering locally led projects and activities that endeavour to support people in their recovery as a result of the 2019/2020 bushfires.

Through the provision of grants, the aim of this program is to address a range of needs including but not limited to:

- Community infrastructure and equipment that strengthens volunteer community groups and their activities;
- Emergency equipment and facilities (excluding individual aid)
- Mental health and wellbeing; and
- Rebuilding of communities - from infrastructure repairs or upgrades, to governance, capacity building or operational support.

#### Funding Available

The Fund has a budget of \$1 million and will provide grants of up to \$25,000 to support the recovery of communities affected by the 2019/20 bushfires. It is anticipated that there will be three funding rounds, per the schedule below.

News Corp Bushfire Fund Grants Program Schedule	
Round 1	A total of \$368,386 in funding was awarded for 21 grants on 18 June 2020.
Round 2	Applications received between 1 July 2020 and before 5pm AEST, Wednesday 5 August 2020 will be assessed, with outcomes announced in early October 2020.
Round 3	To be confirmed.

#### Applicant Eligibility

##### Who can apply?

- Not-for-profit community-based organisations Australia that were impacted by the 2019/2020 bushfires;
- Organisations with an ABN or Incorporation Certificate;
- Organisations with *and without* DGR endorsement;
- An organisation is eligible to submit one application per grant round.

All eligible applications are considered on their merit. Applications are assessed based on the documentation received at the time of application. **PLEASE NOTE: FRRR is unable to follow up missing documentation after applications have been submitted.**

Projects funded should be undertaken within a period of 12 months from receipt of funds.

## Who can't apply?

- Individuals, private or commercial businesses are ineligible;
- Projects that support core business and areas of responsibility of Federal, State and Local Governments are ineligible.

If you have any questions about your organisation's eligibility, please call FRRR on 1800 170 020.

## What can be funded?

Applications that are clearly focussed on supporting the recovery from the 2019/2020 bushfires will be considered. As a general guide, projects should deliver wide community benefit and can contribute to activities including:

1. Building Community Resilience
2. Developing Organisational Resilience and Capacity
3. Enhancing Environmental Sustainability
4. Fostering Cultural Vibrancy
5. Lifelong Education and Training
6. Economic Strength
7. Improving Community Health and Social Wellbeing

Applicants are encouraged to ensure project applications suit their local community's needs, priorities and interests, and are welcome to discuss their application with FRRR staff on the contact details below.

## What can't be funded?

- *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;
- Projects that have already occurred or will occur before the grant is confirmed;
- Political lobbying;
- Religious or faith-based activities;
- Projects that are for private benefit or which are the core responsibility of Government.

## It is important to note that applications will be considered ineligible if the:

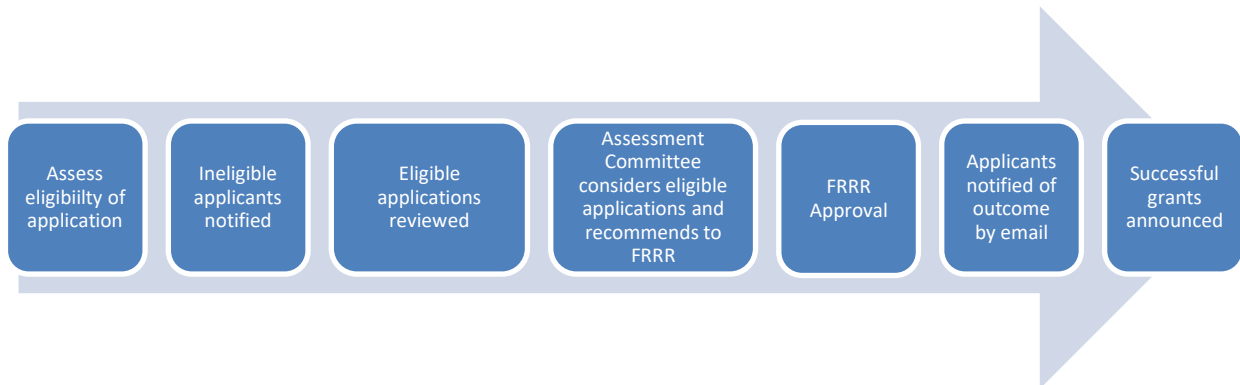
- Application is submitted without required financial documentation;
- Application is submitted by an organisation that is not a legal entity, without the written consent of the governing / partnering body who holds the ABN / Incorporation number (e.g. local branches, committees of management, non-legal partners);
- Final report/s from any FRRR grant program from the previous seven years has not been acquitted (partnered organisations should check with your head organisation to see if there are any outstanding final reports owed to FRRR);
- Application is not for charitable purposes, i.e. is for private benefit or is the core responsibility of Government);
- Application is for a project or activity that has already occurred / is occurring; or
- Application is incomplete.

## How to Apply

Go to: [https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID\\_5684?SA=SNA&FID=35147](https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_5684?SA=SNA&FID=35147)

## How are Applications assessed?

The News Corp Bushfire Fund grants are administered by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal. The program lifecycle is summarised below:



## Acquittal

Successful grant recipients will be required to acquit to FRRR at the earlier of the completion of their grant activity, or 12 months after receiving a grant.

## Contact

For information about this program please contact Danielle Griffin, FRRR Philanthropic Services Manager – Corporate, on 1800 170 020 or [info@frrr.org.au](mailto:info@frrr.org.au).

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